

IMMIGRATION AFFAIRS

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Immigration Affairs Staff



History of Immigration Affairs

- Office was established in 2017
- Launched due to the increasing need and demand to assist immigrant and refugee populations.
- The office started with one bilingual/bicultural Social Worker. Since then, another bilingual/bicultural Social Worker has joined IAO.



**Immigration Affairs
of Dane County**

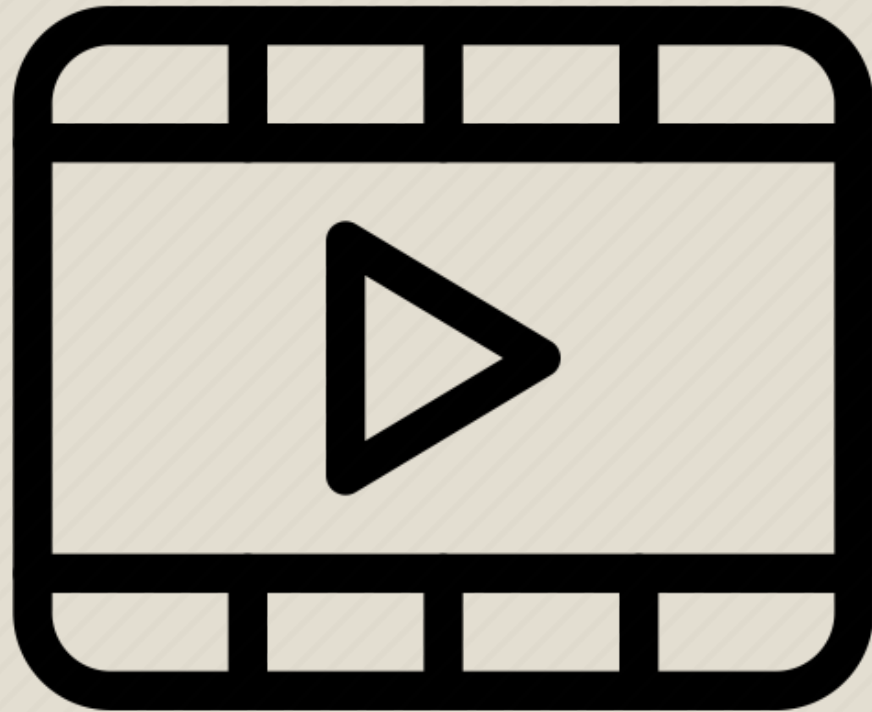
Who does IAO serve?

- Immigrants
- Migrants
- Refugees
- Asylum Seekers

What is the difference between these populations?



Immigrants, Migrants, Refugees, Asylum Seekers



Definitions

Immigrants

- Someone who makes the decision to leave their country to permanently move to another country.

Migrants

- Someone who moves from place to place, typically for economic reasons.

Refugees

- Someone who is forced to flee their home because of war, violence, and persecution.

Asylum seekers

- Someone seeking international protection from dangers in their home country but claim for refuge has not been determined yet.

What does Immigration Affairs do?

- Case Management
- Advocacy*
- Outreach
- Problem Solving & Safety Planning
- Navigate Dane County resources and services
- Dane County U-Visa Certificate*
- Passport Assistance
- Trainings and Presentations
- Notary Services



Services Further Explained

Services we can assist with:

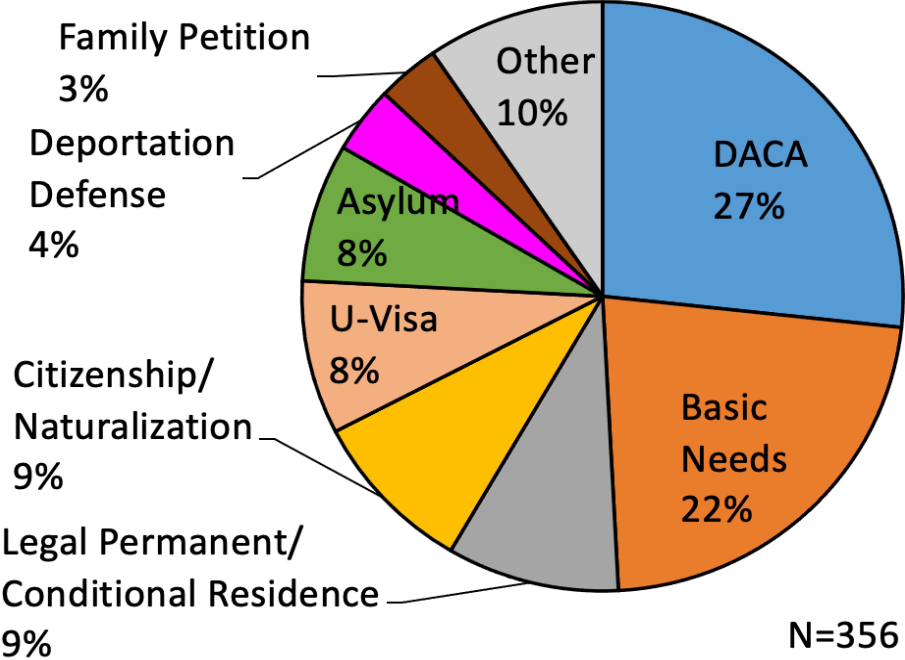
- Immigration legal resources
- Assistance with filing fees for DHS
- Assist with passport process
- Sign a U-Visa Certificate if connected to DCDHS
- Assistance with repatriation process
- Notarize documents

