

Local & Global Services for Immigrants

This document is a compilation of the local and global services for immigrants. In particular, legal immigration and related services that are available for individuals seeking help on those topics.

Local Services for Immigrants: Immigration Law

Catholic Charities

Provides assistance with the following types of immigration cases: family-based petitions, replacement or renewal of Permanent Resident Cards, and applications for Naturalization. Bilingual counselors are available.

URL: <https://www.ccwilm.org/immigration>

New Castle County

Address: 2601 W 4th Street, Wilmington, DE 19805

Phone: (302) 655-9624

Kent County

Address: 2099 S DuPont Highway, Dover, DE 19901

Phone: (302) 674-1600

Sussex County

Address: 404 S Bedford Street, Suite 9, Georgetown, DE 19947

Phone: (302) 856-9578

Eastern Shore/Seton Center

Address: 30632 Hampden Avenue, PO Box 401, Princess Anne, MD 21853

Phone: (410) 651-9608

Community Legal Aid Society, Inc.

Provides assistance with the following types of immigration cases: Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) cases, crime victims (U Visas), Trafficking Victims (T Visas), and Special Immigrant Juvenile.

URL: <http://www.declasi.org>

New Castle County

Address: 100 West 10th Street, Suite 801, Wilmington, DE 19801

Phone: (302) 575-0660

Email: clasincc@declasi.org

Kent County

Address: 840 Walker Rd, Dover, DE 19904

Phone: (302) 674-8500

Email: clasincc@declasi.org

Sussex County

Address: 20151 Office Circle, Georgetown Professional Park, Georgetown, DE 19904

Phone: (302) 856-0038,

Email: clasincc@declasi.org

Consulate of Mexico in Philadelphia

Department of Protection

Address: The Bourse Building, 111 S Independence Mall E, Suite 310, Philadelphia, PA 19106

Phone: (215) 923-8384

Contact Person: Paula Lucano

URL: <https://consulmex2.sre.gob.mx/filadelfia/index.php>

Delaware Alliance for Community Advancement

Areas of legal assistance: Adjustment of Status, Consular Processing, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Employment authorization, Employment-based immigrant and non-immigrant petitions, Family-based petitions, Naturalization/Citizenship, Temporary Protected Status (TPS)

Address: 408 East 8th Street, Wilmington, DE 19801

Phone: (302) 656-8200

Email: vcatalan@delaca.org

URL: <http://www.delaca.org>

Delaware Volunteer Legal Services

DVLS is an organization of volunteer attorneys who assist low income clients with problems in a variety of areas. DVLS also provides a centralized intake service called "The Legal Help Link" this service assures that callers are referred to the appropriate legal services organization, state agency or to a private attorney for assistance.

Legal Help Link

Hours of Operation: Monday–Thursday, 9:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

Address: P.O. Box 7306, Wilmington, DE 19803-1406

Email: tventresca@dvls.org

URL: <https://www.dvls.org>

New Castle County

Phone: (302) 478-8850

Kent or Sussex County

Phone: (888) 225-0582

La Esperanza Community Center, Inc.

Areas of legal assistance: Consular Processing, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Employment authorization, Employment-based immigrant and non-immigrant petitions, Family-based petitions, Habeas Corpus, NACARA, Naturalization/Citizenship, Removal hearings, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, T visas, Temporary Protected Status (TPS), U visas, Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) petitions

Types of legal assistance: Representation before the Immigration Court, Representation before the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA)

Address: 216 North Race St., Georgetown, DE 19947

Phone: (302) 854-9262

Email: rvelazquez@laesperanza.org

URL: <http://www.laesperanza.org>

Family Immigration Services

Latin American Community Services (LACC)

Provides legal assistance to individuals seeking to: legalize their status in the United States; be reunited with their families; renew their legal documents; and obtain other immigration benefits

Latin American Community Center, Inc.

Address: 403 N. Van Buren, Wilmington, DE 19805

Phone: (302) 655-7338 Ext 7707

Contact person: Claudia Peña Porretti

URL: <http://www.thelatincenter.org/family-support-services>

Service for the Foreign Born

Provides counseling services and assistance for residents of Delaware applying for citizenship and/or immigration benefits. Establishes case files and follows up with federal agencies to determine status. Serves as the liaison between residents of Delaware and the US Citizenship and Immigration Service.

