



### LOCAL RESOURCES

**Madison Metropolitan School District**  
[madison.k12.wi.us/resources-for-immigrant-students-and-families](http://madison.k12.wi.us/resources-for-immigrant-students-and-families)

**Sunshine No Fee Legal Clinic**  
[www.sunshinelegalclinic.org](http://www.sunshinelegalclinic.org)

**Family Court Clinic**  
[law.wisc.edu/eji/familycourt/index.html](http://law.wisc.edu/eji/familycourt/index.html)

**DREAMERS of UW-Madison**  
[win.wisc.edu/organization/DREAMERSofUW-Madison/about](http://win.wisc.edu/organization/DREAMERSofUW-Madison/about)

**Neighborhood Law Clinic**  
[law.wisc.edu/eji/nlc](http://law.wisc.edu/eji/nlc)

**Lutheran Social Services**  
[lsswis.org/LSS.htm](http://lsswis.org/LSS.htm)

**Open Doors to Refugees**  
[opendoorsforrefugees.org](http://opendoorsforrefugees.org)

**Voces de la Frontera**  
[vdlf.org](http://vdlf.org)

**Dane Sanctuary Coalition**  
[danesanctuary@gmail.com](mailto:danesanctuary@gmail.com)

**Workers Right Center**  
[workerjustice.org](http://workerjustice.org)

### OTHER RESOURCES

You may be interested in the information below regarding who can assist you in answering questions related to immigration.

#### The USCIS National Customer Service Center

**Toll-free at 1-800-375-5283**

Obtaining the wrong legal help can cause you undue harm!  
To get information on protecting yourself against immigration service scams, or to learn how you can receive help with your immigration questions, visit [uscis.gov](http://uscis.gov)

#### Wisconsin American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) [aclu-wi.org](http://aclu-wi.org)

#### U Visa

To learn more about the U Visa application process of DCDHS, see the link below or contact the Dane County Immigration Affairs Specialist.

[https://www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/dhs\\_u\\_visa\\_certification\\_guide.pdf](https://www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/dhs_u_visa_certification_guide.pdf)

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# Immigration Affairs

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

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## RESPONSIBILITIES AND SERVICES

The DCDHS Immigration Affairs Specialist provides outreach to immigrant and refugee communities in order to support immigrant integration to the U.S. through the coordination of county services. This position serves as a source of referral for other non-county agencies when necessary. The Immigration Affairs Specialist provides support to:

- Promote efforts by various Dane County departments to improve accessibility of county services to immigrant and refugee communities.
- Navigate county resources and services.
- Search resource databases, and other sources to identify, assess and suggest programs and services available outside of county government..
- Respond to questions from immigrant and refugee residents regarding the status of their efforts to access county and other services.
- Refer immigrant and refugee residents to outside agencies and organizations that provide non-county services as appropriate.
- Collaborate with internal management and external agencies and partners regarding consumer concerns.
- Conduct public appearances, trainings, and presentations to improve the accessibility of county services for immigrant and refugee communities.
- Work with the Dane County Immigrant Assistance Collaborative, a partnership of service providers that advocates for and assists immigrants and refugees.



## THE DANE COUNTY IMMIGRATION ASSISTANCE COLLABORATIVE



The Dane County Immigrant Assistance Collaborative, is a partnership of different service providers to assist immigrants and refugees across Dane County, WI. The purpose of the Dane County Immigrant Assistance Collaborative is to help the immigrant community with immigration and legal services. It also collaborates with community partners to develop a comprehensive strategy for immigrant support. The following are agencies and organizations that are part of the Collaborative:

### Centro Hispano Immigration

**Program:** Provides assistance with consultation, naturalization, permanent residence, DACA (Deferred Action), and family reunification.  
[micentro.org](http://micentro.org) | (608) 255-3018

**Catholic Multicultural Center:** Offers services to immigrants and refugees who are unable to afford the fees of private attorneys. Services include: family-based applications, refugee/asylee adjustment of status, petitions for relatives abroad, citizenship applications, and humanitarian relief for survivors of domestic violence and other crimes.  
[cmcmadison.org](http://cmcmadison.org)  
(608) 441-0114 | (608) 556-5923

**Literacy Network:** Teaches reading, writing, communication and computer skills to Dane County adults so they can achieve financial security, emotional well-being and deeper engagement with their families and the community.  
[litnetwork.org](http://litnetwork.org) | (608) 244-3911

**Jewish Social Services:** Assists Dane County residents to meet their basic needs. JSS offers services in the areas of short-term advocacy, long-term case management, Jewish spiritual care and immigration services.

