

Resources for Immigrants

American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA)

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

Mission: Promote justice, advocate for fair and reasonable immigration law and policy, advance the quality of immigration and nationality law and practice, and enhance the professional development of AILA members.

Find an Immigration Lawyer: <https://ailalawyer.com/>

Building One Community (Stamford)

<https://b1c.org/>

Building One Community's (B1C) mission is to advance the successful integration of immigrants and their families.

Legal Services: <https://b1c.org/legal/>

Community Resources: <https://b1c.org/community-resources/>

Brazilian Immigrant Center

<https://braziliancenter.org/>

The Boston-based Brazilian Worker Center (BWC), supports immigrants in defending and advancing their labor and immigrant rights. The BWC is known as a reputable, engaged organization that represents, supports, and organizes the Brazilian and wider immigrant community to defend and advocate for their rights, as workers and immigrant residents of the state and nation.

Catholic Charities Immigration Services

<https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/what-we-do/immigration-services/>

Catholic Charities has agencies in Hartford, Bridgeport, and Norwich, Connecticut, as well as around the United States. Their ministry to vulnerable people on the move is a cornerstone of their identity. Catholic Charities immigration services support the federal government's right and duty to regulate our borders while also calling for bipartisan, effective, humane reforms to our country's broken immigration system.

Nearest agency locator: <https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/about-us/find-a-local-agency/>

Center for Children's Advocacy

<https://cca-ct.org/>

The Center for Children's Advocacy is a nonprofit law firm which fights for the legal rights of Connecticut's most vulnerable children. The Center for Children's Advocacy helps at-risk children avoid deportation to a dangerous environment and helps traumatized children get the support they need to learn English and succeed in school.

Immigrant Children's Justice Project: <https://cca-ct.org/our-work/immigration/>

Center for Latino Progress

<https://ctprf.org/>

The Center for Latino Progress is the only Latino serving organization in the state of Connecticut recognized by the U.S. Department of Justice Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) Office of Legal Access Programs (OLAP) to provide legal, linguistically, and culturally competent services, to the growing legal permanent resident population in the area. The Center has an EOIR / OLAP Accredited Representative / legal immigration expert to serve the immigrant community.

The website is available in English and Spanish.

CT Institute for Refugees and Immigrants (CIRI)

<https://cirict.org/>

CIRI provides a compassionate array of high-quality legal, social, and educational programming for refugees, immigrants, and survivors of human trafficking and torture. For general questions about our Immigration Legal Services, citizenship preparation classes or to inquire about coordinating a presentation or training, please email immigration@cirict.org or contact the nearest Connecticut Institute for Refugees and Immigrants' office.

Immigration Resources

CIRIS's Immigration Legal Services Program provides affordable legal assistance to immigrants and their families. Established in 1918, the agency is the only statewide nonprofit agency recognized by the Department of Justice (DOJ) and primarily services lower income individuals. Program staff, comprised of attorneys and DOJ Accredited Legal Representatives, are committed not only to providing immigration counseling and representation, but also to empowering individuals so that they understand the immigration law and their rights under the law.

To schedule an appointment, contact one of the offices below:

Bridgeport Office: 670 Clinton Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06605; 203-336-0141

Stamford Office: 34 Woodland Avenue, Stamford, CT 06902; 203-965-7190

Hartford Office: 75 Charter Oak Avenue, Suit 2-180, Hartford, CT 06106; 860-692-3085

Waterbury Office: 233 Mill Street 3rd Floor (Riba Aspira Building), Waterbury, CT 06706;
203-754-6172 Ext 102

New Haven Office: 1440 Whalley Avenue, 2nd Floor, New Haven, CT 06515; 203-336-0141

Immigration Legal Services provides assistance in a broad range of immigration cases through its offices in Stamford, Bridgeport, Waterbury, and Hartford. This includes:

Family-based immigration petitions

Adjustment of status applications

Consular Processing

Representation of survivors of domestic violence, human trafficking, and other serious crimes

Applications for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals

Permanent residency applications for refugees and asylees

Applications for Naturalization and Certificates of Citizenship

Document renewals and replacements

Applications for asylum and related relief

Removal (deportation) defense

CT Legal Services

<https://ctlegal.org/>

CT Legal Services helps help victims of domestic violence and unaccompanied minors stabilize their immigration status. They have six full-service offices across the state—New London, Willimantic, New Britain, Waterbury, Bridgeport, and Stamford—and an administrative office in Middletown.

Location finder: <https://ctlegal.org/about/locations/>

CT Students for a Dream (C4D)

<https://www.ct4adream.org/>

C4D is the only undocumented youth-led statewide organization in CT that fights and builds power for the rights and dignity of immigrants and communities of color. C4D is proud to be the largest grassroots community of immigrants and undocumented people, working tirelessly to create positive change through programs like:

- Immigrant Health Project
 - Youth Leadership Development
 - Educational Empowerment
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DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals)

<https://www.uscis.gov/DACA>

The most up-to-date information on Consideration of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) may found on this webpage that is part of the larger U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) website.