Office of Service for Foreign Born

Address: Carvel State Office Building, 820 N. French Street, 5th Floor

Wilmington, DE 19801

Phone: (302) 577-8390

Fax: (302) 577-8426

Email: AttorneyGeneral@State.de.us

Contact Person: Robin Davis

URL: www.attorneygeneral.delaware.gov

Brochure's URL: <http://attorneygeneral.delaware.gov/executive/service-foreign-born>

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is the government agency that oversees lawful immigration to the United States. USCIS is funded primarily by immigration and naturalization benefit fees charged to applicants and petitioners.

USCIS' INFOPASS: Schedule Appointment

UPR: <https://my.uscis.gov/en/appointment>

Local Services for Immigrants: Immigration Law Related

Delaware Domestic Violence Coordinating Council

The Domestic Violence Coordinating Council is a state agency legislatively created in 1993 to improve Delaware's response to domestic violence. The Coordinating Council brings together domestic violence service providers and policy level officials to identify and implement improvements in system response through legislation, education, and policy development. Guide For Advocates Working with Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence's URL: <https://dvcc.delaware.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/87/2017/06/Final-Immigration-Resource-Guide.pdf>

Domestic Violence Coordinating Council

500 N. King Street (New Castle County Courthouse)

Wilmington, DE 19801

Phone: (302) 255-0405

URL: <https://dvcc.delaware.gov>

Family Counseling Center of St. Paul's

In 2003, Sister Theresa Marie Elitz, OSF founded a small outreach program at St. Paul's Church in Wilmington, Delaware, working with children, adults, and families challenged with mental and behavioral issues, with a special focus on helping those people disproportionately affected by cultural, stigmatic, linguistic, and financial barriers.

Family Counseling Center of St. Paul's

Address: 301 N. Van Buren St., Wilmington, DE 19805

Contact Person: Luly Santos

Email: luly@stpaulscounseling.org

Phone: (302) 576-4136

URL: <http://stpaulscounseling.org>

Legal Services Corporation of Delaware, Inc.

A non-profit law firm and community education organization assisting low-income families in Delaware.

Their mission is to use the practice of law to help low-income families in Delaware.

URL: <https://www.lscd.com>

New Castle County Office

100 West 10th Street, Suite 203, Wilmington, DE 19801

Tel: 302-575-0408 ; Fax: 302-575-0478

Kent County Office

24A Hiawatha Lane, Dover, Delaware 19904

Phone: (302) 734-8820 ; Fax: 302-734-8826

Refugee Integration Support Effort (RISE)**Refugee Settlement****Émigré Services**

JFS is the state's provider of Émigré Services. We assist refugees as they settle in Delaware. Through intensive, culturally sensitive case management, our staff enables refugees to integrate into their new communities, obtain and retain employment, and maintain healthy lifestyles. The also offer services to asylees.

Refugee Integration Support Effort (RISE)

Jewish Family Services of Delaware, Inc.

Address: 99 Passmore Rd, Wilmington, DE 19803

Phone: (302) 478-9411, X 132

Contact person: Lourena Gboeah

Email: lgboeah@jfsdelaware.org

URL: <https://www.jfsdelaware.org/family-support/refugees>

Global Services for Immigrants: Immigration Law

citizenshipworks

citizenshipworks is a free online service that helps you apply for citizenship, step-by-step. We will tell you about any potential problems with your application and connect you to the expert help you need, either online or in person. We also tell you what other documents you need to submit, and what to expect after you apply.

URL: <https://www.citizenshipworks.org>

immi

Immi helps immigrants in the U.S. understand their legal options. Our online screening tool, legal information, and referrals to nonprofit legal services organizations are always free to use. Immi was created by the Immigration Advocates Network and Pro Bono Net, two nonprofit organizations dedicated to increasing access to justice for low-income immigrants.

URL: <https://www.immi.org>

Learning Express Library

Adult Learning Center

Tutorials with lessons and practice exercises, practice tests, and eBooks are offered to help prepare patrons for the U.S. Citizenship Exam. A guide to getting your Green Card is also included. eBooks in Spanish are available for both topics.

URL: <https://www.learningexpresshub.com> and

<https://www.learningexpresshub.com/productengine/LELIndex.html#/adult-learning-center/resources/become-a-u-s--citizen/prepare-for-your-citizenship-exam/citizenship-test-practice>

Global Resources about Immigration and Immigration Law

List of resources for news, information, and statistics about immigration in the USA and the world.