Services we cannot assist with:

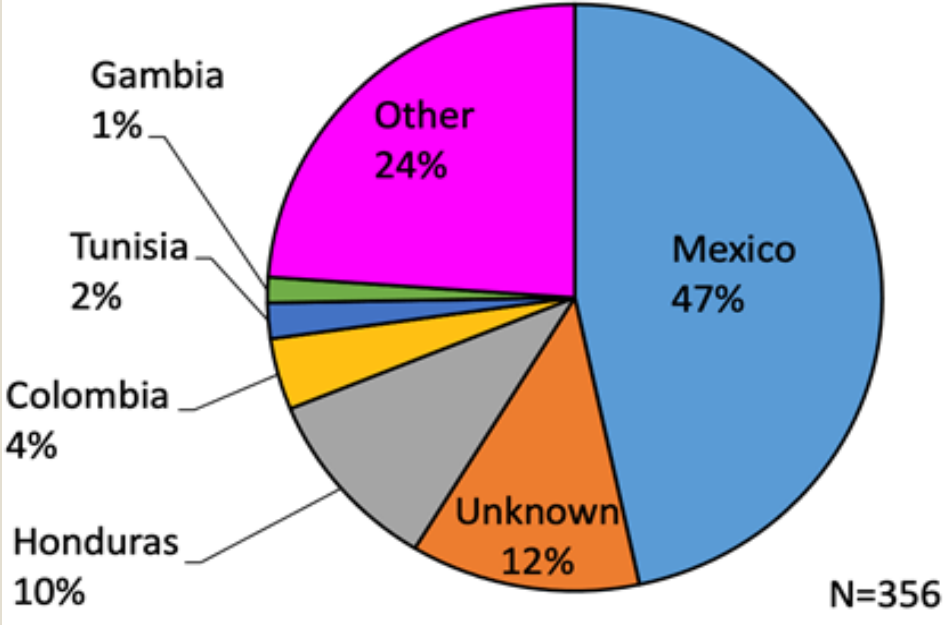
- Provide legal advice
- Pay private attorney service fees
- Fix documents from home countries
- Cannot initiate the application for U-Visa, application must be sent by attorneys.
- Do not have funds to cover funeral and repatriation expenses.

2020 Client Demographics

2020 Cases: By Case Type



2020 Cases: By Country of Origin



Collaborations & Referrals we do:

IAO collaborates and make referrals to outside agencies that focus on different aspects of immigrant concerns such as providing universal representation, access to local services, and advocacy for pro-immigrant policies.



DANE COUNTY IMMIGRATION ASSISTANCE COLLABORATIVE

- is a partnership of different service providers to assist immigrants and refugees across Dane County
- The purpose is to help the immigrant community with immigration and legal services.
- Agencies and organizations that are part of the Collaborative: Centro Hispano, Catholic Multicultural Center, Literacy Network, Jewish Social services, RISE Law Center, Community Immigration Law Center, and UW-Madison Law School's Immigration Justice Clinic

Immigration Enforcement Response Team



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Crisis Response

ICE arrests 83 people in Wisconsin over 4-day operation

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ICE via CNN

MADISON, Wis. — U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement has arrested 83 people over the course of a four-day operation, according to a news release from the agency.

Arrests were made in 14 Wisconsin counties. Twenty of the arrests were made in Dane County and 15 were made in Milwaukee County.

The people arrested were from eight countries, including Colombia, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Russia, Thailand and Vietnam. Of those arrested, 77 were

Latino Consortium for Action (LCA) Emergency Relief Fund for COVID-19

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To give to the Latinx Consortium for Action Emergency Relief Fund today
please click **DONATE** below!

Or send your check to Nina Gehan, Director of Advancement, Centro Hispano of Dane County, 810 West Badger Road, Madison WI 53713



ABOUT THE FUND:

Latinx are the largest non-white racial/ethnic group in Dane County, WI (~35,000), close to 70% live in Madison and Fitchburg. This community is uniquely vulnerable to the COVID-19 crisis: 70% are renters, 68% live in multi-unit dwellings, 34% fall below the poverty line, and almost two out of every five work in the service industry in Dane County. Moreover, nearly 50% of Latinx lack healthcare insurance coverage in Wisconsin

This is why we are coming forward now, together, as a consortium of Latinx serving organizations, to announce the creation of a Latinx Consortium for Action Relief Fund that specifically focuses on the needs of the Latinx community. The fund will prioritize funding emergency relief for our most vulnerable populations: undocumented Latinx workers and small immigrant-owned businesses.

Community Events

Defense Against Deportation

In these times of uncertainty, the best defense is to be informed. Learn about your legal rights and the deportation process with Lawyers Matt Gillhouse of MMG Law and Aissa Olivarez of CILC.