[jssmadison.org](http://jssmadison.org) | (608) 442-4081

**RISE Law Center:** Provides direct representation to immigrants and refugees in immigration and family law, as well as protection orders.

[riselawcenter.org](http://riselawcenter.org) | (608) 256-1015

### The Community Immigration Law Center (CILC):

Provides free immigration guidance to anyone who comes to Christ Presbyterian Church located at 944 E Gorham, Madison WI on the second and fourth Friday afternoons of every month. These services also include reduced-fee and free immigration legal services, primarily to income-eligible people in Dane County facing the threat of deportation.

[cilcmadison.org](http://cilcmadison.org) | (608) 257-4845

### The UW Law School's Immigration Justice Clinic:

Provides free legal services to individuals in Wisconsin whose legal right to remain in the U United States is placed in jeopardy. Staffed by law students who are training in the fields of immigration law and procedure.

[law.wisc.edu/eji/ijc](http://law.wisc.edu/eji/ijc) | (608) 890-3753

*If you would like to donate to the Collaborative:*

[www.madisongives.org/giving/give-now-to-any-fund](http://www.madisongives.org/giving/give-now-to-any-fund)

*Checks can also be made payable to: Madison Community Foundation with a note in the 'memo line' that reads 'Dane County Immigrant Assistance Fund'. Mailed checks can be sent to: Madison Community Foundation 111 N. Fairchild Street, Suite 260 - Madison, WI 53703*





## RECURSOS LOCALES

**Distrito Escolar Metropolitano de Madison**  
[madison.k12.wi.us/resources-for-immigrant-students-and-families](http://madison.k12.wi.us/resources-for-immigrant-students-and-families)

**Sunshine Clínica Legal Gratuity**  
(Sunshine No Fee Legal Clinic)  
[www.sunshinelegalclinic.org](http://www.sunshinelegalclinic.org)

**Corte Clínica de Familia (Family Court Clinic)**  
[law.wisc.edu/eji/familycourt/index.html](http://law.wisc.edu/eji/familycourt/index.html)

**DREAMERS de UW-Madison**  
[win.wisc.edu/organization/DREAMERSofUW-Madison/about](http://win.wisc.edu/organization/DREAMERSofUW-Madison/about)

**Clínica Legal (Neighborhood Law Clinic)**  
[law.wisc.edu/eji/nlc](http://law.wisc.edu/eji/nlc)

**Servicios Sociales Luteranos**  
(Lutheran Social Services)  
[lsswis.org/LSS.htm](http://lsswis.org/LSS.htm)

**Puertas Abiertas para Refugiados**  
(Open Doors to Refugees)  
[opendoorsforrefugees.org](http://opendoorsforrefugees.org)

**Voces de la Frontera**  
[vdlf.org](http://vdlf.org)

**Coalición Santuario de Dane**  
(Dane Sanctuary Coalition)  
[danesanctuary@gmail.com](mailto:danesanctuary@gmail.com)

**Centro de Derechos para los Trabajadores**  
(Workers Right Center)  
[workerjustice.org](http://workerjustice.org)

## OTROS RECURSOS

Esta información le puede interesar!  
Aquí puede encontrar a las personas y recursos que le pueden ayudar a contestar sus preguntas de inmigración

**Centro Nacional de Atención al Cliente**  
**Servicios de Inmigración y Ciudadanía de los Estados Unidos -USCIS**  
(The USCIS National Customer Service Center)

Línea gratuita 1-800-375-5283

¡Recibir ayuda legal inapropiada puede causarle daños irreparables!

