

Immigration Services

✓ Women ✓ Children ✓ Spanish Language

Asylee Women Enterprise

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Email: info@asyleewomen.org

Asylee Women Enterprise, also known as "AWE," journeys with asylum seekers and other forced migrants as they navigate the immigration legal process, begin to heal from past trauma, and rebuild their lives in Baltimore. AWE is the only program of its kind that primarily serves asylum seekers and offers wraparound services under one roof. Participants gather Monday through Thursday at the day program for English as a Second Language, job readiness, computer classes, parenting skills classes, and wellness activities. AWE's unique model focuses on the importance of companionship and community where asylum seekers offer mutual support to one another in a safe and supportive environment.

Services

FREE

- Emergency and transitional housing, Legal services for immigration paperwork, English as a second language classes, Hot meals, Medical services, Health insurance partnership, Mobile clinic care, Support accompanying clients to immigration court hearings, Maternity support, Children education services, Mom and baby groups, Language services, Trafficking Victim's Assistance Program, Case management, Food pantry, Diapers and materials for children and babies, and Mental health supports.

Languages: Phone-based language services available.

✓ Students ✓ Refugee or Asylum ✓ Spanish Language

Baltimore District Office of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

3701 Koppers Street
Halethorpe, MD 21227
1 (800) 375-5283
www.hruth.org/get-help/
www.uscis.gov/about-us/find-a-uscis-office/field-offices

The District Office of United States Citizenship and Immigration Services processes all immigrant and non-immigrant benefits provided to visitors of the U.S.

Services

Fees Determined by Services

- Interviews for all non-asylum cases (e.g., getting a Green Card), Naturalization ceremonies, and Appointments for information and applicant services that supplement what they provide through their website and by phone.
- **Types of Services:** Citizenship and naturalization services: Immigration of family members, U.S. employment-related services including for temporary nonimmigrant workers, Permanent immigrant workers, Students and exchange visitors, Temporary visitors for business, and Green Cards.

Telehealth: All services are provided via phone unless a person needs a service that can only be provided in-person.

Languages: Spanish language services available. Guests can bring their own interpreters.

Enoch Pratt Free Library Free Language Learning Software

Central Library Address: 400 Cathedral Street
Baltimore, MD 21201
(410) 396-5430
www.prattlibrary.org

Other Locations: Brooklyn, Canton, Cherry Hill, Clifton, Edmondson Ave, Forest Park, Govans, Hamilton, Hampden, Herring Run, Light Street, Northwood, Orleans Street, Patterson Park, Pennsylvania Avenue, Reisterstown Road, Roland Park, Southeast Anchor, Walbrook, Washington Village, and Waverly.

Go here for branch location and information: www.prattlibrary.org/locations

Enoch Pratt is one of the oldest free library systems in the United States. Their mission is to empower, enrich, and enhance the quality of life for all through equitable access to information, services, and opportunity.

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- **Free language learning software:** With a free library card, individuals can learn languages from Mango, which offers 71 language courses, including courses in Latin American Spanish, Arabic, Russian, Chinese, and French. English lessons and courses teaching cultural differences are offered on Mango in 71 languages.

Other Services: Library card application, Passport services, At-home Covid-19 masks and tests, Lawyer in the Library services, Books by mail, Meeting room reservations, Social Worker in the Library, Computer access and printing services, Internet services including drive-in wi-fi, Computer training, and Computer and Internet device borrowing.

Services for Children: Language learning on free software, Storytime, Social worker support, Tutoring hours at some locations, and Literary services.

Languages: Spanish language services available in some locations, depending upon available staff.

Casa De Maryland: Baltimore

2706 Pulaski Highway
Baltimore, MD 21224
(410) 732-7777
www.casademaryland.org

Hotline: 1 (866) 765-2272

Works with the community to improve the quality of life and fight for equal treatment and full access to resources and opportunities for low-income Latinos and their families. Offers services for day laborers and domestic workers, as well as workshops and orientations on legal rights, and information and referrals on other issues such as consumer protection, debt forgiveness, landlord/tenant relations, domestic affairs, police misconduct, and criminal matters.

