

The Intersection of Immigration & Human Services

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Immigrants: Who are they?

“Foreign born” and **“immigrant”** are used interchangeably and refer to persons with no U.S. citizenship at birth. This population includes naturalized citizens, lawful permanent residents, refugees and asylees, persons on certain temporary visas, and the unauthorized

**43.7 million immigrants ---
13.5 percent of the total U.S.
population**

(2016)

**Immigrants and their U.S.-
born children number
approximately 86.4 million
people --- 27 percent of the
overall U.S. population**

(2017)

Important terms

- **Refugee**

- A person who has been forced to leave their country in order to escape war, persecution or natural disaster.
- Refugee Status is determined abroad
- Receive resettlement aid and other benefits

- **Asylee**

- A person who is seeking or has been granted political asylum.
- Asylee status is granted AFTER a person arrives in the United States

- **Guest worker**

- Temporary work permit, usually in certain industries, person must return

Documentation status: US Citizen

- * **A person born in the United States** or its territories. Example: Any person born in Wisconsin, or any person born in Puerto Rico.
- * **A person born to a US citizen:** Any person born outside the United States or its territories whose mother or father is a US citizen. Example: Born in France to US soldier, born in Costa Rica to a US citizen
- * **Naturalized citizen:** A person born outside the United States or its territories that earns the rights and privileges of US citizenship. (Legal process)



Documentation status: Non-US Citizen

- **Resident:** lawful resident aka green card holder
 - Conditional residence
 - Permanent residence
- **Visa holder:** Many types of visas. Different visas will afford you different rights and different stay times in the USA
- **Undocumented immigrant:** A person that is residing in the US without legal documentation status or after that documentation has expired.

What is Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)?

- 2012 Executive Order allowing certain people who came to the United States as children and meet several guidelines to request consideration of deferred action for a period of two years, subject to renewal.
- Eligible for work authorization.
- Eligible for Driver's license
- Deferred action means deferred removal action for a certain period of time.
- Deferred action does not provide lawful status.
- DACA recipients cannot apply for governmental assistance.
- Currently DACA is in state of limbo.



The path to citizenship

Legal entry w/ visa or Illegal entry before 12/15/00



Eligible under an immigrant category



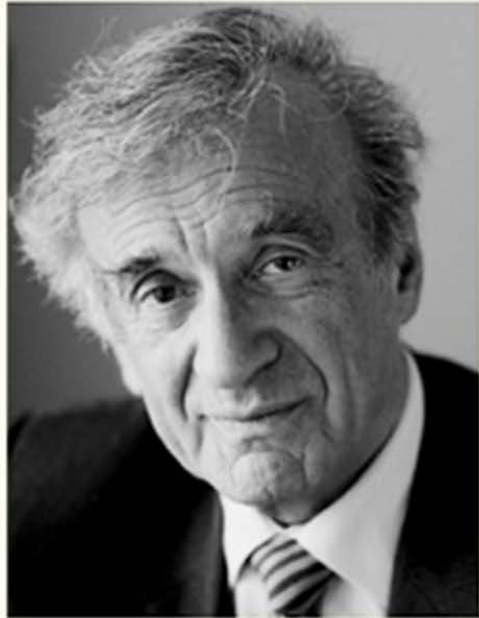
Legal Permanent Resident
“Having a green card”



Naturalization/Citizenship



Illegal” immigrant ... HAS NO LEGAL DEFINITION



“You who are so-called illegal aliens must know that **no human being is illegal**. That is a contradiction in terms. Human beings can be beautiful or more beautiful, they can be fat or skinny, they can be right or wrong, but illegal? How can a human being be illegal?”

Elie Wiesel, writer, Nobel Peace Prize winner and Holocaust survivor.

Current environment: A state of uncertainty and fear

- Divided families that do not know when they will be reunited.
- It is not clear what will happen to immigration applications currently pending with USCIS.
- A general fear of ICE raids and deportation



Current trends in Madison and Dane County

- No driver's licenses
- Chronic stress
- Financial pressures
- Feeling like a criminal
- Domestic Abuse
- Child Abuse
- Serious implications in family interventions when working with victims as many refuse to call the police
- Deportations when booked in county jail
- Increased ICE presence and raids



