Important Notes:

This resource guide was prepared for advocates who assist CAM parolees. This guide provides a general overview of the types of benefits that CAM parolees may qualify for and locates helpful resources and services within each region. It is not an exhaustive guide. Particular circumstances of a client (e.g., pregnancy, HIV/AIDS, domestic violence, etc.) may qualify them for additional benefits that are not covered in this overview.

This guide also includes references to “undocumented individuals” in case it is relevant to the CAM parolees’ other family members. To be clear, CAM parolees and their parent(s) are “documented.” CAM parolees have status under INA § 212(d)(5), 8 U.S.C. § 1182(d)(5) (discretionary parole for “urgent humanitarian reasons or significant public benefit”) and at least one of their parents must have had status (e.g., Temporary Protective Status/TPS or Lawful Permanent Resident/LPR, etc.) to have been eligible for the CAM program.

Information in this resource guide is not intended as, nor should it be considered, legal advice. Information in this guide is subject to change and should be verified with state and local agencies to ensure accuracy. That an organization, agency, or a program is listed in this resource guide does not imply an endorsement by either IRAP or IRC.

About CAM Parolees and this Guide

CAM parolees are minors from El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras who had a parent lawfully present in the United States, and who, while still in their home country, applied for the Central American Minors (CAM) program to be considered for refugee resettlement in the United States. CAM parolees were previously determined to be ineligible for refugee status and then considered and approved by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to enter the United States under parole.
Though the parole portion of the CAM program was terminated in August 2017, a 2019 court settlement in the case S.A. v. Trump re-opened the CAM program for about 2,700 people who had been conditionally approved for parole before the program ended. Consequently, beginning in 2019, hundreds of CAM families who were conditionally approved for parole, but had not traveled before the Trump Administration ended the program, are entering the United States.

Unlike refugees, CAM parolees do not receive resettlement assistance upon their arrival. Therefore, this guide provides a general overview of the benefits, services, and other resources for CAM parolees as they settle into their new lives in the United States.

**General Instructions for this Guide**

**Federal Benefits:** CAM parolees who have been paroled into the United States for at least one year\(^1\) are included within the federal definition of “qualified aliens”.\(^2\) **However, CAM parolees are not eligible to receive federal means-tested public benefits**\(^3\) **during the first five years of being in the United States.** One important exception is the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP (formerly known as ‘food stamps’), which is available to all “qualified” immigrants under the age of 18 years old.\(^4\)

**State Benefits:** States have the ability to decide whether or not to extend benefits to qualified aliens during this five-year period, and some states do allow qualified aliens to be eligible for certain state public benefits. Parolees may be eligible to apply for some state benefits as “qualified aliens,” “qualified noncitizens,” “qualified immigrants,” or as individuals having “Permanent Residence Under Color of Law” (PRUCOL). Each state may use a different public benefits eligibility category and may use different terms depending on the type of the benefit as well.

* **Note on COVID-19:** Some resources in this guide were compiled before the COVID-19 pandemic. Where possible, the guide notes any changes in services due to the pandemic. Please make sure to check the organization/agency website or contact them directly for any updates.

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\(^1\) CAM parole lasts for two years. If a CAM parolee was granted less than two years of parole, please direct them to contact the IRC CAM Hotline at (917) 410-7546.


\(^3\) With certain exceptions, such federal benefits include Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and Federal Medicaid.

Helpful Tips

- Ensure that CAM parolees understand that documents proving their legal presence in the United States as well as their age and identity will be necessary to apply for public benefits. Many benefits will require applicants to have a Social Security Number (SSN).\(^5\)
- Before they apply for public benefits, ensure that CAM parolees seek legal assistance from a qualified immigration attorney to determine eligibility for certain benefits and to flag possible adverse consequences to admissibility for future immigration applications.\(^6\) You may also want to direct them to the local welfare or social services agency, which may be able to provide greater assistance in determining eligibility.

**Encourage CAM parolees to do the following as soon as possible:**

- **Seek an immigration attorney:**
  - To file a Form I-765 to apply for work authorization/Employment Authorization Document (EAD) and a Social Security Number (SSN);
  - To determine eligibility for certain public benefits and possible adverse consequences to admissibility for future immigration applications; and
  - To determine eligibility for more permanent immigration relief, such as asylum. Please note that there are deadlines for filing (e.g., asylum applications generally should be filed within one year of arrival to the United States).

- **Apply for an identification card,** such as a state driver’s license or state ID.

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\(^5\) As noted below, CAM parolees may apply for a SSN at the same time that they apply for an Employment Authorization Document (EAD) in their Form I-765 application. If a SSN is required to apply for certain public benefits, the benefits provider should be able to provide more information.

