



A Guide to Community-Based Organizations for Immigrants

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* The organization offers services to all, irrespective of religious affiliation.

A Message from The New York State Education Department's Office of Bilingual Education and World Languages

An informed, empowered community of parents, guardians and other persons in parental relation is critical to ensuring that Multilingual Learners/ English Language Learners (MLLs/ELLs) are well supported and thrive. The New York State Education Department's Office of Bilingual Education and World Languages (OBEWL) has created ***A Guide to Community-Based Organizations for Immigrants*** which provides a list of organizations throughout New York State. Each organization offers a variety of services. Some of these services include, advocacy & community engagement, health care & insurance, housing, labor & employment, legal services & lawful status, public assistance, safety, and youth & education, that may be useful to parents and communities.

OBEWL is committed to supporting MLLs/ELLs and their families across New York State. Parents of MLLs/ELLs and former MLLs/ELLs are encouraged to contact these organizations when they need assistance. When families' needs are supported, children have a base to build upon in order to achieve academic success and become college and career ready.

OBEWL has also produced many resources for parents of MLLs/ELLs that you might find useful:

- ***Multilingual Learner/English Language Learner Parent Resources***- In here, you will find information about how children are identified as MLLs, the kinds of programs available for MLLs/ELLs, when students can exit MLL/ELL programs and services, and how can parents obtain additional information, materials, and resources from local schools.
<http://www.nysed.gov/bilingual-ed/english-language-learnermultilingual-learner-parent-resources>
- ***A Guide for Parents of Multilingual Learners/English Language Learners in New York State***- This is a ten-page booklet that includes Bilingual Education and English as a New Language program descriptions, Frequently Asked Questions about MLLs/ELLs, Facts about Bilingualism and Bilingual Education, links to MLL/ELL parent resources, and tips on "Participating in Your Child's Education." This booklet has been translated twenty-five languages, including the top ten MLL/ELL home languages in NYS.
<http://www.nysed.gov/bilingual-ed/guide-parents-english-language-learnermultilingual-learners-new-york-state>
- ***The Parent Bill of Rights***- This document summarizes critical rights concerning educational access and programming for MLLs/ELLs and their parents. These key rights are summarized in an easy to reference one-page format and have been translated into twenty-seven languages.
<http://www.nysed.gov/bilingual-ed/parents-bill-rights-new-york-states-english-language-learnermultilingual-learners-ell>
- ***Multilingual Learners/English Language Learners Parent Hotline***- This Hotline was created to provide parents, guardians and other persons in parental relation of MLLs/ELLs with information about their rights and services for their children pursuant to Commissioner's Regulation 154. It also provides a mechanism to respond to specific inquiries about the delivery of these services. **Phone number:** (800) 469-8224
<https://steinhardt.nyu.edu/metrocenter/ellparenthotline>

- **NYSITELL and NYSESLAT Parent Guides-** These guides provide an explanation of two of the assessments that assess the English language level/proficiency of students whose home or primary language is other than English. The guides have been translated into twenty-two languages.
<http://www.nysed.gov/bilingual-ed/nysitell-and-nyseslat-parent-guides>
- **Parent Orientation Video: Multilingual Learner/English Language Learner Programs in New York State, available in 10 languages-** This whiteboard animation video, describes the MLL/ELL identification and assessment process and outlines in detail various available program options. It also describes the differences between English as a New Language and the various Bilingual Education program models.
<http://www.nysed.gov/bilingual-ed/parent-orientation-video-english-language-learner-ell-programs-new-york-state>
The text of the Video Narration, is also available in 9 additional languages
<http://www.nysed.gov/bilingual-ed/parent-orientation-video-english-language-learner-ell-programs-new-york-state>
- **Roadmap to College for Multilingual Learners/English Language Learners-** A College Access Guide for Multilingual Learners/English Language Learners in New York State.
<http://www.nysed.gov/bilingual-ed/roadmap-college>
- In addition, each office in the New York State Education Department has created multiple resources to support parents. To access a list with all the Department's offices, please visit:
<http://www.nysed.gov/about/program-offices>

Guidance on Recent Immigration-Related Actions

The New York State Education Department (NYSED) is committed to ensuring that our schools remain safe havens where all students can learn. NYSED, along with the New York State Office of the Attorney General, has put forward the following guidance protecting immigrant students.