The strongest community is an informed and prepared community.

Join us!

November 14 6-7:30pm

Centro Hispano

**810 W Badger Rd
Madison WI 53713**

*This free workshop is sponsored by the Immigrant Assistance Collaborative, Centro Hispano, RISE Law Center, Catholic Multicultural Center, Literacy Network, Jewish Social Services, Madison Path to Citizenship, Community Immigration Law Center (CILC), Immigrant Justice Clinic, and Fabiola Hamdan, Immigration Services Specialist. These organizations will have information tables and resources available.

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DACA INFORMATIONAL & RENEWAL ASSESSMENTS

LOCATION/ UBICACIÓN

EDGEWOOD COLLEGE
ANDERSON AUDITORIUM

AUDIENCE/ AUDIENCIA

DACA RECIPIENTS ONLY
PARA BENEFICIARIOS DE DACA

DATE/ FECHA

JANUARY 25, 2020

TIME/ HORA

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Learn about DACA and The Supreme Court
Importance of DACA Renewals
Future Options and Possibilities for DACA Recipients
Free Legal DACA Renewal Assessment

Aprenda sobre la corte suprema y DACA
Renovando su solicitud de DACA y por que es importante
Posibilidades y opciones para el futuro de beneficiarios de DACA
Evaluación legal gratuita de renovación de DACA

PLEASE RSVP/ CONFIRME SU ASISTENCIA

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Advocacy

Locally: Non-profits, schools, immigration services, law enforcement, Dane County services, etc.

Government scale: Embassy's and consulates, elected officials, DMV, Social Security Administration, USCIS/DHS.



Latinx Support Network

Latinx Support Network (LaSup):

Network of social service providers that share information/ resources and find solutions to community needs

Latinx Children and Families Council (LC&FC)

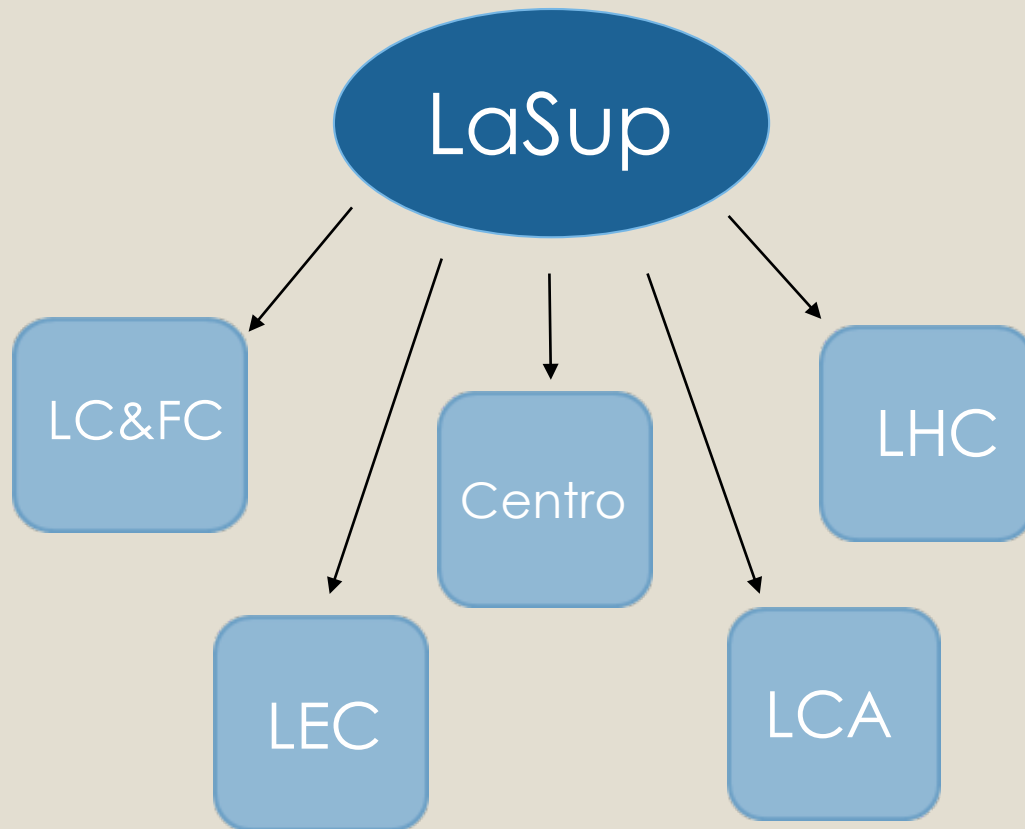
Promote and support the safety, wellbeing and success of Latino children and families through networking, advocacy, outreach, and education in a culturally and linguistically competent manner

Latinx Health Council (LHC)

Promote and support health and wellbeing thru education, advocacy, consulting and network

Latinx Consortium for Action (LCA)

Addresses the systems and structures that perpetuate injustice, poverty, marginalization, and discrimination to create an environment of equity, opportunity, and hope for our Latinx community





QUESTIONS?