\(^6\) Accessing public benefits as a CAM parolee will not affect their current parole status, nor be an issue if the CAM parolee adjusts to a permanent status based on asylum. However, if the CAM parolee wants to apply via family-based, employment, or another nonexempt category in the future, public charge may be evaluated as to their admissibility. Though benefits granted while in parole status may be disregarded, it is important for individuals to confer with a reputable immigration attorney to advise them before enrolling for a benefits program.
Work Authorization: In order to work in the United States, CAM parolees must obtain work authorization by applying for an Employment Authorization Document (EAD). An immigration attorney can assist with this. To apply for an EAD, CAM parolees must file a Form I-765 and must select the category c(11), “Paroled in the Public Interest.” If the application is approved, the CAM parolee will receive an EAD valid up to the expiration date of parole. In the same application, a CAM parolee may also apply for a Social Security Number (SSN).

Food and Cash Assistance: Please note that the receipt of federal, state, or local food or cash benefits may have implications for future applications for adjustment of status and for permanent immigration status. It is important for parolees to understand that receiving certain benefits may have adverse consequences on their admissibility for future immigration applications. If unsure about whether to apply for and receive cash benefits, CAM parolees should consult a local immigration attorney, or a public benefits attorney, as soon as possible.

State Driver’s Licenses/Identification Documents: The REAL ID Act of 2005 mandated requirements regarding state-issued identification documents used for federal purposes such as boarding flights at U.S. airports or accessing federal buildings and U.S. military bases. It also stipulated which categories of non-citizens would be eligible for documents issued under the new requirements and mandated verification of qualified immigrant status. According to the law, parolees are not among the categories of non-immigrants who qualify for REAL ID compliant documents. Most states have come into compliance with REAL ID requirements. However, some states have opted to issue alternative driver’s licenses to those who do not qualify under REAL ID requirements. This has resulted in different eligibility criteria and documentary requirements for parolees seeking ID/driver’s licenses depending on their state of residence. This guide attempts to provide the best available information for each of the states covered, but information is subject to change and should be verified by the respective state agencies issuing ID/driver’s licenses.

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7 For more information on which public benefits may result in admissibility on public charge grounds. See Public Charge Fact Sheet, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, February 27, 2020.

8 As of this writing, all states, except for Oregon and Oklahoma, have come into compliance with REAL ID requirements. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Government extended the deadline for compliance until October 1, 2021. See https://www.dhs.gov/real-id.
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Food Assistance

For urgent food assistance, contact or visit a food bank in the county.9
See https://www.cdss.ca.gov/food-banks.

For more food resources in the Bay Area,10 such as free meals and groceries and CalFresh/WIC retailers, see https://www.bayareacommunity.org/#/.

CalFresh

California’s food assistance program for low-income households which provides each person in an eligible household with up to $192 each month to spend on food from a grocery store or other market.

Eligibility: Parents of CAM parolees may apply on behalf of their children for CalFresh benefits. CalFresh does not share immigration information with ICE.

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9 Food pantries are not considered to be a public benefit that would result in inadmissibility on public charge grounds. See https://www.uscis.gov/news/public-charge-fact-sheet.
10 Bay Area cities include Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, and Sonoma.
How to Apply: • Apply in-person at a county CalFresh office (for locations, see https://calfresh.dss.ca.gov/food/officelocator/).

• Or online at: https://www.getcalfresh.org/?source=dssfood (English) or https://www.getcalfresh.org/?new_locale=es&source=dssfood (Español).

Applicants must demonstrate income and immigration status:

- **Proof of Income:** Copy of ID, any proof of income from the last 30 days (e.g., checks or pay stubs), and any receipts or rental agreements showing how much spent on rent and childcare each month.

- **Immigration Status:** Copy of green card, naturalization papers, or most recent immigration paperwork for any of the following: U Visa, T Visa, Asylum, Refugee or Parolee status, or VAWA petition.

After an application is filed, a social worker will schedule an interview over the phone or in-person at a county office. Once approved, applicant will receive EBT card and benefits in 30 days.

**Temporary Cash Assistance**

**CalWORKs**

*Also known as “welfare” or “TANF,” CalWORKS is California’s monthly cash assistance program for unemployed parents and their children. Cash assistance depends on income, assets, family size, and living situation. Cash assistance may be deposited to a bank account or EBT card, which can be used to withdraw cash.*

**Eligibility:** Low-income families with children under 18 years old, where one or both of the parents are absent, disabled, deceased, or unemployed. If children are between 6-17 years old, they must be enrolled in school. Parents, grandparents, or other caretakers of CAM parolees can apply for CalWORKs benefits. Minors can also apply for benefits if neither parent is available.