Information regarding immigration status:

- ❖ New York State Education Law states that all children over five and under twenty-one years of age who have not received a high school diploma are entitled to attend the public schools in the school district in which they reside without paying tuition regardless of citizenship or immigration status.
- ❖ In *Plyler v. Doe*, the Supreme Court held that school districts may not deny students a free public education on the basis of their undocumented or non-citizen status, or that of their parents or guardians.
- ❖ At the time of registration, schools should not ask questions that may reveal a child's immigration status, such as requesting a Social Security number.
- ❖ With regards to inquiries from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), including requests to meet with or interview students, or to obtain access to student records, school district employees should immediately consult with their superintendents and school attorneys to determine whether honoring such a request could cause the school district to violate a law of general applicability, including the New York Family Court Act (NYFCA) and the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

Information regarding discrimination, harassment, and bullying in schools:

- ❖ New York's Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) was signed into law in 2012 to provide students with a safe and supportive environment free from discrimination, harassment, and bullying on school property, a school bus and/or at a school function and was amended in 2013 to include cyberbullying.
- ❖ NYSED provides support to districts, parents, and guardians who have questions regarding DASA. The department can be contacted at:
 - The Office of Bilingual Education and World Languages at (718) 722-2445 or obewl@nysed.gov.
 - The Office of Student Support Services at (518) 486-6090 or studentsupportservices@nysed.gov.
 - For language assistance, contact the Language Regional Bilingual Education Resource Network (RBERN) Parent Hotline at (800) 469-8224 or nysparenthotline@nyu.edu.
- ❖ For an official copy of these communications and translations, please see: <http://www.nysed.gov/bilingual-ed/information-regarding-recent-immigration-related-actions>.

Guidance from the New York Governor's office:

- ❖ Per Executive Order 170 signed by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, New York State agencies and officers are prohibited from inquiring about or disclosing an individual's immigration status unless required by law or necessary to determine eligibility for a benefit or service. This includes law enforcement officers unless investigating criminal activity. Access the executive order here: <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-signs-executive-order-prohibiting-state-agencies-inquiring-about-immigration>.
- ❖ The New York State Governor's Office has reaffirmed its support for immigrants and has announced initiatives, such as designating a new State Police Hate Crimes Unit to investigate potential hate crimes, expanding New York's Human Rights Law to protect all students statewide, and establishing the Office of New Americans and Immigrant Legal Defense Fund to ensure all immigrants have access to information and representation. Access the Governor's communications here: <https://www.ny.gov/programs/we-are-all-immigrants>.

How to Use this Guide

The New York State Education Department strongly believes that the education of the child does not happen only in the classroom, but also in their homes and communities. This directory provides a list of community-based organizations in Long Island that offer a variety of services that may be of use to immigrant New Yorkers.

- ❖ The directory lists the name of the organization, location, contact information, a brief description of the services offered, and the languages in which these services are provided.
- ❖ Organizations are arranged alphabetically.
- ❖ Most of the listed services are free. However, some are not. You should always confirm the cost with the organization prior to using their services.
- ❖ To ensure availability of programs, it is recommended that you call the organization in advance.

The symbols highlighted next to each organization represent the services it provides.

 Advocacy & Community Engagement

 Health Care & Insurance

 Housing

 Labor & Employment

 Legal Services & Lawful Status

 Public Assistance

 Safety

 Youth & Education

Organization Directory

1. Adelante of Suffolk County, Inc. (Central Islip, NY)

Languages: English, Haitian Creole, Spanish
 83 Carleton Ave., Central Islip, NY 11722
 Phone: (631) 234-1049

<http://adelantesc.us/index.html>

Offers programs in housing and case management, mental hygiene, family and youth services, housing & tenant counseling services, job development, English classes, youth leadership and an afterschool program, and assistance with nutrition and Medicaid.