Alltop

The purpose of Alltop is to help you answer the question, “What’s happening?” in “all the topics” that interest you. You may wonder how Alltop is different from a search engine. A search engine is good to answer a question like, “How many people live in China?” However, it has a much harder time answering the question, “What’s happening in China?” That’s the kind of question that we answer.

URL: <http://immigration.alltop.com>

American Bar Association (ABA)

Find Legal Help

findlegalhelp.org is provided as a public service by the American Bar Association's Division for Legal Services. While the information on this site is about legal issues, it is not legal advice or legal representation. Because of the rapidly changing nature of the law and our reliance upon outside sources, we make no warranty or guarantee of the accuracy or reliability of information contained herein or at other sites to which we link. We assume no responsibility for any information, advice or services provided by any site to which we link.

URL: http://www.americanbar.org/groups/legal_services/flh-home.html

Free Legal Answers

Free Legal Answers is a virtual legal advice clinic. Qualifying users post their civil legal question to their state's website. Users will then be emailed when their question receives a response.

Attorney volunteers, who must be authorized to provide pro bono assistance in their state, log in to the website, select questions to answer, and provide legal information and advice.

URL: <https://abafreelegalanswers.org>

American Immigration Council

The American Immigration Council, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, is a powerful voice in promoting laws, policies, and attitudes that honor our proud history as a nation of immigrants. Through research and policy analysis, litigation and communications, and international exchange, the Council seeks to shape a twenty-first century vision of the American immigrant experience. Immigration Impact

(<http://immigrationimpact.com>) is a project of the American Immigration Council.

URL: <https://www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org>

American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA)

AILA is the only legal association in the United States for immigration attorneys. More than 14,000 immigration lawyers are members of AILA.

URL: www.aialawyer.org

America's Founding Documents

These three documents, known collectively as the Charters of Freedom, have secured the rights of the American people for more than two and a quarter centuries and are considered instrumental to its founding and philosophy of the United States.

URL: <https://www.archives.gov/founding-docs>

Ben's Guide to the U.S. Government

Ben's Guide to the U.S. Government, a service of the Government Publishing Office (GPO), is designed to inform students, parents, and educators about the Federal Government, which issues the publications and information products disseminated by the GPO's Federal Depository Library Program. It is our hope that Ben's Guide to the U.S. Government fulfills that role.

URL: <https://bensguide.gpo.gov>

Delaware Division of Libraries

LibGuie Immigration and Citizenship

This guide provides the resources, both print and online, for the path to citizenship. Browse the resources below or check your Delaware Public Library shelves in the following area: 342.73.

URL: <http://guides.lib.de.us/immigration>

iAmerica

iAmerica is a source of empowerment for American immigrant families of all walks of life, providing the tools and support to be informed, inspire change and impact America's future.

URL: <http://iamerica.org>

Know your rights if ICE stops you in public

<http://iamerica.org/know-your-rights>

Immigration Advocates Network (IAN)

The Immigration Advocates Network (IAN) is a collaborative effort of leading immigrants' rights organizations designed to increase access to justice for immigrants and strengthen the capacity of organizations serving them. IAN promotes more effective and efficient communication, collaboration, and services among immigration advocates and organizations by providing free, easily accessible and comprehensive online resources and tools.

URL: <https://www.immigrationadvocates.org>

ImmigrationLawHelp

ImmigrationLawHelp.org is a searchable online directory of over 1,000 free or low-cost nonprofit immigration legal services providers in all 50 states. Only nonprofits that are BIA recognized or have attorneys on staff are included in the directory. Users can search ImmigrationLawHelp.org by state, zip code, or detention facility. Users can also refine their search by types and areas of legal assistance provided, populations served, languages spoken, other areas of legal assistance, and non-legal services provided. ImmigrationLawHelp.org was developed by the Immigration Advocates Network and Pro Bono Net with support from the Four Freedoms Fund.

URL: <https://www.immigrationlawhelp.org>

Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC)

The mission of the Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC) is to work with and educate immigrants, community organizations, and the legal sector to continue to build a democratic society that values diversity and the rights of all people.

URL: <https://www.ilrc.org>

International Organization for Immigration (IOM)

IOM is committed to the principle that humane and orderly migration benefits migrants and society. As the leading international organization for migration, IOM acts with its partners in the international community to:

Assist in meeting the growing operational challenges of migration management.

Advance understanding of migration issues.

Encourage social and economic development through migration.

Uphold the human dignity and well-being of migrants.