**How to Apply:** Enroll online at http://www.benefitscal.org.

Applicants must demonstrate income, immigration status, assets, and living expenses:

- **Proof of Income:** Copy of ID, most recent paycheck, and any other documents showing grants, benefits, or income (e.g., alimony checks, or Social Security, Unemployment, Disability, or Veterans benefits letters).
• **Immigration Status:** Copy of green card, naturalization papers, or most recent immigration paperwork for any of the following: U Visa, T Visa, Asylum, Refugee or Parolee status, or VAWA petition.

• **Assets:** Copies of most recent bank statements, property deeds, car titles, vehicle registrations, or any other documents proving ownership of property.

• **Living expenses:** Receipts, rental agreements, and medical bills showing how much is spent on rent, living expenses, childcare, and medical expenses each month.

## Medical Assistance

For additional medical assistance resources in the Bay Area, see [https://www.bayareacommunity.org/#/](https://www.bayareacommunity.org/#/).

### Medi-Cal

*Also known as “Medicaid,” Medi-Cal is California’s public health insurance program. It pays for check-ups, hospital visits, surgeries, therapy, emergency room visits, and other medical, physical, and mental health care.*

**Eligibility:** All low-income residents of California qualify for Medi-Cal. For example, a family of four qualifies for Medi-Cal if the family’s income is less than approximately $33,500 per year. The only way to know for certain if a family qualifies for Medi-Cal is by applying.

**How to Apply:**

- **Enroll online** at: [https://www.coveredca.com](https://www.coveredca.com) (English) or [https://www.coveredca.com/espanol/](https://www.coveredca.com/espanol/) (español).
- **Or in person, at a county office:** [https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medi-cal/Pages/CountyOffices.aspx](https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medi-cal/Pages/CountyOffices.aspx)
- **Or by phone:** [https://www.coveredca.com/find-help/contact/](https://www.coveredca.com/find-help/contact/)

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11 Bay Area cities include Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, and Sonoma.

12 Undocumented immigrants qualify for partial Medi-Cal coverage. That means Medi-Cal will help pay for some of your medical expenses, but not all. An undocumented parent may still apply because their children will qualify for full Medi-Cal benefits.
Applicants must demonstrate income, immigration status, residence, and assets:

- **Income:** Copy of ID, most recent paycheck, most recent tax return, or any other documents showing grants, benefits, or income (e.g. alimony checks, or Social Security, Unemployment, Disability, or Veterans benefits letters).
- **Immigration Status:** Copy of green card, naturalization papers, or most recent immigration paperwork for any of the following: U Visa, T Visa, Asylum, Refugee or Parolee status, or VAWA petition.
- **Residence:** Driver’s license, utility bill, paycheck stub, rental agreement, or any other document that demonstrates residency in California.
- **Assets:** Copies of most recent bank statements and vehicle registration.

**Primary/Secondary School Enrollment (children ages 6-17 years old)**

Every school district has its own process for enrolling new students. *The easiest way to enroll a child is to go to the closest school and ask the office how to enroll.* All children have a right to attend school in the U.S., regardless of their immigration status. School is mandatory for all children 6-17 years old in California.

**Post-Secondary Tuition Assistance**

**Cal Grant**

*Money for college that does not have to be paid back. May be used at nearly any California university or technical school to help pay for your 2- or 4-year college degree.*

**Eligibility:** CAM parolees are eligible to apply for Cal Grants to fund their college studies. Cal Grants are awarded based on need: the California Student Aid Commission calculates the grant based on how much college costs and how much the applicant can pay. The applicant must have a minimum 2.00 high school GPA to qualify.

**How to Apply:** Apply at the FAFSA website [https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa](https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa) (click on “MENU” and then select español).

File a federal FAFSA form used by nearly all states and universities in America to calculate and award financial aid. Most universities use the information entered in the FAFSA to determine qualification for the Cal Grant as well as additional grants or loans. A high school counselor will also need to fill out a form and submit the student’s GPA to the California Student Aid Commission at [https://www.csac.ca.gov/post/cal-grant-gpa-verification-form](https://www.csac.ca.gov/post/cal-grant-gpa-verification-form).
State ID/Driver’s License

A CAM parolee may apply for an official California State ID from the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) if they do not plan on driving. Otherwise, a California Driver’s License is required to drive in California (a license from a CAM parolee’s home country cannot be used).

Eligibility: Driver’s Licenses and State IDs are available to all California residents, regardless of immigration status.

How to Apply: Pass a written exam, a vision test, and a driving test to get a Driver’s License. Apply for a Driver’s License or official state ID at the local DMV office:

https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/dmv/detail/fo/offices/toc_fo.

Applicants must provide fingerprints, and proof of identity and residency:

- **Proof of Identity**: E.g., I-94, a passport, a birth certificate, or other immigration or ID document.
- **Proof of Residence**: E.g., copy of lease, a utility or phone bill, a court document, a pay stub, a bank statement, a document from shelter, etc.
- **Fingerprints**: The DMV office will take fingerprints at the appointment.
Anaheim | Santa Ana, California

General Social Services

Anaheim
Access California Services
Community-based organization that offers employment, counseling, and immigration services, English classes, healthcare access, financial assistance, and community engagement opportunities.