2. Catholic Charities Diocese of Rockville Centre (Amityville, NY)

Languages: English, French, Haitian Creole, Italian, Polish, Spanish
 90 Cherry Lane, Hicksville, NY 11801
 Phone: (516) 733-7000

<http://www.catholiccharities.cc/our-services/immigration-and-refugee-resettlement>

Offers comprehensive and reliable legal consultation, application completion, and representation in court for immigrant groups and resettlement services for refugees. Also provides general services in nutrition, health, housing, and public assistance.



3. Central American Refugee Center (Hempstead, NY)

Languages: English, Hindi, Spanish
 Phone: (516) 489-8330

<http://www.carecenny.org/>

Offers legal assistance to immigrant communities in areas such as temporary protected status, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, green card renewals, naturalization, and family petitions. Also offers free English classes on-site and advocacy work.



4. Centro Corazón de Maria (Hampton Bays, NY)

Languages: English, Spanish
 31 Montauk Highway, Hampton Bays, NY 11946
 Phone: (631) 728-5558

http://www.rshm.org/ministries/social_and_legal_services/

Provides ESL classes, pre-natal programs, workshops in child care and parenting, health education and counseling, community events and support groups, and assistance with government benefit programs.



5. Centro Salvadoreño, Inc. (Hempstead, NY)

Languages: English, Spanish
 54 Washington St. #1 & #2, Hempstead, NY 11550
 Phone: (516) 565-1550

Provides information, education, and assistance to the Hispanic immigrant community in Hempstead. Includes English and Spanish classes, information on labor, tenants, and civil rights, assistance with immigration and naturalization, translations, social service filing applications, and produces informational publications.



6. Círculo de la Hispanidad (Hempstead, NY & Long Beach, NY)

Languages: English, Spanish
 605 Peninsula Blvd., Hempstead, NY 11550
 Phone: (516) 282-0145

<http://cdlh.org/>

Serves the immigrant community in Long Island through programs in education, English and Spanish literacy programs, GED preparation and career services, domestic violence, housing, HIV/AIDS, and youth services.



7. Colonial Youth & Family Services (Shirley, NY)

Languages: English, Spanish
 2 Coraci Blvd. Suite 17, Shirley, NY 11967
 Phone: (631) 281-4461

<http://colonialyfs.com/>

Offers child care programs for all ages, clinical and counseling services, a student volunteer group, and family assistance services.



8. Community Legal Advocates of New York (Garden City, NY)

Languages: English, Spanish
 38 Old Country Road #205, Garden City, NY 11530
 Phone: (516) 210-6763

<http://www.cla-ny.org/>

Provides direct representation and counseling on a variety of immigration and non-immigration civil legal issues for free or at low cost.



9. Community Voices for Youth & Families (Roslyn, NY)

Languages: English
 P.O. Box 296, Roslyn, NY 11576-2180
 Phone: (516) 757-4079
<http://cv4yf.org/site/>

Provides information about programs and policies that affect children and advocates for youth and families and the organizations that serve them.



10. Coordinated Agency for Spanish Americans (Hempstead, NY)

Languages: English, Spanish
 40 Main St., Hempstead, NY 11550
 Phone: (516) 572-0750
<https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/1584/Coordinated-Agency-for-Spanish-Americans>

Assists Hispanic and Latino Americans in Nassau County with immigration, housing, and education services, as well as referrals and information.



11. Dejus Center, Inc. (Hempstead, NY)

Languages: English, Spanish
 236 Fulton Ave. Suite 222-A, Hempstead, NY 11550
 Phone: (516) 280-3379
<https://www.dejuscenterinc.org/dejus-center-inc>

Advocates for the development and expansion of economic, political, and social power of immigrants working low-wage jobs through direct legal services, community education, and civic engagement.



12. EAC Network

Languages: English, Spanish
 50 Clinton Street Suite 107
 Hempstead, NY 11550
 Phone: (516) 539-0150 Fax: (516)539-0160
 Website: <https://eac-network.org/>
 Email: info@eac-network.org

Provides services in five areas: children & youth, family & community, behavioral health & criminal justice, seniors & the incapacitated, vocational services.