Membership Information:

If you identify as either immigrant or working class, become a member at a CASA office in 3 simple steps:

1. Complete a membership form and bring it to a CASA center.
2. Pay \$35.00 in annual dues in cash or credit to become a member of both CASA and CASA in Action, which provides you access to all of their services, benefits, and leadership opportunities.
3. For an additional \$5 you can receive a CASA photo identification card with your current address, if you bring a copy of an identity document listed on the membership application form.

Services

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- Adult ESOL and Workforce ESOL, Citizenship, Vocational training, Community organizing, Legal services, Financial education, Free tax services, Youth leadership development, and AmeriCorps programs.

Languages: Spanish and French language services available. Full website available in Spanish and French by dictating preferred language at the top of the page.

Esperanza Center Catholic Charities Immigration Services

Esperanza Center: 430 S. Broadway
Baltimore, MD 21231
(667) 600-2900
www.catholiccharities-md.org/services/immigration

Family Reunification Services:
(667) 600-2960
accesperanzafamilyreunification@cc-md.org

Client Services:
(667) 600-2900, option 7
esperanzainfo@cc-md.org

Immigration Legal Services:
(667) 600-2941
ilsinfo@cc-md.org

Educational Services:
(667) 600-2943
infoeducationalservices@cc-md.org

The Esperanza Center is a comprehensive resource center whose mission is to welcome immigrants by offering hope, compassionate services, and the power to improve their lives. Since 1963, immigrants from all over the world have trusted the Esperanza Center to help them navigate life in a new country. Their dedicated staff and volunteers provide services related to education, healthcare, immigration legal matters, family reunification, anti-trafficking, and general community support to thousands of immigrants each year.

Services

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- Health clinic, Primary care clinic, Walk-in health services, Dental services, Assistance finding emergency and transitional housing, Employment training, Assistance with adapting to US culture, Adult and youth ESOL services, Summer classes for youth, Summer camp and field trips for youth, and an Immigration Legal Services (ILS) program that offers legal advice and representation from experienced immigration attorneys and fully accredited DOJ representatives in a wide range of immigration matters.

Luminus

5999 Harpers Farm Road, Suite 200-E
Columbia, MD 21044
(410) 992-1923
www.beluminus.org

Formerly FIRN, Luminus serves immigrants from more than 90 countries and is well known as the key resource in Central Maryland for New Americans while sharing their contributions with the greater public. Luminus understands that all people deserve belonging, share something unique as individuals who make a home in their community, and alongside their volunteer Luminators, can imagine and shape a better future.

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Immigration and Legal Services

- Naturalization & Citizenship Applications
- Permanent Residence Applications
- Family-Based Petitions & Consular Processing
- Special Immigrant Juvenile Status
- Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)
- Work Authorization Applications
- Consultations Regarding Eligibility & Guidance on Immigration Laws and Regulations
- Non-Detained Deportation Defense
- Detained Deportation Defense
- Federal Appeals

Family and Community Resources

- Complete applications and forms with support from volunteers
- Translate legal documents and more
- Apply for discounts or payment plans for medical bills
- Enroll children in school and other educational programs, such as Head Start
- English languages services
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

Languages: Spanish language services available, as well as phone-based language services available.

Kids in Need of Defense (KIND)

1401 N Charles Street
Baltimore, MD 21201
(443) 470-9437
www.supportkind.org

Kids in Need of Defense (KIND) is the preeminent U.S.-based nongovernmental organization devoted to the protection of unaccompanied and separated children. KIND envisions a world in which every unaccompanied child on the move has access to legal counsel and has their rights and well-being protected as they migrate alone in search of safety. Beyond U.S. borders, KIND's Mexico-based offices and its programming in Central America works with partners on the ground to address the root causes of migration, protect children during migration, and connect repatriated children to essential services. Each of these efforts informs KIND's robust state, national, and international advocacy and public education work to champion policies and laws that protect unaccompanied children on the move no matter where they are in their migration journey.