631 S. Brookhurst Street, Suite 107, Anaheim, CA 92804
(714) 917-0440 | 1 (800) 287-1332
https://www.accesscal.org/services/

Santa Ana
Orange County Social Services Central Regional Office
Plans, implements, and operates many of the social service programs in Orange County, including food and cash assistance for noncitizens.

2020 W. Walnut Street, Santa Ana, CA 92703
(714) 834-8899
http://ssa.ocgov.com/calfresh/immigrant
http://ssa.ocgov.com/calfresh/refugee

English Language Programs

Anaheim
Access California Services
Community-based organization that offers ESL classes, vocational ESL classes, and after school programs.

631 S. Brookhurst Street, Suite 107, Anaheim, CA 92804
(714) 917-0440 | 1 (800) 287-1332
https://www.accesscal.org/services/
Santa Ana

Santa Ana College
Offers free English classes for employment, college, GED, and general language purposes, including writing, leadership, and beginner classes.

Adult Education Center: Santa Ana College, 1530 W. 17th Street, Building B, Santa Ana, CA 92706
(714) 564-6173

Centennial Education Center: 2900 W. Edinger Avenue, Santa Ana, 92704
(714) 241-5700

Remington Education Center: 1325 E. 4th Street, Santa Ana, 92701
(714) 241-5850

https://sac.edu/sce/Pages/Find-a-Course.aspx

Job Training & Career Counseling Programs

See Immigration Legal Services for organizations that assist with Work Authorization.

For state programs and services that assist with jobs and training, see

Anaheim

Access California Services
Community-based organization that provides employment services, such as resume building, interview preparation, job search and placement assistance, and career counseling.

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(714) 917-0440 | 1 (800) 287-1332
https://www.accesscal.org/services/

Santa Ana

Orange County Social Services Central Regional Office
Four-week program provides participants with basic job seeking assistance, employment counselors, resume preparation services, and interview skills training.

2020 W. Walnut Street, Santa Ana, CA 92703
(714) 834-8899
http://ssa.ocgov.com/calfresh/calworks/employment/services
http://ssa.ocgov.com/calfresh/calworks/employment/training

During the COVID-19 pandemic, classes are offered remotely.
Assistance with Public School Enrollment & English/Special Ed Services

Anaheim

Enrollment for children aged 3-4 for the Early Childhood Education California State Preschool Program:
  Preschool Family Service Assistant
  (714) 517-7125

Other enrollment:
  There are two steps, found here: https://anaheimelementary.org/enroll/
  Click on Step One to begin [There is a Spanish option]

Santa Ana

District Enrollment Center
  1629 S. Center Street, Santa Ana, CA 92704
  (714) 433-3481

Registration and Testing Center
  1629 S. Center Street, Santa Ana, CA 92704
  (714) 433-3488

Mental Health Services

Anaheim

Access California Services
  Mental health services include individual, couple, and family counseling, depression, anxiety, and stress management, and parenting classes.
  631 S. Brookhurst Street, Suite 107, Anaheim, CA 92804
  (714) 917-0440  |  1 (800) 287-1332
  https://www.accesscal.org/services/
Immigration Legal Services

Anaheim
Access California Services
Culturally sensitive community-based organization empowering all underserved populations. Provides a wide range of immigration services including work permit application assistance, Temporary Protective Status (TPS), and family-based petitions.
631 S. Brookhurst Street, Suite 107, Anaheim, CA 92804
(714) 917-0440
https://www.accesscal.org/services/citizenship-and-immigration-services/

Santa Ana
Catholic Charities of Orange County
The Center’s purpose is to foster family reunification, economic and political empowerment, and immigration services enabling immigrants and refugees to obtain legal immigrant or citizenship status. Provides assistance in obtaining DACA approval, visas, adjustment of status, and family based petitions.
1800 East 17th Street, Santa Ana, CA 92705
(714) 347-9610
https://ccoc.org/programs/

Public Law Center
Assists low-income immigrants in filing for various forms of immigration relief, engages in broader based impact litigation and provides community education on immigration issues. Provides assistance in obtaining visas, asylum, DACA approval, and relief for domestic abuse victims.
601 Civic Center Drive West, Santa Ana, CA 92701-4002
(714) 541-1010
https://www.publiclawcenter.org/immigration/

Immigration Legal Services: Work Authorization

The following organizations also provide work authorization assistance.
See Immigration Legal Services above for details on each.
- Access California Services
- Catholic Charities of Orange County
General Legal Services

Anaheim
Community Legal Aid SoCal
Offers legal assistance in Orange and Southeast Los Angeles Counties, with an emphasis on language access and a holistic approach to client care. Focused on child & family law, housing, health, immigration, safety & protection, economic opportunity, domestic violence, and elder abuse.