13. Empire Justice Center (Central Islip, NY)

Languages: English, Spanish, but has technology that can also translate for other languages

225 Eastview Dr. Room 222, Central Islip, NY 11722

Phone: (631) 650-2306

<https://empirejustice.org/>

Involved in litigation, policy, and training to strengthen the legal rights of New Yorkers who are poor, disabled, or disenfranchised, in a variety of areas. Immigration services, with a focus on immigrant victims of crime, include government benefit assistance and representation and technical assistance.



14. Family & Children’s Association

Languages: Has access to interpretation services for multiple languages

100 E. Old Country Rd.

Mineola, NY 11501

Phone: (516)746-0350

<http://www.fcacares.com/>

Provides family education & support/Children’s mental health, senior & adult services; residential care, addiction prevention, treatment & recovery.



15. Family Service League – Long Island (Huntington, NY)

Languages: English, Spanish

790 Park Ave., Huntington, NY 11743

Phone: (631) 427-3700

<http://www.fsl-li.org/>

Runs multiple locations in Long Island that offer addiction services, children and youth programs, family mental health and support services, housing and homeless services, integrated health care, technology and job development, and seniors and veterans assistance.



16. Gerald Ryan Outreach Center (Wyandanch, NY)

Languages: English, Spanish

1434 Straight Path, Wyandanch, NY 11798

Phone: (631) 643-7591

<http://geraldryanoutreach.org/>

Provides food, clothing, education, and employment opportunities to the Wyandanch and surrounding communities.



17. Health and Welfare Council of Long Island (Melville, NY)

Languages: English, Haitian Creole, Spanish
 150 Broadhollow Road Suite 118, Melville, NY 11747
 Phone: (516) 483-1110
<http://www.hwcli.com/>

The primary nonprofit umbrella organization for health and human services providers in Long Island through advocacy, support, and communication. Assists with public assistance and health care access in partnership with other community-based organizations.



18. Hempstead Hispanic Civic Association (Hempstead, NY)

Languages: English, Spanish
 236 Main St., Hempstead, NY 11550
 Phone: (516) 292-0007
<http://www.hempsteadhispanic.org/>

Provides services to the Hispanic community in Hempstead. Includes counseling, housing assistance, recreational activities and educational programs, guest speakers and leadership training, and bilingual tutoring for elementary school students.



19. Hispanic Brotherhood of Rockville Centre, Inc. (Rockville Centre, NY)

Languages: English, Spanish
 59 Clinton Ave., Rockville Centre, NY 11570
 Phone: (516) 766-6610
<http://www.hispanicbrotherhood.org/>

Offers assistance to Hispanic immigrants in Freeport, Oceanside, Lynbrook, and Baldwin. Services include an afterschool program and tutoring program, housing and employment counseling, translation, immigration and legal assistance, tenant and employee advocacy, and emergency food.



20. Hispanic Counseling Center (Hempstead, NY)

Languages: English, Spanish
 344 Fulton Ave., Hempstead, NY 11550
 Phone: (516) 538-2613
<http://www.hispaniccounseling.org/>

A bilingual and bicultural organization providing substance abuse treatment services, counseling, advocacy, case management, and other programs for the Hispanic community in Nassau County.



21. The Interfaith Nutrition Network (Hempstead, NY)

Languages: English, Spanish
 100 Madison Ave., Hempstead, NY 11550
 Phone: (516) 486-8506
<https://the-inn.org/>

Runs soup kitchens in Hempstead, Long Beach, Freeport, and Central Islip, in addition to emergency shelters and a long-term housing program.



22. La Fuerza Unida (Glen Cove, NY)

Languages: English, Spanish
 40 Glen St. Suite 1 2nd Floor, Glen Cove, NY 11542
 Phone: (516) 759-0788
<http://www.lfuinc.org/>

Provides programs to the low-income community in Glen Cove in the surrounding areas. These include adult education, computer literacy and career training, youth programs, neighborhood preservation and development, housing and foreclosure counseling, and citizenship and immigration services.