Immigration Resources: Family Preparedness Plan

To assist families who have concerns about immigration enforcement, particularly regarding the possibility of the deportation or detainment of guardians and the impact that it could have on their children, the Connecticut Governor's Office has developed a useful toolkit that people can utilize. There is no cost to utilize any of the documents contained in the toolkit, and neither attorneys nor court action are needed.

The toolkit is available in multiple languages and may be found by clicking this link:

https://portal.ct.gov/familypreparedness.?language=en_US

Immigration Advocates Network

Harnessing the power of technology and collaboration to support immigrants and their allies.

Advocate Resource Center:

<https://www.immigrationadvocates.org/nonprofit/>

Connecticut Immigration Legal Services Directory:

<https://www.immigrationadvocates.org/nonprofit/legaldirectory/search?state=CT>

Pro-Bono Volunteer Guide Connecticut:

<https://www.immigrationadvocates.org/nonprofit/volunteer/search?state=CT>

Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services (IRIS)

<https://irisct.org/>

Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services (IRIS) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to help refugees and other displaced people establish new lives, strengthen hope, dare to dream, and contribute to the vitality of communities in Connecticut and across the country.

Services: <https://irisct.org/our-services/>

Contact:

Email: info@irisct.org
Phone: 203.562.2095

Locations:

New Haven Office: 235 Nicoll Street, New Haven, CT 06511

Hartford Office: 25 Main Street, Hartford CT 06106

Know Your Rights Toolkit

The Immigrant Legal Resource Center has created a variety of materials to educate the community and prepare individuals for encounters with immigration authorities.

Resources may be found here: <https://www.ilrc.org/resources/community/know-your-rights-toolkit> and include handouts, videos, and webinars in multiple languages.

New Haven Legal Assistance Association, Inc.

<https://nhlegal.org/>

The New Haven Legal Assistance Association, Inc. (NHLAA) secures justice for and protects the rights of those residents of New Haven County unable to engage legal counsel.

Immigration law services: Removal defense including asylum, special immigrant juvenile status petitions, and other defensive humanitarian application like VAWA petitions, U Visas, and T Visas with a focus on survivors of domestic violence and detained individuals.

TheDream.US

<https://www.thedream.us/>

TheDream.US is the nation's largest college and career success program for undocumented immigrant youth, having provided more than 10,000 college scholarships to Dreamers attending close to 80 partner colleges in 20+ states and Washington, DC. The Dream.US scholarships are for highly motivated undocumented students who want to get a college education but are unable to afford the cost. Eastern CT and Southern CT State Universities are partner colleges in CT.

Scholarships: <https://www.thedream.us/scholarships/>

UndocuAlly Training: <https://www.thedream.us/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Pre-Work-Packet.pdf>

UConn School of Law Asylum and Human Rights Clinic

<https://law.uconn.edu/academics/clinics-experiential-education/asylum-human-rights-clinic/>

The Asylum and Human Rights Clinic represents clients who have fled persecution or torture in their home countries and seek refuge in the United States. Its clients include people from all parts of the world who face persecution because of their political opinion, religion, race or ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or family ties.

Contact: legalclinic@uconn.edu; (860) 570-5165

United We Dream (UWD)

unitedwedream.org

[C4D](#) (more information shared above) is a Connecticut affiliate of UWD.

Resources: <https://unitedwedream.org/resources/>

Local Danbury Resources

The American Dream Foundation (TNADF)

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Information available in English, Spanish, & Portuguese

The TNADF's mission is to celebrate, support, and inspire immigrants of all generations, committed to providing opportunities that enhance access to education, health, and civic engagement.

Services include:

Needs assessment

Citizenship help

Notary

Family Preparedness Plan Help

Contact:

newamericandreamcenter@gmail.com

(475) 296-3559

Danbury Area Refugee Assistance

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

Danbury Area Refugee Assistance (DARA) is a nonprofit organization that resettles refugee families, providing advocacy and support as they work toward self-sufficiency to become productive members of our community.

DARA partners with Integrated Refugee & Immigration Services (IRIS). All requests for assistance should be directed to IRIS using the contact information that follows.

Contact:

Email: info@irisct.org

Phone: 203.562.2095

Locations:

New Haven Office: 235 Nicoll Street, New Haven, CT 06511

Hartford Office: 25 Main Street, Hartford CT 06106

LEAD – Latinos for Educational Advocacy and Diversity

<https://ctlead.org/>

Community Centers:

New Haven: 100 Crown Street; 203-826-9267

Bridgeport: 1021 Main St; 475-296-8582

Danbury: 358 Main Street; 203-826-9267

Norwich: 48 Franklin Street; 860-835-3496

United Way of Coastal and Western Connecticut

[United Way of Coastal and Western Connecticut](#)

Locations

301 Main St., Ste. 2-5; **Danbury**, CT 06810; 203.792.5330

24 Bank Street; **New Milford**, CT 06776; 860.354.8800

1150 Summer St., 2nd Floor; **Stamford**, CT 06901; 203.348.7711

10 Middle Street, Suite 1101; **Bridgeport**, CT 06604; 203.334.5106