Para obtener información de cómo protegerse contra estafas relacionadas con los servicios de inmigración, o aprender cómo puede recibir ayuda con sus preguntas de inmigración, visite:  
[uscis.gov](http://uscis.gov)

**Unión Americana de Libertades Civiles de Wisconsin -ACLU**  
(Wisconsin American Civil Liberties Union -ACLU)  
[aclu-wi.org](http://aclu-wi.org)

### U Visa

Para aprender más sobre el proceso de la aplicación a la U-VISA, visite la siguiente página de internet o contacte al especialista en Asuntos de Inmigración del Condado de Dane.

[https://www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/dhs\\_u visa\\_certification\\_guide.pdf](https://www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/dhs_u visa_certification_guide.pdf)

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# Asuntos de Inmigración

Brindamos recursos a los inmigrantes y a la comunidad de refugiados en el Condado de Dane para apoyar la integración a través de la coordinación de servicios.

## Información de Contacto



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## SERVICIOS Y RESPONSABILIDADES

El especialista en asuntos de inmigración de DCDHS apoya a las comunidades de inmigrantes y refugiados en su integración a los Estados Unidos a través de la coordinación de servicios del condado. Esta posición sirve como una fuente de referencia para otras agencias que no pertenecen al condado cuando sea necesario. El especialista en asuntos de inmigración brinda apoyo para:

- Promover los esfuerzos de varios departamentos del Condado de Dane para mejorar el acceso de las comunidades de inmigrantes y refugiados a los servicios del condado.
- Navegar los recursos y servicios del condado.
- Buscar bases de datos de recursos y otras fuentes para identificar, evaluar y sugerir programas y servicios disponibles fuera del gobierno del condado.
- Responder las preguntas de residentes inmigrantes y refugiados sobre el estado de sus esfuerzos para acceder a los servicios del condado, entre otros.
- Referir a los residentes inmigrantes y refugiados a agencias y organizaciones externas que brindan servicios fuera del condado, según corresponda.
- Colaborar con la administración interna y agencias externas y socios con respecto a las preocupaciones del consumidor.
- Realizar presentaciones públicas, capacitaciones y presentaciones para mejorar el acceso a los servicios del condado para las comunidades de inmigrantes y refugiados.
- Trabajar con la *Colaboración de Asistencia al Inmigrante del Condado de Dane (Dane County Immigrant Assistance Collaborative)*, una asociación de proveedores de servicios que defiende y ayuda a inmigrantes y refugiados.



## THE DANE COUNTY IMMIGRATION ASSISTANCE COLLABORATIVE



El *Dane County Immigrant Assistance Collaborative* es una asociación de proveedores de servicios que ayudan a inmigrantes y refugiados en el condado de Dane, WI. El propósito de la asociación es proveer servicios legales y de inmigración. También colabora con socios de la comunidad para desarrollar una estrategia integral para el apoyo de los inmigrantes. Las siguientes son las agencias y organizaciones que son parte de esta colaboración:

### Programa de inmigración del Centro Hispano:

Provee asistencia con consultas, naturalización, residencia permanente, DACA (Deferred action), y reunificación de familias.  
[micentro.org](http://micentro.org) | (608) 255-3018

**Centro Multicultural Católico:** Ofrece servicios a inmigrantes y refugiados sin la posibilidad de pagar el costo de un abogado privado. Los servicios incluyen: aplicaciones para familias, cambio del status de refugio/asilo, peticiones para familiares que viven en el exterior, aplicaciones para ciudadanía, ayuda humanitaria para sobrevivientes de violencia doméstica y otros crímenes.

[cmcmadison.org](http://cmcmadison.org)  
(608) 441-0114 | (608) 556-5923

**Red de Alfabetización (Literacy Network):** Enseña habilidades de lectura, escritura, comunicación y de sistemas a los adultos del Condado de Dane para que logren seguridad financiera, bienestar emocional y un mayor compromiso con sus familias y con la comunidad.

[litnetwork.org](http://litnetwork.org) | (608) 244-3911

**Servicios Sociales Judíos (Jewish Social Services):** Asiste a los residentes del Condado de Dane a satisfacer sus necesidades básicas. Ofrece servicios en las áreas de asesoría a corto plazo, administración de casos a largo plazo, servicios espirituales judíos y servicios de inmigración.