23. LGBT Network

Languages: Has access to interpretation services for multiple languages
Bayshore Center
 34 Park Ave.
 Bayshore, NY 11706
 Phone: (631)665-2300 Fax: (631)665-7874
Hampton Center
 44 Union St. Sag Harbor 11963
 Phone: (631)899-4950 Fax:(631)631-665-7874
Woodbury Center
 20 Crossways Park Dr. N Suite 110
 Woodbury, NY 11797
 Phone: (516)323-0011 Fax:(516)750-4715
www.lgbtnetwork.org

Offers counseling and mental health, HIV/STD testing, support groups. They also have regularly-scheduled programs and services each week and offer public spaces for people of all ages.



24. Literacy Nassau, Inc. (Freeport, NY)

Languages: English, Spanish
 187 Smith St., Freeport, NY 11520
 Phone: (516) 867-3580
<https://www.literacynassau.org/>

Offers English language classes, citizenship test preparation, book and writing clubs for adults with special needs, and tutoring for children with language-based learning disabilities.



25. Long Beach Latino Civic Association (Long Beach, NY)

Languages: English, Spanish
 52 East Park Ave., Long Beach, NY 11561
 Phone: (516) 889-4912
<http://lbtlatinocivic.org/>

Seeks to empower the Latino population of Long Beach through publications, outreach, community surveys, leadership development, and public forums to address issues of education, health care, environmental conservation, and socioeconomic development. Offers activities and services in these areas.



26. The Long Island Advocacy Center (New Hyde Park, NY)

Languages: English, Spanish
 999 Herricks Road, New Hyde Park, NY 11040
 Phone: (516) 248-2222
<http://www.theliac.org/>

Provides legal assistance and services to students and their families in education-related cases in Nassau and Suffolk counties.



27. Long Island Cares, Inc. (Hauppauge, NY)

Languages: English, Spanish
 10 Davids Drive, Hauppauge, NY 11788
 Phone: (631) 582-3663
<https://www.licares.org/>

Operates a food bank with several Long Island locations. Also has programs such as job training, children’s nutrition, pet pantry, and mobile vans with information, referrals and emergency food.



28. Long Island Language Advocates Coalition

Languages: English, Haitian Creole, Spanish

<https://www.longislandlanguageadvocates.org/>

An organization that seeks to improve access to programs by persons with limited English proficiency through advocacy and education. Provides information and resources for those with limited English proficiency and meets once a month alternating between Nassau and Suffolk counties.



29. Long Island 2-1-1

Languages: Can communicate with callers in 200 languages

Phone: 2-1-1 or 1-888-774-7633

<https://211longisland.communityos.org/zf/taxonomy/directory>

The mission of 2-1-1 Long Island is to provide all Long Islanders a comprehensive internet connection to human services on a day-to-day basis and in time of disaster. Services include housing & utilities, crisis & emergency, disaster assistance, food, health, jobs & support.



30. Make the Road New York (Brentwood, NY)

Languages: English, Spanish

1090 Suffolk Ave., Brentwood, NY 11717

Phone: (631) 231-2220

<https://maketheroadny.org/>

A direct service and advocacy organization with programs in adult literacy, civic engagement, community organizing, healthcare and public assistance access, leadership development, legal services, and youth and school programs.



31. North Shore Child & Family Guidance Center (Roslyn Heights, NY)

Languages: English, Spanish

480 Old Westbury Road, Roslyn Heights, NY 11577

Phone: (516) 626-1971

<https://www.northshorechildguidance.org/>

Offers personalized treatment and services to children from birth to age 24 and their families in substance abuse, mental health, and developmental delays. Has three locations in Long Island in Roslyn Heights, Manhasset and Westbury.



32. Organización Latino-Americana of Eastern Long Island (Sagaponack, NY)

Languages: English, Spanish
 P.O. Box 278, Sagaponack, NY 11962
 Phone: (631) 899-3441
<https://www.olaofeasternlongisland.org/>

Works in the areas of the arts, education, and culture through organizing film festivals, theatrical production, ESL and computer classes, leadership seminars, educational forums, and advocacy efforts.