250 East Center Street, Anaheim, CA 92805
(800) 834-5001
http://www.communitylegalsocal.org/programs-services/area-of-law

Santa Ana
Community Legal Aid SoCal
Offers legal assistance in Orange and Southeast Los Angeles Counties, with an emphasis on language access and a holistic approach to client care. Focused on child & family law, housing, health, immigration, safety & protection, economic opportunity, domestic violence, and elder abuse.

2101 North Tustin Avenue, Santa Ana, CA 92705
(714) 571-5200
(800) 834-5001
http://www.communitylegalsocal.org/programs-services/area-of-law

LGBTQ Center Orange County
Provides education, resources, and referrals to low-income and indigent, HIV-affected, documented and undocumented immigrants/migrants. Also provides assistance in accessing services and legal support for obtaining lawful immigrant or citizenship status in Orange County.

1605 N. Spurgeon Street, Santa Ana, CA 92701
(714) 953-5428
https://www.lgbtqcenteroc.org/services/immigrationresources/

Public Law Center
Pro bono law firm that is committed to providing access to justice for low-income and vulnerable residents. Focused on immigration and child & family law.

601 Civic Center Drive West, Santa Ana, CA 92701
(714) 541-1010
https://www.publiclawcenter.org

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Local Community Groups

Anaheim
Access California Services
Community-based organization that offers employment, counseling, and immigration services, English classes, healthcare access, financial assistance, and community engagement opportunities.

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https://www.accesscal.org/services/

Santa Ana
Santa Ana YMCA
Provides various youth and family programs. Specifically provides services for youth to learn social skills, independent living skills and manage their own behaviors development. Please note that there may be fees associated with programs that are offered as well as membership.

2100 W. Alton Avenue, Santa Ana, CA 92704
(714) 444-4004
https://ymcaoc.org/santa-ana-family-ymca/
Glendale, California

General Social Services

Pasadena Human Services Department Consumer Action Center
City program that provides support with consumer action services and filing applications for various government assistance programs. Also assists with healthcare and Social Security information.
1020 N Fair Oaks Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91103
(626) 744-7300
https://www.cityofpasadena.net/parks-and-rec/services/#consumer-action-services-jackie-robinson-community-center

English Language Programs

Glendale Community College
Community college that provides noncredit ESL classes at seven locations:
(818) 240-1000, ext. 5033
https://www.glendale.edu/academics/continuing-education-garfield/programs/esl-noncredit

International Rescue Committee, Los Angeles
Non-profit organization focused on providing resettlement assistance for refugees, including English Language Classes, employment, computer, and financial literacy skills, education for children, social services and community support, and legal services towards residency and citizenship.
625 N. Maryland Avenue, Glendale, CA 91206
(818) 550-6220
https://www.rescue.org/united-states/los-angeles-ca
Job Training & Career Counseling Programs

See [Immigration Legal Services](#) for organizations that assist with Work Authorization.

**International Rescue Committee, Los Angeles**

Provides resettlement assistance for refugees, including English Language Classes, employment, computer, and financial literacy skills, education for children, social services and community support, and legal services towards residency and citizenship.

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818-550-6220
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Assistance with Public School Enrollment & English/Special Ed Services

**Glendale Community College ESL Classes**

*Free ESL Classes at Glendale Community College at various levels.*

500 North Verdugo Road, Glendale, CA 91208
(818) 240-1000
[https://www.glendale.edu/academics/continuing-education-garfield/programs/esl-noncredit/free-classes](https://www.glendale.edu/academics/continuing-education-garfield/programs/esl-noncredit/free-classes)

**Glendale Special Education Program**

*Special Education Program for students 3-22 years old.*

GUSD Special Education Office, 223 North Jackson Street, Glendale, CA 91206
(818) 241-3111
[https://www.gusd.net/Page/296](https://www.gusd.net/Page/296)

**Glendale Unified School District Enrollment**

*Kindergarten to High School Enrollment for 2020-2021 academic year. Required forms and surveys available in Spanish.*

Office of Student Support Services, 223 North Jackson Street, Glendale, CA 91206
(818) 241-3111
[https://www.gusd.net/Page/12841](https://www.gusd.net/Page/12841)
Mental Health Services

Didi Hirsch - Mental Health Services
Culturally respectful community mental health center focused on providing services to underserved communities, including individual and family therapy.
Spanish translation available and Medi-Cal accepted at no cost.

1540 E. Colorado Boulevard, Glendale, CA 91205
(818) 244-7257
https://didihirsch.org/

Immigration Legal Services

International Rescue Committee, Los Angeles
Non-profit organization focused on providing resettlement assistance for refugees, including English Language Classes, employment, computer, and financial literacy skills, education for children, social services and community support, and legal services towards residency and citizenship.

