

Immigration & Newcomer Resources

[Español](#)

Recent actions and communications at the national level regarding immigration have caused many of our families and staff concern.

Pleasanton Unified Board Resolution: Providing All Children Equal Access to Education, Regardless of Immigration Status (ED)

 [2024-2025.38 Equal Access Resolution 1.30.25 FINAL.pdf](#)

Alameda County Office of Education and Alameda County Sheriff's Office issued a joint statement on Monday, 2/10/25: [ACOE and ACSO Joint Statement](#)

Pleasanton Unified School District Board Policy and Administrative Regulations in relation to Immigration Enforcement

[Board Policy 5145.13](#)

[Administrative Regulation 5145.13](#)

[3F's Law - Undocumented Students & the Facts](#)
[California Immigration Resources for Schools](#)

From the Office of the Attorney General

- [Student and Family Checklist \(English\)](#)
 - [Spanish](#)
 - [Traditional Chinese](#)
 - [Vietnamese](#)
 - [Korean](#)
 - [Tagalog](#)
 - [Arabic](#)

[Immigration Legal Resource Center](#) has more information including:

- [Immigration Preparedness Kit](#)
- [El Plan De Preparación de Inmigración](#)

[San Diego County Office of Education Resource Hub](#)
[ACSA Immigration Resources Hub](#)

Red Cards can be available at School Offices for anyone to take (should arrive by 2/14/25)

[Print Your Own](#) - 19 languages

General

Click below to view more information about the resources available.

<p><i>Low Fee or Free Legal Services for Immigrants</i></p> <p><i>Asylum Legal Resources</i></p>	<p>Bay Area Consulate Listing</p>	<p>Public Charge Rule</p> <p>Public Charge Explained</p>	<p>Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)</p>
<p>Guide for Students and Families - English</p> <p>Spanish</p> <p>Traditional Chinese</p> <p>Vietnamese</p> <p>Korean</p> <p>Tagalog</p> <p>Arabic</p>	<p>Know Your Rights</p>	<p>Family Preparedness Plan</p>	<p>Alameda County Rapid Response Line (510) 241-4011</p>
<p>PUSD General Referrals</p>	<p>Parenting Frequently Asked Questions</p>	<p>Where Can I Learn English</p> <p>Pleasanton Adult & Career Education</p>	<p>The Healthcare System for CA Immigrants - Nov 2022.pdf</p>

ACEI (Academic Credentials Evaluation Institute, Inc.)

<https://acei-global.org/>

Fee based program: \$115 to \$205

Evaluates educational credentials from around the world and recommends the U.S. educational equivalency. Advises students on their higher education plans based on their individual interest and abilities.

Alameda County Newcomers' Welcome webpage

East Bay Refugee & Immigrant Forum

https://newcomerswelcome.acgov.org/resource-directory/ncw-category/benefits-assistance/#pll_switcher

Comprehensive website that provides resources for the following: Basic Needs, Safety & Legal, Learning & Career, Governmental Resources, Community & Culture, and Engagement.

Alameda County Social Service Agency

[Refugees, Immigrants and Asylees](#)

We provide financial, food, and healthcare assistance, employment and training, and other culturally sensitive supportive services and referrals. (Brindamos asistencia financiera, alimentaria y de atención médica, empleo y capacitación, y otros servicios y referencias de apoyo culturalmente sensibles.)

Bay Area Resource For Newcomers - BRFN

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

1811 11th Avenue, Oakland, CA 94606

Organization provides cultural orientation & in person support as needed (currently virtual services), Interpretation, linkages and navigation, Assistance with applying and maintaining Public Benefits (CalFresh, Medi-Cal, RCA, CalWorks, GA, SSI, CAPI and IHSS), Referrals and navigation for English classes, health care and health insurance, employment, food banks, school enrollment, immigration and citizenship & mental health services, public transportation & DMV navigation, share affordable housing applications via email (when available), linkage to financial literacy programs and tax services, and MORE. Languages available: Tigrinya/ Amharic / Dari/Farsi/Pashto/Urdu.

For referrals, please reach out to Hermon Kifleyesus at hermonk@brfn.org (510) 776-9527

Central Legal De La Raza

<https://www.centrolegal.org/immigrants-rights/>

3400 E. 12th St., Oakland, CA 94601 | 510-437-1554

Centro Legal's Immigration practice is focused on serving the needs of our most vulnerable community members, including families living in poverty, long residing undocumented immigrants and families, youth, victims of violent crimes, Asylum Seekers, and detained individuals in removal proceedings.