33. Pride for Youth (Bellmore, NY)

Languages: English, Spanish
 2050 Bellmore Ave., Bellmore, NY 11710
 Phone: (516) 679-9000
<https://longislandcrisiscenter.org/>

Serves as a direct service provider and advocate for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer/questioning (LGBTQ) young people through age 30 in Long Island, with counseling, education, and other supportive services.



34. Pronto of Long Island, Inc. (Bay Shore, NY)

Languages: English, Spanish
 128 Pine Aire Drive, Bay Shore, NY 11706
 Phone: (631) 231-8290
<http://www.prntolongisland.com/>

Offers community events, a food pantry, thrift center, and warehouse with gently used household items, as well as English as a Second Language and citizenship classes.



35. SEPA Mujer (Patchogue, NY)

Languages: English, Spanish
 45 Oak St., Patchogue, NY 11772
 Phone: (631) 980-2555
<http://sepamujer.org/>

Offers educational and leadership development trainings for Latina immigrant women, community outreach efforts, legal services for immigrant victims of abuse and violence, and referrals.



36. Suffolk County Division of Services for Children with Special Needs

Languages: Has access to interpretation services for multiple languages
 50 Laser Court
 Hauppauge, NY 11788
 Phone: (631) 853-3100 – Fax: (631) 853-2310
<http://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/departments/healthservices/servicesforchildrenwithspecialneeds.aspx>
 Works in providing education, advocacy and early intervention services.



37. Suffolk County Youth Bureau

Languages: Has access to interpretation services for multiple languages
 H. Lee Dennison Building – 3rd Floor
 100 Veterans Memorial Highway
 Hauppauge, NY 11788-0099
 Phone: (631) 853-8270 Fax: (631) 853-8271
<http://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/CountyExecutive/YouthBureau.aspx>
youth.services@co.suffolk.ny.us
 Offers services to Suffolk County Youth, under the age of 21 by ensuring their physical, social and educational well-being. The agencies contracted by this organization offer the following services: Crisis Intervention, Informal and Formal Counseling, Temporary Shelter, Recreational/Cultural Programs, Employment Programs, Information and Referral, Advocacy, Educational Programs, Youth Hotlines, and Runaway and Homeless Youth Services.



38. United Way of Long Island

Languages: Can communicate in 200 languages
 819 Grand Blvd.
 Deer Park, NY 11729-4511
 Phone: (631) 940-3700 – Fax: (631) 940-2551
www.unitedwayli.org
 Education; emergency services (food shelter); health
 Creates opportunities by focusing on education, financial stability and health.



Statewide Resources

New York State Immigrant Resource Guide

<https://www.ny.gov/we-are-all-immigrants/new-york-state-immigrant-resource-guide>

The New York State Immigrant Resource Guide offers a comprehensive list of state government agencies that can provide services in language access, crime & discrimination, legal services, consumer protection, health services, financial assistance, and community involvement.

2-1-1 New York

<https://211nys.org/>

Dial 211 on your phone for a free, non-emergency information service that connects you to health and human services. Operators are available in many languages. Their database of services is also accessible online.

Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) of New York State

<https://www.boces.org/>

BOCES provide shared educational programs and services to nearly all school districts except the "Big Five" (New York City, Buffalo, Rochester, Yonkers, and Syracuse). Some of their services include career and technical programs for high school students, services for students with disabilities, summer school, and literacy and employment training programs for adults. Find your local BOCES at the website listed above.

New York State Division of Human Rights (DHR)

<https://dhr.ny.gov/>

The DHR enforces New York's Human Rights law, which prohibits discrimination in employment, housing, credit, places of public accommodations, and non-sectarian educational institutions, based on age, race, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, military status, and other specified classes. You can report complaints of discriminatory practices for DHR's investigation on their website or at (888) 392-3644.