[jssmadison.org](http://jssmadison.org) | (608) 442-4081

**RISE Centro Legal (RISE Law Center):** Provee representación directa a inmigrantes y refugiados en leyes de inmigración y familiar, así como en órdenes de protección.

[riselawcenter.org](http://riselawcenter.org) | (608) 256-1015

### Centro de Derecho de Inmigración de la Comunidad (The Community Immigration Law Center -CILC):

Proporciona orientación de inmigración a cualquier persona que venga a la Iglesia Presbiteriana de Cristo ubicada en 944 E Gorham, Madison, WI en las tardes del segundo y cuarto viernes de cada mes. Estos servicios incluyen servicios legales de inmigración con tarifa reducida o gratuitos, principalmente para personas elegibles por su nivel de ingresos en el condado de Dane que enfrentan amenaza de deportación.

[cilcmadison.org](http://cilcmadison.org) | (608) 257-4845

### Clínica de Justicia de Inmigración -Facultad de Leyes UW-Madison (The UW Law School's Immigration Justice Clinic):

Brinda servicios legales gratuitos a personas en Wisconsin cuyo derecho legal a permanecer en los Estados Unidos está en peligro. Atendido por estudiantes de derecho interesados en aprender diferentes campos de la ley y el procedimiento de inmigración.

[law.wisc.edu/eji/ijc](http://law.wisc.edu/eji/ijc) | (608) 890-3753

*Si quiere donar al Collaborative:*

[www.madisongives.org/giving/give-now-to-any-fund](http://www.madisongives.org/giving/give-now-to-any-fund)

*También puede mandar un cheque al:*

**Madison Community Foundation** con una nota que diga 'Dane County Immigrant Assistance Fund'. Envíe el cheque a: Madison Community Foundation 111 N. Fairchild Street, Suite 260 - Madison, WI 53703

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**DIRECT SERVICE/ CASE MANAGEMENT**

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Because of the ICE event in September, my caseload increased 20 to approximately 40 cases. Currently, I am working with 12 Department cases – 5 CPS; 5 JFF; 1 Youth Justice; and 1 adult services. I have processed 3 UVISA cases in 2018. My caseload will probably remain close to this level since cases cannot be closed due to immigration processing timelines which can range from a month to many years.

It should be noted, that our IAS program, as it has evolved, is unique statewide and possibly nationally as the IAS position serves as a central intake point to provide a social work case management response and coordination of local resources (e.g. application/filing fees, basic needs, etc.). Current priorities are responding to cases that our 1) involved with the Department of Human Services, 2) referrals from the Dane County Immigration Assistance Collaborative, and 3) self referrals of families with minor children. Typically when I receive a case I do an intake assessment, meet with the family, refer to appropriate resources, and engage in ongoing case management. Types of cases entail DACA, UVisa, permanent citizenship applications (Green Card), and Department cases involving an open case where the family is encountering immigration matters. I spend much of my time consulting on cases. Currently, from a case management standpoint, the County is the primary responder with regard to case management activity and flex wrap resources. Many agencies including Centro Hispano and the Catholic Multicultural Center have paraprofessional general support staff working on these issues, but no trained social workers. They often consult with me, and refer the more complicated cases for case consultation and/or case management.

To illustrate some of the case situations that our IAS program is encountering see below:

Recent ICE case

This involves a woman from Mexico - Enedina. Her husband was arrested by ICE officers. He was the bread winner of the family, they have five children. The family was not able to afford an immigration attorney, pay rent, and basic needs. On top of this, the children were suffering from trauma by watching their father arrested in their home. After doing an assessment of the situation, I was able to help the family with rent and utilities. I connected Enedina with JFF. I helped Enedina's husband to retain an Immigration attorney from CILC free of charge. Also, I connected the children with school Social Workers and Rainbow Project Therapists. Finally, I helped Enedina find a job. Currently the family is stable, we believe Enedina's husband will be able to return home. He will have to still interface with the Immigration office, but he will be able to work and be at home with his family.

