

# **Immigration**

# **Resource Guide**

This guide provides key immigration resources to support immigrant communities. These resources offer legal assistance, advocacy, state-specific data, and policy guidance.

This is a living document. Check regularly for updates, additional resources and information will be added frequently.

### **Key Statistics & Facts**

- Cost of Deportation: Deporting one individual cost an average of \$10,854, whereas providing a path to citizenship can contribute over \$1 trillion in economic growth over a decade. (Source: American Immigration Council)
- Economic Contributions: Immigrants make up 16% of the U.S. labor force and own nearly 22% of small businesses, driving economic growth and job creation. (Source: U.S. Small Business Administration)

#### **Legal & Policy Resources**

#### **American Immigration Council**

Website: https://www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org/

**Description:** A leading immigration policy organization that provides research, legal resources, and advocacy to promote fair immigration policies. Their reports highlight economic contributions of immigrants and expose injustices in the immigration system.

### **State-Specific Immigration Data**

Website: https://www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org/topics/state-by-state

**Description**: Legislators can access state-specific immigration facts and data to understand the economic and social impact of immigrants in their communities. These fact sheets can be used to inform policy discussions and advocacy efforts.

## **Workplace Immigration Resource Guide**

#### **Know Your Rights - ILRC Red Cards**

Website: https://www.ilrc.org/red-cards-tarjetas-rojas

**Description:** The Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC) provides "Red Cards" to help immigrants understand their rights when interacting with law enforcement or immigration officers. These cards offer guidance on how to respond to ICE encounters and protect legal rights.

### **Guidance on Immigration Issues in Schools**

Website: https://www.nea.org/resource-library/guidance-immigration-issues

**Description:** The National Education Association (NEA) provides guidelines for educators and school administrators on how to support immigrant students. This includes information on student privacy, school safety, and protections under federal law.

#### **Advocacy & Support Organizations**

#### **Black Alliance for Just Immigration (BAJI)**

Website: www.baji.org

**Description:** BAJI advocates for racial justice and immigrant rights, with a focus on Black immigrants and refugees. They provide legal support, policy recommendations, and community organizing efforts to address systemic barriers in the immigration system.

#### **UndocuBlack Network**

Website: www.undocublack.org

**Description:** The UndocuBlack Network is a national organization that empowers Black undocumented immigrants through advocacy, mental health support, and legal assistance. They work to improve the lives of Black immigrants by challenging anti-Blackness in the immigration system.

#### **Haitian Bridge Alliance**

Website: https://haitianbridgealliance.org/

**Description:** This grassroots organization supports Haitian and other Black immigrants by providing legal assistance, humanitarian aid, and policy advocacy. The group focuses on asylum seekers, migrants at the U.S.-Mexico border, and those impacted by deportation policies.

#### For Further Assistance

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