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■ Areas of Immigration legal assistance:

Adjustment of Status, Asylum applications, Employment authorization, Removal hearings, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, T visas, U visas

Legal Services: Filings with USCIS, Representation at Asylum Interviews (e.g., Credible Fear Interviews, Reasonable Fear Interviews), Representation before the Immigration Court, Representation before the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA)

Non-Legal Services: Legal Orientation Programs (LOP) / Know Your Rights Presentations (KYR), Referrals to other services, Social services

Note: KIND works in partnership with local legal professionals to offer services to clients for a variety of services; meetings with lawyers can happen in-person or virtually.

Languages: Spanish language services available. Phone-based and internet-based language services available.

Lutheran Immigrant Refugee Services

700 Light Street
Baltimore, MD 21230
(410) 230-2700
www.lirs.org

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) is the largest faith-based nonprofit dedicated to serving the vulnerable immigrants, asylum seekers, and refugees in the U.S. LIRS resettles refugees, reunites children and parents, and rekindles the American Dream.

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■ Family Reunification

- LIRS provides assistance to the U.S. government to identify family members in the country and ensure that children in their care are safely released to loved ones who are well-equipped to care for them.

Refugee resettlement

- LIRS and the other agencies will identify which of their collective network partners is best equipped to support each individual or family.
- In the first three months following their arrival in the U.S., refugees are put through cultural orientation — a set of informal and formal trainings that help them adjust to cultural norms and new situations.
- Refugees will learn about everything from basic safety principles and U.S. laws to employer expectations and banking and finance.

Refugee and Special Immigrant Visa Applicant Resources

- Refugees served by LIRS offices will receive a comprehensive set of services including cultural orientation, school enrollment, coordination of initial health appointments, referrals to English classes, family reunification, and employment preparation and placement.

Languages: Comprehensive language services available.

Refugee:

Someone who has been forced to flee their country due to persecution, war, or violence. A refugee has a well-founded fear of persecution due to race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or membership to a certain social group.

Asylee:

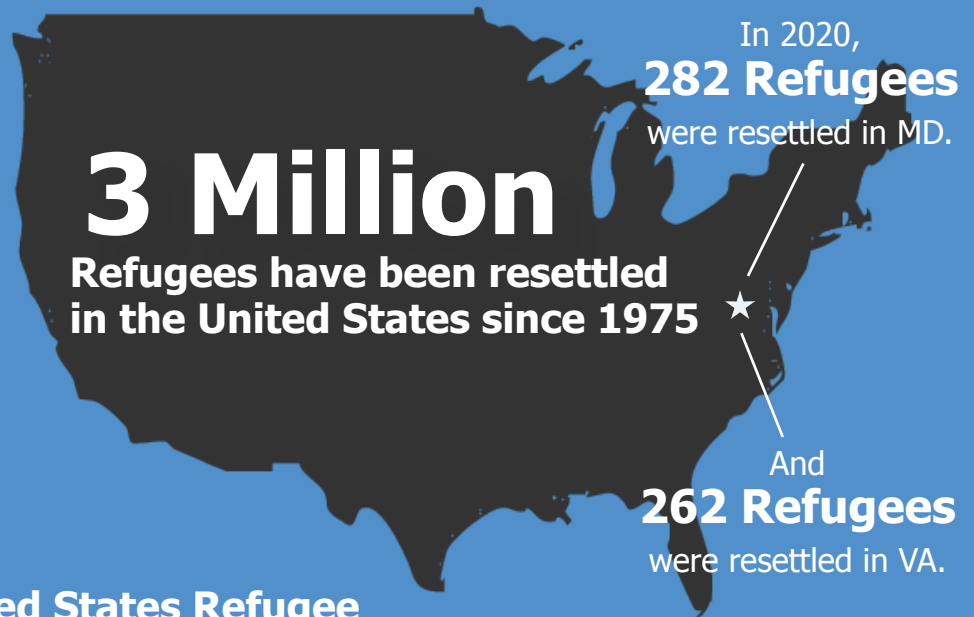
Someone who meets the definition of refugee and is already present in the United States or is seeking admission at a United States port of entry.

