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#### El Concilio

(269) 385-6279 | 930 Lake Suite A, Kalamazoo, MI 49001 https://elconciliokzoo.org/services/

- El Concilio is a non-profit, community-focused organization that seeks to help Latinx residents support their families, contribute to society and appreciate their cultural significance in the region.
- The Resource Center services are available to all in need of help. Through these services, they provide assistance to those with language, cultural and/or legal barriers and require additional education and advocacy for various issues. This is free.

### **Equality Michigan**

(313) 573-7000 | https://equalitymi.org/

Contact: Margaret Avery (517) 929-3238 | mavery@equalitymi.org

- LGBTQ+ political advocacy organization. Formerly the Triangle Foundation, EQMI has been Michigan's premier LGBTQ+ anti-violence and political advocacy organization for over 25 years and counting.
- Connects victims of individual incidents of bias, discrimination, harassment, and violence, including
  intimate partner violence, to the support, referral, and navigational services they need to achieve
  justice.

# Michigan Immigrant Rights Center

(269) 492-7196 | 350 E Michigan Ave, Suite 315, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

https://michiganimmigrant.org/

 Legal resource center for Michigan's immigrant communities. Guides, resources, and connections to services are available.

# NAACP Metropolitan Kalamazoo Branch

(269) 343-4105 | 1000 West Paterson St, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

https://www.naacpkalamazoo.org/

- Their mission is to achieve equity, political rights, and social inclusion by advancing policies and practices that expand human and civil rights, eliminate discrimination, and accelerate the well-being, education, and economic security of Black people and all persons of color.
- File complaints about racial discrimination here.

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# **ACLU of Michigan**

2966 Woodward Ave, Detroit, MI 48201

https://www.aclumich.org/

- The ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union) is an organization that works to protect the basic rights of every person in the United States.
- File legal complaints here.