URL: <https://www.iom.int>

URL: <https://gmdac.iom.int>

IOM's Global Migration Data Analysis Centre

GMDAC MIGFACTS: MIGRATION AND THE G20

URL: <https://gmdac.iom.int/GMDAC-MigFacts-Migration-and-the-G20>

GMDAC MIGFACTS: INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION

URL: <https://gmdac.iom.int/gmdac-migfacts-international-migration>

LawHelp

LawHelp.org has been created for people living on low-incomes and the legal organizations that serve them. LawHelp.org provides referrals to local legal aid and public interest law offices, basic information about legal rights, court forms, self-help information, court information, links to social service agencies, and more in your state. LawHelp.org includes a network of 25 statewide legal information portals built on the LawHelp.org platform. LawHelp.org was developed and is maintained by Pro Bono Net in partnership with hundreds of nonprofit legal aid, pro bono, court-based programs and libraries across the country. LawHelp.org launched in 2001 with support from the Legal Services Corporation and the Open Society Institute. In 2007, it was recognized with a Webby Award for Best Law Site. The Spanish version of LawHelp.org was launched in 2012 in partnership with the Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York and LawHelp.org/NY, with support from LSC's Technology Initiative Grant program.

URL: <http://www.lawhelp.org>

Migration Policy Institute

The Migration Policy Institute is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit think tank in Washington, DC dedicated to analysis of the movement of people worldwide.

URL: <https://www.migrationpolicy.org>

National Immigration Law Center (NILC)

National Immigration Law Center (NILC) is one of the leading organizations in the U.S. exclusively dedicated to defending and advancing the rights of immigrants with low income.

URL: <https://www.nilc.org>

probono.net

Pro Bono Net is a national nonprofit, founded in 1999, dedicated to increasing access to justice for the disadvantaged. Through innovative technology solutions and expertise in building and mobilizing justice networks, Pro Bono Net transforms the way legal help reaches those in need.

URL: <https://www.probono.net>

United States Census Bureau

The Census Bureau's mission is to serve as the leading source of quality data about the nation's people and economy. We honor privacy, protect confidentiality, share our expertise globally, and conduct our work openly.

URL: <https://www.census.gov>

American FactFinder

American FactFinder provides access to data about the United States, Puerto Rico and the Island Areas. The data in American FactFinder come from several censuses and surveys.

URL: <https://factfinder.census.gov>

United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)

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Citizenship Resource Center

URL: <https://www.uscis.gov/citizenship>

Civics Practice Test

URL: <https://my.uscis.gov/prep/test/civics>

Preparing for the Oath

URL: <http://americanhistory.si.edu/citizenship>

US Citizenship Test

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCF3fMX-lfPzfmM4c1wKEYOg>

USCIS Naturalization

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyZ2FDDZrRviLe_fupDO16A

Find Legal Services

URL: <https://www.uscis.gov/avoid-scams/find-legal-services>

Green Card

URL: <https://www.uscis.gov/greencard>

INFOPASS: Schedule Appointment

UPR: <https://my.uscis.gov/en/appointment>

Settling in the U.S.

UPR: <https://www.uscis.gov/tools/settling-us>

Welcome to the United States - USCIS

URL: <https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/files/nativedocuments/M-618.pdf>

YouTube

URL: <https://www.youtube.com/user/uscis>

United States Department of Homeland Security (USDHS)

The Department of Homeland Security has a vital mission: to secure the nation from the many threats we face. This requires the dedication of more than 240,000 employees in jobs that range from aviation and border security to emergency response, from cybersecurity analyst to chemical facility inspector. Our duties are wide-ranging, and our goal is clear - keeping America safe.

URL: <https://preview.dhs.gov>

Yearbook of Immigration Statistics

Office of Immigration Statistics (OIS)

The Yearbook of Immigration Statistics is a compendium of tables that provides data on foreign nationals who, during a fiscal year, were granted lawful permanent residence (i.e., admitted as immigrants or became legal permanent residents), were admitted into the United States on a temporary basis (e.g., tourists, students, or workers), applied for asylum or refugee status, or were naturalized. The Yearbook also presents data on immigration enforcement actions, including alien apprehensions, removals, and returns. The Yearbook tables are released as they become available. A final PDF is released in September of the following fiscal year.