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https://www.rescue.org/united-states/los-angeles-ca

Immigration Legal Services: Work Authorization

Community Legal Aid SoCal
Offers legal assistance in Orange and Southeast Los Angeles Counties, with an emphasis on language access and a holistic approach to client care.

725 W. Rosecrans, Compton, CA 90222
(310) 638-6194
https://www.communitylegalsocal.org/
General Legal Aid Services

Community Legal Aid SoCal
Offers legal assistance in Orange and Southeast Los Angeles Counties, with an emphasis on language access and a holistic approach to client care.
    725 W. Rosecrans, Compton, CA 90222
    (310) 638-6194
    https://www.communitylegalsocal.org/

International Rescue Committee, Los Angeles
Non-profit organization focused on providing resettlement assistance for refugees, including English Language Classes, employment, computer, and financial literacy skills, education for children, social services and community support, and legal services towards residency and citizenship.
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    (818) 550-6220
    https://www.rescue.org/united-states/los-angeles-ca

Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County
Public interest law office specializing in areas of law that disproportionately impact the poor, including housing, public benefits, and healthcare.
    1102 East Chevy Chase Drive, Glendale, CA 91205
    (800) 433-6251
    https://www.nlsla.org/services/economic-security/#

Local Community Groups

Glendale YMCA
Provides various youth and adult sports and social programs. Specifically provides swim lessons, youth basketball, and a kids activity center. Please note that there may be some fees associated with joining.
    140 N. Louise Street, Glendale, CA 91206
    (818) 240-4130
    https://www.glendaleymca.org/

Long Beach, California

General Social Services
Centro Shalom
Assistance with food, clothing, applications, immigration, divorce, eviction, child support and custody, restraining orders; self-esteem classes for Spanish speakers. Legal aid attorneys help with workers' rights issues on Tuesdays from 4 to 6 PM.
   2131 Long Beach Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90806
   (562) 591-2214
   https://www.facebook.com/centroshalom/

Housing and Neighborhood Services - Long Beach Community Investment Company (City of Long Beach)
Offers lists of affordable housing and rental units for families, seniors, disabled individuals.
   333 West Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90802
   (562) 570-6949
   http://www.longbeach.gov/lbds/hn/lbcic/

Long Beach Health and Human Services
Offers assistance with enrollment in health insurance (Medi-Cal and Covered CA). Health insurance eligibility can be determined over the phone, and assistance is offered in English, Spanish, and Khmer.
   2525 Grand Avenue, Suite 210, Long Beach, CA 90815
   (562) 570-7979
   http://www.longbeach.gov/health/

Lutheran Social Services Southern California
Provides housing counseling and low-barrier affordable housing services to individuals.
   1611 Pine Ave, Long Beach, CA 90813
   (562) 599-1321
   www.lsssc.org
English Language Programs

**Long Beach School for Adults**
*Offers free English as a Second Language (ESL) classes in the mornings and evenings. Enrollment is available in person with government-issued ID.*
2153 West Hill Street, Long Beach, CA 90810
(562) 989-2098
https://lbsa-lbusd-ca.schoolloop.com/esl

**Long Beach City College**
*Offers English as a Second Language (ESL) classes for Spanish, Korean, and Khmer speakers. Enrollment is free with no prerequisites. Individuals can enroll online or in person at either campus listed below. Please note that there are additional campus locations for specific classes.*
Pacific Coast Campus: 1305 E. Pacific Coast Highway, Long Beach, CA 90806
(562) 938-4111
Liberal Arts Campus: 4901 East Carson Street, Long Beach, CA 90808
(562) 938-4111
https://www.lbcc.edu/program-english-second-language

Job Training & Career Counseling Programs

See [Immigration Legal Services](#) for organizations that assist with Work Authorization.

**Burnett Long Beach Public Library**
*Offers homework help for K-12 students, assistance with adult resumes & job applications, summer reading clubs (K-12), seasonal children's programs throughout the year, ESL classes, and computers with internet access. Contact librarian, Mary Hopman, at mhopman@lbpl.org for more information.*
560 E. Hill Street, Long Beach, CA 90806
(562) 570-1041
www.lbpl.org

**Conservation Corps of Long Beach**
*Employment and educational agency for California residents ages 18-23: career training/placement, instruction in reading/writing, high school diploma/ GED preparation. Spanish-accessible and free of charge.*
340 Nieto Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90814
http://www.cclb-corps.org/
LGBTQ Center Long Beach
Provides free, confidential career counseling sessions every 2nd Saturday of the month, by appointment. Sessions cover topics such as resume writing, job interviews, and job search techniques.