### Refugee family from Liberia

Hanna is a US citizen and her husband is a permanent resident, (he has a green card.) They have four children. Hanna's husband got arrested because he was soliciting internet sex when Hanna was eight months pregnant. ICE picked him from Dane County jail and he was facing deportation and a loss of his permanent residency. Hanna and I met and I was able to refer her husband with to an immigration attorney for legal representation. Hanna was working but had to take many days off do to this situation. She was facing critical financial constraints. I had to reach out to various agencies and professionals. I connected her with Jewish Social Services (JSS) and also assist with rent and utilities. Hanna had her baby and couldn't work. I connected her with EA grant and W-2 assistance. Hanna was very isolated, she had no support system. I connected her with the African Women Association, she was able to get support. I also referred her to JFF and Centro Hispano. The Immigration attorney did an excellent job and Hanna's husband was able to get out from detention. He was convicted of child enticement and served 3 months jail as a condition of probation. Immigration charged him with "removability" (to remove him from the US) for being convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude within 5 years of admission. Now he is back at home working and the family is stable.

### Differed Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) Renewals

Right now, DACA recipients can apply to renew their DACA. However, we do not know how long young immigrants will be able to continue to renew their DACA. This administration decided to end DACA during the first year of his Trump's presidency, and although courts have made it possible for renewals to be open again, we do not have sufficient information to affirmatively say that they will remain open. The White House, the Courts, or Congress may DACA at some point in the future.

Centro Hispano and I are partnering to help low income DACA recipients with their renewals. Since the month of May we have helped 32 clients with their legal fees, and filling out their applications. The renewal request costs \$495. All of the DACA clients we helped are doing well, working with many of their children going to school.

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## THE DANE COUNTY IMMIGRATION ASSISTANCE COLLABORATIVE

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The purpose of the Dane County Immigrant Assistance Collaborative is to help the immigrant community with legal services, collaborate with community partners, and develop a long-term strategy for immigrant support.

The Collaborative includes partner organizations from the Catholic Multicultural Center, Centro Hispano Inc. (Centro Hispano of Dane County), Community Immigration Law Center (CILC), RISE Law Center, Jewish Social Services, Literacy Network, Madison Path to Citizenship, and UW-Law School Immigrant Justice Clinic.

My role in the Collaborative is as a coordinator and a connector. I regularly check-in with each agency in order to keep informed about the critical issues they are facing, the resources that they offer, and the work flow issues they are encountering. I also ensure that they are sharing this information with each other. Additionally, these activities makes it much more easier for me to access their services for our county clients. Finally, I communicate to them the trends and needs I am seeing from what I am hearing as a liaison to the community. That way we can anticipate and coordinate services better together as a collaborative.

As part of my involvement with the Collaborative, I have received \$10,000 for my wraparound fund which is administered through Centro Hispano. With this funding I am able to provide a flexible, quick response to family needs when they are facing crisis due to immigration. For example, funding is used to pay for immigration-related expenses, such as police reports, passport, immigration filling fees, consultation fees, and to address other immigration needs. This fund is also used to cover basic needs expenses such us eviction prevention, utilities, transportation, and other security emergency needs.

On May 18<sup>th</sup> I helped Centro Hispano and the Collaborative put together a Call to Action Event. This was a discussion of Latino immigration in the context of our history, the present climate,

and how we can act to shape the future for all immigrants in the United States. We had two prominent speakers. First, was Cesar Vargas who is a nationally recognized leader and innovator at the forefront of the groundbreaking DREAM movement. The opportunity to work with exceptional political and community activists is what brings real vigor to his experience. Cesar graduated with honors from the philosophy program at St. Francis College. After obtaining his J.D. from CUNY School of Law in 2011, Cesar underwent a four year court battle and made history in 2016 when a New York court approved him to become the first undocumented immigrant to practice law in the state.

The second speaker was Sergio M. González, a doctoral candidate in the Department of History at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, with a specialization in twentieth-century U.S. labor, working-class issues, and immigration history. Sergio is author of a recent Wisconsin Historical Society Press publication, *"Mexicans in Wisconsin (People of Wisconsin),"* that describes through history how Mexican families have become integral members of Wisconsin communities, building businesses, support systems, and religious institutions. Sergio's current research also centers on the development of Latino communities in urban areas in the American Midwest, with an emphasis on the religious communities that Latino immigrants developed in Milwaukee, Wisconsin throughout the twentieth century. More than 100 people came to the event. Media coverage was very positive. Approximately 20 local DREAMERS attended the event and became with the achievements of one their own.