Centro Legal also runs a robust pro bono immigration program. We train and provide technical and substantive assistance for pro bono attorneys representing clients seeking U-visa relief, Asylum before the immigration courts and Asylum Office, and bond for release from immigration detention. Pro bono attorneys also participate in our clinics and workshops under Central Legal's supervision and mentorship.

[Centro Legal de la Raza: Immigration Non- Profit legal services.](#) Lista de organizaciones que ofrecen servicios legales de inmigración a bajo costo en el área de la bahía.

CERI (Center for Empowering Refugees & Immigrants)

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

554 Grand Ave, Oakland, CA 94610

(510) 444-1671

info@cerieastbay.org

940-441-7755

ivyoti.suresh@cerieastbay.org [will respond within 48 business hours]

Organization offers individual & family crisis counseling. Assessment, referral and resource linkage, brief educational and supportive contact, support groups & self-care workshops, community networking and public education presentations. All services are free & anonymous. Services are available in the following languages: English, Khmer, Nepali, Hindi, Marathi, Gujarati, Punjabi, Burmese, Tagalog, Portuguese, Kinyarwanda, Swahili, French.

Eastmont Refugee Health Clinic (Healthcare)

510-567-5700 (press option 0)

6955 Foothill Blvd. #200, Eastmont Mall Shopping Center, Oakland, CA , 94605

Provide a refugee health intake & will do a comprehensive health screening and all appropriate vaccinations and lab tests will be provided free of charge! If the family does receive a bill for some reason, the family should email it back to them and they will take care of it. To start the process, email them at rhapreferrals@alamedahealthsystems.org and provide the following information: family name, DOB, address, patient's phone number, immigration status.

Fuente Wellness Center

16335 East 14th Street, 2nd floor

San Leandro, CA 94578

Phone: (510) 481-4556

Fax: (510) 481-4535

Provides the following services to youth 11-24 regardless of insurance or residency. Open Monday-Friday from 2-6pm, and insurance registration and enrollment assistance is offered from 11-1pm daily.

- *Physicals*
- *Immunizations*
- *Dental services- general x-rays, dental sealants, fillings, cleaning, simple extractions, non-surgical wisdom tooth extraction (no oral surgery)*
- *Vision referrals*
- *Asthma management*
- *Obesity treatment*
- *Referrals for personal fitness trainer*
- *Individual and family counseling*
- *Reproductive health services*
- *Insurance registration and referrals*
- *Mentorship & youth health care career internships*

HealthPAC (Healthcare)

1-877-879-9633

1-800-422-9495(for Individuals and Families)

Program that provides comprehensive health care services through a contracted network of healthcare providers. This is NOT health insurance, but does provide basic and ongoing healthcare needs, but only through certain places. To qualify, you must meet the following requirements: 1) Resident of Alameda County 2) Have a gross monthly income at or below

the 200% Federal Poverty Line 3) Not be enrolled or eligible for full-scope Medi-Cal 4) Not be enrolled in private or employer-based insurance. If interested, contact a provider from this list: <http://achealthcare.org/health-insurance-info/low-income-coverage-options/healthpac/>

HealthPAC will help families and individuals with Medical applications. Individuals applying must provide proof of identification, proof of address, proof of income, birth certificate.

International Institute of the Bay Area

(510) 451-2846

476 3rd Street, Oakland

The International Institute of the Bay Area's (IIBA) Oakland Office provides immigration legal services to the Bay Area community. Our immigration attorneys and Board of Immigration Appeals Accredited Representatives help Bay Area residents determine if they are eligible for immigration relief, and represent them throughout the application process. Consultation, citizenship services, crime victim services, and deportation defense referrals are offered in Spanish, English and Mandarin. Click [here](#) for more details and pricing of services.

International Rescue Committee- Economic Empowerment Program

440 Grand Avenue, Suite 500

Oakland, CA, 94610

Ph - 510-452-8222

Geared towards finding full-time employment that offers case management. Specific match grant program that assists with housing.

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

- Car loans for new refugees
- Job placement work
- English classes
- Housing support for a few months (stipends for different living expenses such as rent, utilities, transportation)
- Scholarships for refugees that want to learn to drive
- IT & CNA trainings

If you have a new family, reach out to Gagan Kaur [Gaganjyot.Kaur@rescue.org] so she can schedule screening with the family.