2017 East 4th Street, Long Beach, CA 90814
(562) 434-4455
https://www.centerlb.org/career-counseling/

Long Beach Job Corps Center
Residential and non-residential education and vocational training and placement program for individuals age 16-24 who meet low-income and other requirements. GED and high school diploma preparation classes, driver's education, transition services and more free services are offered.

1903 Santa Fe Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90810
(562) 983-1777
https://longbeach.jobcorps.gov

Assistance with Public School Enrollment & English/Special Ed Services

Long Beach Unified School District
Kindergarten through High School enrollment. Enrollment forms available in Spanish.
1515 Hughes Way, Long Beach, CA 90810
(562) 997-8000
http://www.lbusd.k12.ca.us/Departments/Parent_U/enrollment.cfm

Long Beach Schools Special Education Services
Special Education programs offered at Long Beach Public Schools. Information forms available in Spanish.
1515 Hughes Way, Long Beach, CA 90810
(562) 997-8644
http://www.lbusd.k12.ca.us/Departments/Special_Education/parent_info.cfm

Mental Health Services

For the Child in Long Beach
Provides counseling services for children up to the age of 17. Services are provided in English and Spanish, and Medi-Cal is accepted for payment.
4001 Long Beach Blvd., Long Beach, CA. 90807
(562) 427-7671
https://www.forthechild.org/

Version as of September 2020
Genesis/FACTS FCCS Program
Mobile Health Unit that visits seniors 60+ in Los Angeles County. Offers a range of field-based services to older adults who may be reluctant or unable to access needed mental health services due to impaired mobility, frailty, geographic limitations or stigma associated with receiving services in a traditional mental health clinic. Services are offered in English, Spanish, and Farsi. Medi-Cal with HMO and Medicare accepted.
(213) 351-7284
https://dmh.lacounty.gov/our-services/older-adults/fccs/genesis/

Mental Health Services of Los Angeles
Offers free counseling and mental health services for adults over the age of 18. Services are offered in English only.
456 Elm Avenue, Long Beach, 90802
(562) 437-6717
https://www.mhala.org/services-and-programs/mental-health-services/

National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI)—Long Beach Chapter
Offers free educational programs for LA residents affected by mental health conditions as well as support groups for adult family members and caregivers of individuals with a mental illness. Services are free and are provided in English and Spanish.
5230 Clark Avenue, Suite 2, Lakewood, CA 90712
English: (562) 435-2264
Spanish: (310) 567-0748
http://www.namilongbeach.org/

Immigration Legal Services

El Rescate Legal Services
Provides legal services for asylum seekers, battered immigrants through the VAWA program, DACA approval, family petitions, adjustment of status, citizenship, and work permit renewal.
1501 West 8th St. Suite 100, Los Angeles, CA 90017
(213) 387-9189
http://www.elrescate.org/contact/ (Available in Spanish)

Central American Resource Center (CARECEN)
Provides low-cost immigration consultations with immigration attorneys. CARECEN offers free attorney assistance for DACA approval, naturalization, and visa applications.
2845 W. Seventh Street, Los Angeles, CA 90005
(213) 385-7800, ext. 136
https://www.carecen-la.org/legal_services
CENTRO C.H.A.
*Provides immigration legal services for DACA renewal, naturalization, green card renewal, and certificates of citizenship.*
1900 Atlantic Ave., 2nd Floor, Long Beach, CA 90806
(562) 570-4722
[http://www.centrocha.org](http://www.centrocha.org)

Coalition for Humane Immigration Rights
*Provides legal immigration assistance for DACA renewal, Naturalization, Family-based immigration, Know-your-rights sessions*
2533 West 3rd Street, Suite 101, Los Angeles, California, 90057
(213) 353 1333
[https://legal.chirla.org/](https://legal.chirla.org/)

Esperanza Immigration Rights Project
*Provides low cost immigration legal services for unaccompanied children, immigrants detained at local immigration detention centers, and general legal services for low-income individuals.*
1530 James M Wood Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90015
(213) 251-3505
[https://www.esperanza-la.org/programs-direct-rep-program](https://www.esperanza-la.org/programs-direct-rep-program)

Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (Long Beach Office)
*Provides a range of legal services: Adjustment of Status, Asylum applications, consular processing, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), employment authorization, family-based petitions, naturalization/citizenship, removal hearings, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, T visas, U visas, Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) petitions.*
601 Pacific Ave, Long Beach, CA 90802
(562) 435-3501
[http://www.lafla.org](http://www.lafla.org)

Long Beach Immigration Rights Coalition
*LBIROC offers immigration legal clinics, both on a small scale, and for larger groups. Clinics are offered on a drop-in basis. The clinics are free-of-charge, and Spanish-English interpretation is available; many of the attorneys are bilingual.*
525 E. 7th Street, Long Beach, CA 90813
(562) 204-6333
[https://www.lbirc.org/legal-clinics](https://www.lbirc.org/legal-clinics)
Immigration Legal Services: Work Authorization