Finally, I am facilitating the formation of a work group with the Collaborative to move them to a more proactive stance to address critical immigration issues. This group is planning a series of workshops and forums where we will provide updates to the immigrant community including an overview of their legal rights. This information is in high demand since many in the immigrant community are scared and living in fear. We are providing them with information and support to mitigate this. I continue to play a catalyst role with different organizations, programs, and initiatives such as the Immigration and Refugee Task Force



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## PRESENTATIONS

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During the first quarter of 2018 I participated in community presentations and panels to inform the public, agency staff, and service providers of the Department's efforts to provide immigration services and resources to the immigrant and refugee community. I participated in 7 presentations attended by 514 people.

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## PARTNERSHIPS

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To provide effective services to the immigrant and refugee communities, it is very important to partner and collaborate with County and City Government, Law enforcement, the Faith Community, School Districts, Non-profits, Social Service Agencies, and Immigration Attorneys. To that end, I am active member of the following groups:

**a. United Way Law Enforcement on Immigration**

The creation of the Immigrant and Refugee Task Force (IRTF) emerged as a priority for Law Enforcement and the Leaders of Color Collaborative because of the current national climate surrounding immigrants and refugees. Very specific connotations around immigrants and refugees (i.e. that they are rapists, terrorists, drug smugglers) have emerged in 2017 as a result of the November 2016 election. Federal and statewide legislation has been enacted or proposed that severely impact the work of law enforcement and further alienate already at-risk populations in our Dane County community

**b. Voces de la Frontera**

This is a leading immigrant rights organization whose mission is to protect and expand civil rights and worker rights through leadership development, community organizing and empowerment.

**c. Jewish, Muslim, and Latino Group**

This is a newly formed informal group funded by women from the Jewish, Muslim, and Latino community. We meet regularly and engage other people in activities like a "community potluck and gatherings."

**d. Open Doors for Refugees**

This is an all-volunteer, non-faith-based group that serves refugees settling in the greater Madison area.

**e. Lasup (Latino Support Network)**

The Latino Support Network is a consortium of health, community, and social service agencies and individuals interested in promoting the well-being of the Latino community that has been meeting in Dane County for 20 years to support professionals who are working with Latinos.

**f. Latino Children and Families Council (LC&FC)**

The mission of the LC&FC is to promote and support the safety, well-being and success of Latino children and families through networking, advocacy, outreach and education in a culturally and linguistically competent manner.

**g. Latino Consortium for Action (LCA)**

The Latino Consortium for Action is a group of concerned Latino individuals from different Latino non-profit organizations who are seeking to come together, to develop a strategic alliance to address those community issues impacting in the lives of the Latino population in Madison Dane County. The Consortium is made up of individuals from across Dane County who are in leadership positions in Latino serving non-profit organizations or serve on their Board of Directors.

**h. Immigration Enforcement Response Team (IERT)**

The objective of this group is collaboration, coordination and information sharing among stakeholders and those impacted surrounding immigration changes and raids impacting our undocumented community. Partners include, City and County Government, Police Departments, Faith Community, School Districts, Non-Profits and social service agencies, and immigration attorneys.

**i. Jewish Social Services and Lutheran Social Services Consultation Group**

The purpose of this group is for the two Refugee Resettlement Agencies in Dane County to offer an opportunity for invited stakeholders and community partners to join together for open dialogue, updates, and communication on refugee resettlement in Madison. The State Refugee Coordinator also invites stakeholders to a Refugee Consultation conducted each quarter in various locations statewide.

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## **CYF TRAINING ON IMMIGRATION POLICIES**

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I coordinated and co-facilitated a trainings for social workers to learn about Immigration related topics. The last training I did was a presentation on services/benefits that undocumented people can access - for example, programs like W-2, Badger Care, Food Share and child care. Social workers learned about the different types of programs we have in the County that undocumented and vulnerable immigrants can access. They were also provided with an overview of the difference between the undocumented and refugee population when it comes to access services and benefits.