URL: <https://www.dhs.gov/immigration-statistics/yearbook>

URL to most recent yearbook:

https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/Yearbook_Immigration_Statistics_2015.pdf

Estimates of the Lawful Permanent

Estimates of the Lawful Permanent Resident Population in the United States: January 2014

<https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/LPR%20Population%20Estimates%20January%202014.pdf>

Unauthorized Immigration

The unauthorized resident immigrant population is defined as all foreign-born non-citizens who are not legal residents. Most unauthorized residents either entered the United States without inspection or were admitted temporarily and stayed past the date they were required to leave. (USDHS 2017:

<https://www.dhs.gov/immigration-statistics/population-estimates/unauthorized-resident>)

American Immigration Council

State by State

<https://www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org/topics/state-by-state>

Immigrants in Delaware

https://www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org/sites/default/files/research/immigrants_in_delaware.pdf

Migration Policy Institute, Inc.

Frequently Requested Statistics on Immigrants and Immigration in the United States

<https://www.migrationpolicy.org/article/frequently-requested-statistics-immigrants-and-immigration-united-states#Unauthorized>

Unauthorized Immigrants

<https://www.migrationpolicy.org/article/frequently-requested-statistics-immigrants-and-immigration-united-states#Unauthorized>

Unauthorized Immigrant Populations by Country and Region, Top States and Counties of Residence, 2010-14

<https://www.migrationpolicy.org/programs/data-hub/charts/unauthorized-immigrant-populations-country-and-region-top-state-and-county>

Unauthorized Immigrant Population Profiles

<https://www.migrationpolicy.org/programs/us-immigration-policy-program-data-hub/unauthorized-immigrant-population-profiles>

Profile of the Unauthorized Population: Delaware

<https://www.migrationpolicy.org/data/unauthorized-immigrant-population/state/DE>

Pew Research Center

Pew Research Center is a nonpartisan fact tank that informs the public about the issues, attitudes and trends shaping America and the world. We conduct public opinion polling, demographic research, content analysis and other data-driven social science research. We do not take policy positions.

U.S. unauthorized immigration population estimates

<http://www.pewhispanic.org/interactives/unauthorized-immigrants>

According with the article published on November 2016 by the Pew Research Center about unauthorized immigrants in the US "The number of unauthorized immigrants in the U.S. has stabilized in recent years after decades of rapid growth. But the origin countries of unauthorized immigrants have shifted, with the number from Mexico declining since 2009 and the number from elsewhere rising, according to the latest Pew Research Center estimates." This article title is "Five facts about illegal immigration in the US" and can be retrieved at

<http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2016/11/03/5-facts-about-illegal-immigration-in-the-u-s>.

Other article of interest published on September 2016 by the same source is "Overall Number of U.S. Unauthorized Immigrants Holds Steady Since 2009", can be retrieved at

<http://www.pewhispanic.org/2016/09/20/overall-number-of-u-s-unauthorized-immigrants-holds-steady-since-2009>.

Both of these articles include charts (different ones but similar) that illustrate the numbers (in millions) of unauthorized immigrants in US from 1990 to 2014.

United States Department of Homeland Security (USDHS)

Estimates of the Unauthorized Immigrant Population Residing in the United States

<https://www.dhs.gov/immigration-statistics/population-estimates/unauthorized-resident>

Estimates of the Unauthorized Immigrant Population Residing in the United States: January 2012

https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/Unauthorized%20Immigrant%20Population%20Estimates%20in%20the%20US%20January%202012_0.pdf

Recorded Webinars and Podcasts about Immigration Services in Libraries

Webinar: Citizenshipworks training for librarians

(Date: Wednesday October 11, 2017 at 2:00 PM ET, 1:00 PM CT, 12:00 PM MT, 11:00 AM PT.)

URL: <https://vimeo.com/238645340/1d8c79a5ab>

Webinar: Citizenshipworks & Immi for Libraries

(Date: Wednesday August 30, 2017 at 2:00pm ET/ 1:00pm CT/ 12:00pm MT/ 11:00am PT.)

URL: <https://vimeo.com/234549316/9be916fc0c>

Webinar: Starting Immigration Services in Your Library

(Date: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 at 1-2 p.m. Central Time)

URL: <http://www.ala.org/pla/education/onlinelearning/webinars/ondemand/immigration>

Podcast: Episode 9: Outreach to Latino Populations, A Conversation with Dr. Jamie Campbell Naidoo

(Date: Wednesday, April 22, 2009)

URL: <http://www.alsc.ala.org/blog/2009/04/episode-9-outreach-to-latino-populations-a-conversation-with-dr-jamie-campbell-naidoo>