Migrant:

Someone who moves from one country to another, usually in search of better living conditions, more educational opportunities, work, or a higher standard of living.

Know the Facts Refugee Resettlement Nationally and in Maryland

Information Provided By: Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area, Tahirih Justice Center of Baltimore, and Maryland's Office for Refugees and Asylees



3 Million Refugees have been resettled in the United States since 1975

United States Refugee Admissions 2019-2022



94%

Of the Refugees settled in the D.C.-Maryland-Virginia area are **special visa holders** from Afghanistan who placed their lives at risk to work on behalf of the U.S. government.

Maryland currently ranks #5

in the nation for arrivals of special visa holders, having resettled more than 6,800 of these refugees in the state. Because of the heightened security concerns that come with their processing, these refugees are commonly evacuated to various U.S. military facilities and then passed to state resettlement agencies.

When immigrants have legal representation, the likelihood that they will establish rights to remain in the U.S. increases

10x

292,100

Immigrants live in Maryland

1 in 7

Marylanders are foreign-born individuals

Top 3

Nationalities of Immigrants in Maryland are Afghanistan, Cameroon, and Eritrea

1 in 5

Maryland children have at least 1 immigrant parent

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Maryland Office for Refugees and Asylees (MORA)

311 W. Saratoga Street
Baltimore, MD 21201
(410) 767-7514
www.dhs.maryland.gov/maryland-office-for-refugees-and-asylees/moras-programs/

Note: MORA does not provide direct services but contracts with community partners to provide services.

MORA plans, administers, and coordinates transitional services aimed at helping refugees become self-sufficient as quickly as they can. MORA service providers instruct refugees on life skills as well as prepare refugees for the American working environment.

Services

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- Refugee transitional cash assistance, Health screening programs, Refugee medical assistance, Refugee health promotion program, Employment services, Vocational training, English language classes and various translation services, Family education program, Extended case management program, Services for older refugees, Asylee outreach, Refugee School Impact grants for youth, Refugee youth mentoring project.

Languages: Comprehensive language services available.

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D.C. Multicultural Counseling Center

15715 Kruhm Road
Burtonsville, MD, 20866
(301) 615-1563
www.dcmcc.com

Contact: Doha Chibani, LSCW-C
Email: info@dcmcc.com

An outpatient and community based mental and behavioral health therapy practice that specializes in providing culturally competent services to adults, families, and couples from diverse backgrounds.

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- Immigration evaluations; Insurance assistance; Gender affirming treatments and procedures preparation; Counseling Services; AMENA (Arab/Middle Eastern/North African and Muslim Minorities); LGBTQ+; Non-Euro immigrants, refugees, and asylees; People experiencing disenfranchised grief of childlessness.

Languages: Phone-based language services available.

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CHACÓN Center for Immigrant Justice

Immigration Clinic at the University of Maryland

500 W. Baltimore Street, Suite 360
Baltimore, MD 21201
(410) 706-3295
www.law.umaryland.edu/Programs-and-Impact/Chacon-Center

Email: chaconcenter@law.umaryland.edu

The center is dedicated to creating a future where all Maryland families and residents are stable and secure regardless of immigration status, race, or economics, and where skin color and place of birth do not limit opportunities to build a good life and participate fully in our communities. Their work focuses on direct representation and impact litigation on issues of asylum and the intersection of criminal and immigration law.

Services

FREE

- Direct legal representation, Pre-trial criminal advice, Citizenship support for permanent residents, Support with filings with USCIS, Representation in various court proceedings or Refugee and Asylum interviews. Note: Services prioritize low-income applicants with complicated naturalization cases.

Languages: Spanish language services available. Phone-based and internet-based language services available.