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## INITIATIVES/PROJECTS

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1. **Materials Development** – Develop media vehicles (e.g. power point presentations; visual displays, etc.) to better educate the public.
2. **Field Placement Supervision** – Supervise two interns from the UW-Madison School of Social Work (one based at NPO headquarters, the other at Centro Hispano) that will assist me with my caseload and special projects from September to May of 2019.
3. **Volunteer Court Accompaniment Network** – Develop a network of volunteers for court accompaniment involving cases where families have to appear in immigration court and do not have legal representation. These courts are located Chicago and Milwaukee. I will be working in conjunction with Voces de la Frontera and The Sanctuary Movement network. My goal is to create an volunteer program to perform this function.
4. **“Paso a Paso: Su Plan Familiar de Emergencia”** – Formulate an emergency plan for families in need of immigration assistance and basic needs.
5. **Passport Fair** – Collaborate with faith-base organizations to develop a program where they can pay for passport fees. At the same time, engage with the immigrant community that is in need of this service



Profile of the foreign-born population in  
**Madison, Wisconsin**

### Immigrant population

The foreign-born population in Madison and Wisconsin represent an important and diverse share of their local communities, many of whom live in mixed-status families.

#### Madison Metro Area



**45,000** immigrants reside in **Madison**, or **7 percent** of the total population.

#### Wisconsin



**277,200** immigrants reside in **Wisconsin**, or **5 percent** of the total population.

### Population at risk of deportation

**28K**

**27,600 non-citizens** residing in **Madison** are potentially at risk of deportation.

**155K**

**155,500 non-citizens** residing in **Wisconsin** are potentially at risk of deportation.

### Children and families

#### Madison Metro Area

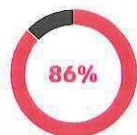


There are **22,800 children** in Madison with at least one **immigrant parent**.



1 in 6

**One in six children** in Madison has at least one **immigrant parent**.



The **vast majority of children** with at least one immigrant parent in Madison are **U.S. citizens**.

#### Wisconsin

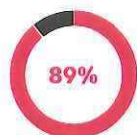


There are **139,800 children** in Wisconsin with at least one **immigrant parent**.



1 in 9

**One in nine children** in Wisconsin has at least one **immigrant parent**.



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### Local community ties



**34,600** immigrants in Madison have lived in the United States for **more than 15 years**.



**7,300** immigrants in Madison are **homeowners**.



**2,000** immigrants in Madison are **entrepreneurs**.



**12,100** immigrants in Madison are **students** enrolled in pre-K through college or graduate school.

## Economic and labor force contributions

Immigrants in Madison and Wisconsin contribute critical tax dollars to the local economy and are indispensable members of the workforce.

### Madison Metro Area

**\$1.3B** immigrant-led households earned **\$1.3 billion**.

**\$114M** immigrants contributed **\$114 million** in combined **state and local taxes**.

**\$238M** immigrants contributed **\$238 million** in **federal taxes**.

**\$934M** This means immigrant-led households have an estimated **\$934 million** in **spending power**.

### Wisconsin

**\$9.7B** immigrant-led households earned **\$9.7 billion**.

**\$857M** immigrants contributed **\$857 million** in combined **state and local taxes**.

**\$1.8B** immigrants contributed **\$1.8 billion** in **federal taxes**.

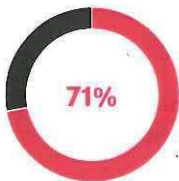
**\$7B** This means immigrant-led households have an estimated **\$7 billion** in **spending power**.

## Labor force participation

### Madison Metro Area

**29K**  
workers

**28,500** immigrant workers comprise 8 percent of the metro area's labor force.

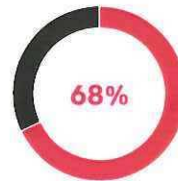


**71 percent** of the metro area's immigrants **participate in the labor force**, comparable to the share among the metro area's native-born population (72 percent).

### Wisconsin

**166K**

**165,600** immigrant workers comprise 6 percent of the state's labor force.



**68 percent** of the state's immigrants **participate in the labor force**, comparable to the share among the state's native-born population (67 percent).

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