Dane County's response to increasing needs for immigration services

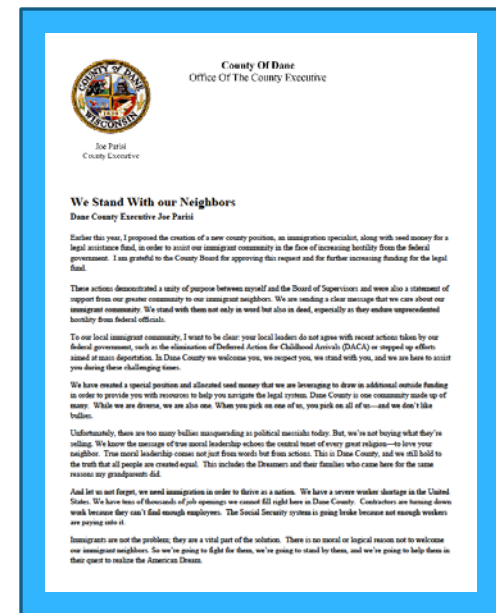
* Creation of an Immigration Assistance Fund

The Dane County Executive and Dane County Board of Supervisors committed to \$150,000 from county funding. The Madison Community Foundation is administering the fund in collaboration of community partners.

* Hire of an Immigration Affairs Specialist

Provides outreach and resources to immigrants, and refugee communities in Dane County in order to support integration through coordination of county services.

“There is no moral or logical reason not to welcome our Immigrant neighbors. So we’re going to fight for them, we’re going to stand by them. and we’re going to help them in their quest to realize the America Dream”



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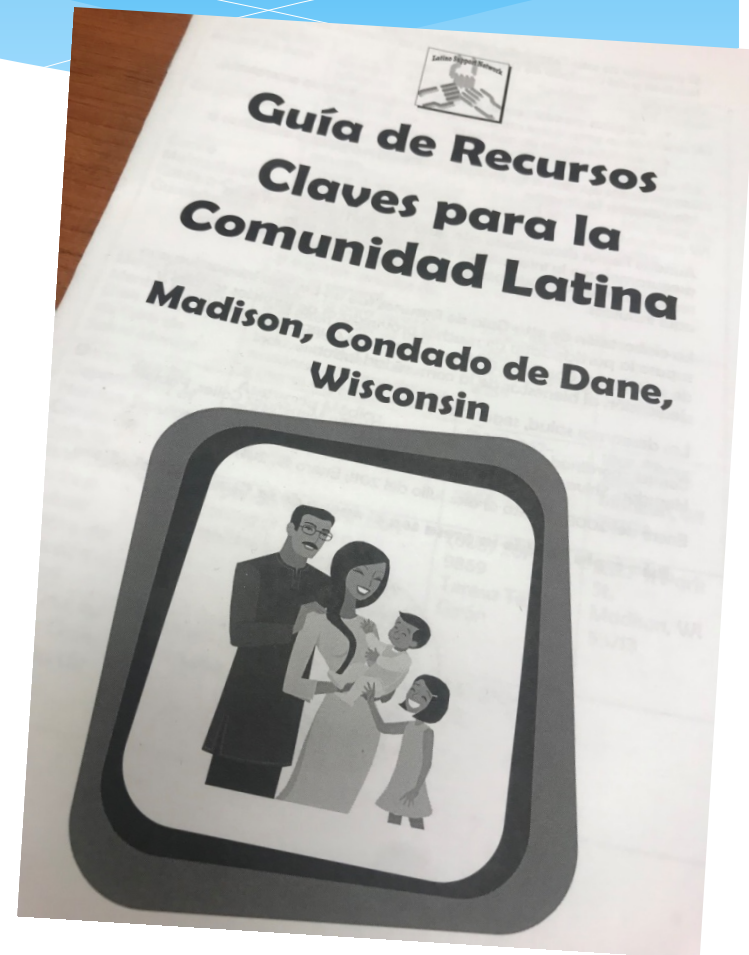


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Key emergency preparedness documents

- Vital documents – birth certificates and passports
- Emergency contact list
- Authorization to travel with a minor
- Power of Attorney Delegating Parental Power



Resources

- **LASUP, Latino Children and families Council, Latino Health Council, Latino education Council**
- **Dane County Immigration Collaborative**
- **Voces de la Frontera**
- * **Madison Metropolitan School District** madison.k12.wi.us/resources-for-immigrant-students-and-families
- * **Sunshine No Fee Legal Clinic** www.sunshinelegalclinic.org
- * **Family Court Clinic**
law.wisc.edu/eji/familycourt/index.html
- * **DREAMERS of UW-Madison**
win.wisc.edu/organization/DREAMERSofUW-Madison/about
- * **Neighborhood Law Clinic**
- * **Lutheran Social Services**
lsswis.org/LSS.htm
- * **Open Doors to Refugees** opendoorsforrefugees.org
- * **Voces de la Frontera**
- * **Dane Sanctuary Coalition** danesanctuary@gmail.com
- * **Workers Right Center**
workerjustice.org

¡Gracias!

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