New York State Office for New Americans (ONA)

<https://www.newamericans.ny.gov/>

ONA operates 27 neighborhood-based **Opportunity Centers** that provide a variety of free services including legal assistance, English-for-Speakers-of-other-Languages (ESOL) classes, naturalization support, entrepreneurial trainings and workshops on accessing state services. The multi-lingual **New York State New Americans Hotline** (1-800-566-7636) provides free and confidential immigration information and referrals to trusted help in more than 200 languages.

Office of Bilingual Education and World Languages (OBEWL)

<http://www.nysed.gov/bilingual-ed>

New York State Education Department's OBEWL provides guidance and resources for English Language Learners/Multilingual Learners (ELLs/MLLs). Their website offers the most up-to-date regulations and memoranda as well as parent resources and a hotline for families of ELL/MLL students in New York schools.

Statewide Community-Based Organizations

American Immigration Lawyers Association – New York Chapter

<http://www.ailany.org/>

The American Immigration Lawyers Association is an association of attorneys who practice and teach immigration law. They represent tens of thousands of U.S. businesses and industries, foreign students, entertainers, athletes, and asylum seekers, often on a *pro bono* basis.

Asian American Federation

<http://www.aafny.org/>

The Asian American Federation represents a network of pan-Asian community service agencies in the Northeast. They work in research, policy advocacy, public awareness, and organizational development in the areas of health & human services, education, economic development, civic participation, and social justice.

Empire Justice Center

<https://empirejustice.org/>

The Empire Justice Center is a statewide organization that seeks to strengthen the legal rights of people in New York who are poor and disenfranchised. They provide training, support, and technical assistance to legal services, offer direct civil legal assistance to individuals, and engage in policy analysis, research, and advocacy.

Hispanic Federation

<https://hispanicfederation.org/>

The Hispanic Federation is a national Latino nonprofit membership organization that works in the areas of education, health, immigration, civic engagement, economic empowerment, and the environment. They provide services to their member groups as well as advocate for the interests of Latinos and run community assistance programs with direct social services.

Immigrant Defense Project

<https://www.immigrantdefenseproject.org/>

The Immigrant Defense Project works to secure fairness and justice for immigrants in the United States through training and advice, impact litigation, advocacy, community engagement and education, and communications and messaging. They provide resources for communities and attorneys and a hotline for free legal advice.

International Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP)

<https://refugeerights.org/>

The International Refugee Assistance Project provides *pro bono* direct legal aid, litigation, and advocacy for refugees and displaced persons, as well as information and resources for these populations.

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)

<https://www.nysnaacp.org/>

The NAACP advocates for the political, educational, social, and economic equality of all citizens and a society in which all individuals have equal rights without discrimination based on race. They work in the areas of civic engagement, criminal justice, education, health, and economic sustainability.

New York Civil Liberties Union (NYCLU)

<https://www.nyclu.org/>

The New York Civil Liberties Union fights for the civil liberties and civil rights through a multi-layered program of litigation, advocacy, public education, and community organizing. NYCLU has eight offices across New York State and provides legal services, information, and resources in response to civil rights violations.

New York Immigrant Coalition (NYIC)

<https://www.nyic.org/>

The New York Immigrant Coalition is an umbrella policy and advocacy organization that represents over 200 immigrant and refugee rights groups throughout New York. They engage in voter outreach and mobilization, offer multilingual informational materials on issues pertaining to immigrants, advocate for laws and policies, and conduct annual workshops and presentations on immigration law and other issues that affect immigrants.

Parent-Child Home Program (PCHP)

<http://www.parent-child.org/>

The Parent-Child Home Program's network of program sites provides low-income families with the necessary skills and tools to ensure their children achieve their greatest potential in school and in life. They offer 29 sites across New York that engage in home visits, educational resource distributions, and academic preparation.

Protecting Immigrant New Yorkers (PINY)

<https://protectingimmigrants.org/>

Protecting Immigrant New Yorkers is a task force under the New York Immigrant Coalition that coordinates between government agencies and community-based organizations to combat immigration services fraud. They promote best practices, encourage dialogue, coordinate enforcement action against scammers, produce materials such as public awareness ad campaigns, know-your-rights flyers, and consumer scam advisories.

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