Jewish Family & Community Services East Bay

(925) 927-2000

Ami Dodson- Volunteer Services Manager [adodson@ifcs-eastbay.org]

JFCS East Bay's resettlement program has long focused on refugees who have experienced persecution based on their religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or gender identity. We have extensive expertise in resettling refugees who are vulnerable and fleeing violent and dire circumstances. Our resettlement team includes Dari, Farsi, Pashtu, Urdu, Arabic, French, and Spanish speakers, many of whom were themselves refugees or immigrants. Our resettlement program features comprehensive case management, including:

- pre-migration documentation and assistance
- Basic legal assistance
- assistance with finding initial housing
- in-depth and ongoing cultural orientation
- accessing medical and mental health services

- enrolling clients in ESL classes and vocational support
- enrolling children in schools
- linking clients with appropriate local resources
- matching clients with volunteers and tutors
- managing crises or family upheaval
- Linking Russian and Afghan seniors to adult day health programs in their own languages.
- Can provide gift cards, as well as food/grocery delivery
- Access to household items
- Facilitating annual celebrations for both American and home-country holidays, including Victory Day, Ramadan, Mother's Day, Chanukah, and Passover.
- Holding community potlucks.

Mission Asset Fund (MAF)

San Francisco, CA

MAF once again offered financial assistance to Dreamers eligible to submit a DACA renewal application following USCIS's announcement that they are currently accepting renewal applications. Click [here](#) for more information on how you could apply for financial assistance to cover the \$495 application fee.

Muslim Community Center (MCC East Bay)

<https://mcceastbay.org/programs/>

5724 W. Las Positas Blvd.

Pleasanton, CA

MCC serves the spiritual, educational, social, and cultural needs of the East Bay Muslim community and society while exemplifying excellence and fostering peace.

Every Tuesday 4-6pm Food Bank open to all

Saturdays once a month, Halal food open to Muslims - call for day and time

Most services/programs are primarily for Muslims due to special funding. For additional services, please call (925) 485-1784

Soccer Without Borders

www.soccerwithoutborders.org

510-859-4874

Provides year-round soccer, community-building, and academic support activities for refugee children and youth. Free program that provides sports equipment needed for youth to play in soccer leagues with their SWB teams throughout the Fall, Winter, Spring and offers educational summer camps.

UCSF Pediatric Human Rights Collaborative-East Bay

747 52nd street

Oakland, CA 94609

Ph - (510)- 610-9678

Email - immigrantchild@ucsf.edu

<https://immigrantchild.ucsf.edu/ucsf-pediatric-human-rights-collaborative-east-bay>

The UCSF Pediatric Human Rights Collaborative-East Bay provides individuals seeking asylum with forensic documentation of the physical and psychological manifestations of torture and ill-treatment experienced in order to apply for asylum in the United States. The

clinic trains clinicians on how to perform forensic evaluations and help build a network of providers in the Bay Area, advocate for asylum seekers and provide referrals to health and social services for the clients we serve.

Central & South America (Spanish)

Haga clic a continuación para ver más información sobre los recursos disponibles.

Bajo Costo o Servicios Legales Gratuitos para Inmigrantes	Listado de Consulados del Área de la Bahía	Regla de Carga Pública	Acción Diferida para los Llegados en la Infancia (DACA)
Guide for Students and Families - English Guía para estudiantes y familias - Spanish	Conoce sus derechos	Plan de Preparación Familiar	Línea de respuesta rápida del condado de Alameda (510) 241-4011
EL SISTEMA DE SALUD PARA INMIGRANTES DE CALIFORNIA			

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Afghanistan

Information for Families in English/Dari [HERE](#)

Afghan Support and Investment Program (ASIP)

<https://www.cdss.ca.gov/asip>

ASIP was designed to provide time-limited housing rental subsidies and housing focused services aimed at helping Afghan arrivals stabilize and move towards self-sufficiency. The program has been largely successful with over 4,700 ASIP applications approved to date. As we near the end of this time-limited program, ASIP will stop accepting applications for those admitted to the United States under Operation Allies Welcome as of September 30, 2022. Please email ASIP@dss.ca.gov with intake app questions between now and 9/30/22 - the website says application is closed but by emailing you can still complete the application

Afghan Coalition [Flyer](#)

39155 Liberty Street D-460

Fremont, CA, 94538

(510)-745-1680

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

Formed in 1996, Afghan Coalition is a non-profit community organization dedicated to strengthening Afghan families by improving their access to social services, and by building a strong and united Afghan American community. We offer early intervention and prevention mental health services including support groups, prevention visits and individual counseling. Services include:

- Assistance for relocation for new arrivals
- Bilingual translation
- Immigration Lawyer * (Pars Equality)
- CalFresh Enrollment assistance
- Tutoring and school support [A tutor.pdf](#)
- Afghan Wellness Program
- English Classes
- Help with Social Service and School paperwork
- Parenting Workshops
- Community Gatherings
- Youth Group for children
- Coronavirus Updates

Burma Refugee Families and Newcomers (BRFN)

1811 11th Avenue, Oakland, CA 94606

For information, please email: info@brfn.org

Faisal Esmaty, Case Manager
510-999-5444

BRFN's main program is the Social Adjustment/Integration Program. In all our programs, we work collaboratively with other community-based organizations for coordinated care to address the multiple complexities that our newcomer communities face.

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Project Anar

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

<https://www.projectanar.org/contact>

Project ANAR (the Afghan Network for Advocacy and Resources) is an Afghan community immigration justice organization formed and led by Afghan American women, in partnership with other immigration lawyers, that focuses on legal services, community education, and advocacy and engagement. Project ANAR's objectives include obtaining permanent status for Afghans in the U.S., advocating for the expansion of pathways for those seeking refuge, and seeking an end to the systems that displace our community. Project ANAR works primarily in the Bay Area, California and in the DMV region, but also engages in national level advocacy and legal services coalition work.

Refugee & Immigrant Transitions

Oakland Office: 1811 11th Avenue, Third Floor, Oakland, CA 94606

Phone: (510) 403-1290/ **Website:** www.reftrans.org

Follow RIT news here: reftrans.org/news

In response to the tragic events in Afghanistan and to help refugee resettlement agencies cope with the number of cases assigned to them after the evacuations, RIT is working in collaboration with the International Rescue Committee (IRC) and Jewish Family and Community Services East Bay (JFCS), to ensure all incoming Afghan students are enrolled in school in a timely manner and have access to education systems.

The Five Pillars Organization

<https://www.the5ivepillars.org/>

<https://www.the5ivepillars.org/contact-us>

The Five Pillars Organization is an Afghan-American led organization that aids in the resettlement of newcomer migrants in Northern California.

In conjunction with resettlement organizations, city/county agencies, and other partners, we provide vital case management support and rapid response aid to resettled families, especially to those who fled Afghanistan in Summer of 2021.

We are thrilled to invite your family to a **one-of-a-kind educational program** created especially for Afghan newcomer families, in partnership with **Chabot Community College!**

Here's what makes this opportunity so special:

Free English (ESL) Courses for Parents & Adults

Learn English from a Chabot College professor in a welcoming, supportive environment.



Tutoring for Children

While parents are in class ☀️s, children can receive school subject tutoring from experienced Afghan educators, including Professor Shamila. Professor Shamila brings a wealth of experience from her time as Math Professor in Afghanistan.



A Unique College Experience for the Whole Family

This program not only supports your family today, but also **opens doors to future college and career opportunities.**

Classes meet once a week, every Wednesday! After you register, we'll share all the details you need. Space is limited—don't miss this chance for your family to learn, grow, and succeed together!



Register here and our team will be in touch: <https://forms.gle/gENFV7LoPM99Dzd46>

UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital- Afghan Community Resources

<https://immigrantchild.ucsf.edu/afghan-community-resources>

In order to streamline information and resources for individuals trapped in Afghanistan, the UC Berkeley Office of Government and Community Relations created a Google doc with information about current evacuations, visa information, and how students can protect their academic records. It will be updated as more information is received.

Ukraine

Momentum 4 Ukraine (<https://momentumai.org/momentum4ukraine>). We are an educational, outreach program in collaboration with MIT Momentum AI, Princeton Students 4 Ukraine, and Tutoring Without Borders. Together, we are setting up a virtual program to help connect college mentors with Ukrainian students to teach a wide range of topics including Machine Learning/AI, Web Design, Math, English, Sciences, and more!

We are offering a few virtual programs you can sign up for:

Momentum AI is offering a 4-week program to teach either machine learning/AI or web design. You will get to meet with college students from top American universities including MIT and Princeton, and get to work in a hands-on environment to build a machine learning model or website.

Students 4 Ukraine is offering a 4+ week directed reading program for students interested in learning more about topics in Math, Sciences, or English. You will be paired up with college students from top American colleges to complete a project in a topic that interests you.

If you are interested in joining either program, please fill out the following form with your information and we will get back to you once we see your application!

Form: <https://forms.gle/ztdPgHNOPUWEHfZX6>