Community Lawyers Inc.
Provides low and moderate-income people access to affordable legal assistance.
1216 E. Compton Blvd, Compton, CA 90706
(310) 635-8181
http://community-lawyers.org

New Voice Immigration Assistance Services
Provides low-cost immigration legal assistance and representation.
10701 Sampson Ave., Lynwood, CA 90262
(562) 398-3019
http://www.new-voice.org

The following organizations also provide work authorization assistance. See Immigration Legal Services above for details on each.
- Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (Long Beach Office)
- El Rescate Legal Services

General Legal Aid Services

Community Legal Aid SoCal
Provides legal services for immigration, work visas, family law, child custody, housing, landlord issues, eviction issues, elder abuse, domestic abuse, bankruptcy, student loans, small claims, and a variety of other services.
11834 Firestone Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650
(800) 834-5001
http://www.communitylegalsocal.org/programs-services/area-of-law
City of Santa Fe Springs Legal Services Program
Provides outreach, information, and services for youth and their families, and tries to cultivate and promote the importance of family unity, health and wellness, and inter-generational programming.
9255 Pioneer Blvd., Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670
(562) 692-0261
https://www.santafesprings.org/cityhall/community_serv/family_and_human_services/family_services/default.asp

Fair Housing Foundation – Long Beach
Provides assistance in investigating housing discrimination for South and Central Los Angeles, including the South Bay area. Specific services provided include, fair housing support, landlord / tenant counseling, and rental counseling.
Office 3605 Long Beach Blvd., Suite 302, Long Beach, CA 90807
(562) 989-1206
www.fairhousingfoundation.com

Housing Authority - City of Long Beach
Assistance with Section 8 housing vouchers and other housing services.
521 E. 4th Street, Long Beach, CA 90802
(562) 570-6985
www.longbeach.gov/haclb

Los Angeles County Family Facilitator
Provides legal support for self-represented parties with child support, spousal support and health insurance issues. Also provides legal information and education to help parties complete their paperwork. Note: Does not directly represent clients.
415 West Ocean Blvd, Room 43B, Long Beach, CA 90802
(562) 491-6432
http://www.lacourt.org/division/familylaw/FL0115.aspx

Long Beach Self-Help Legal Access Center
Legal information and assistance with pleadings are provided through workshops, individual assistance and user-friendly computer programs. Self-represented litigants who attend workshops or seek individual assistance have their pleadings reviewed by an attorney. All services are provided free of charge.
275 Magnolia Avenue, Room 3101, Long Beach, CA 90802
(800) 399-4529
https://lafla.org/self-help/
Local Community Groups

Boys and Girls Club, Long Beach
Provides activities for children ages 6-18 including homework help, computer labs, sports, fitness, cultural enrichment, arts and crafts, leadership development and more. Enrollment is $15 per year, and scholarships are available.
3635 Long Beach Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90807
(562) 595-5945
www.bgclublb.org

Catholic Charities: Long Beach Community Services Center
Offers basic assistance with food, shelter, utilities, clothing and transportation, information and links to community resources, specialized programs providing rental assistance to homeless families, and a CalFresh application site.
123 East 14th Street, Long Beach, CA 90813
(213) 251-3432
https://catholiccharitiesla.org/san-pedro-region/

YMCA of Greater Long Beach
Offers teen programs, health/wellness activities, day/mountain camping, swim lessons, youth sports and more. Also offers preschool day care and after-school care for children of working parents. Call or visit the website for branch and school programs and locations.
3605 Long Beach Blvd, Suite 210, Long Beach, CA 90807
(562) 279-1700
https://www.lbymca.org/locations
General Social Services

Los Angeles County Department of Social Services
Offers assistance with CalWorks (unemployment), CalFresh (food stamps), child care, refugee employment programs, and health care (Medi-Cal/Medicare).
   1819 Charlie Sifford Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90047
   (323) 420-2918
   http://dpss.lacounty.gov/wps/portal/dpss

English Language Programs

Los Angeles City College Noncredit & Adult Education Department
Adult education program that offers beginning ESL classes, customer service skills, career discovery skills, job readiness, and vocational ESL. Enrollment is free.
   855 N. Vermont Avenue, EWD Building 100, Los Angeles, CA 90029
   (323) 953-4000
   https://www.lacitycollege.edu/Departments/NonCredit-Adult-Education/Department-Home

Los Angeles ORT College
Community college in Los Angeles dedicated to providing affordable English language training (ESL).
   6435 Wilshire Blvd. Unit 5, Los Angeles, CA 90048
   (323) 966-5444
   https://www.laort.edu/

Job Training & Career Counseling Programs

See Immigration Legal Services for organizations that assist with Work Authorization.

Interfaith Refugee and Immigration Services, Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles
Non-profit, non-sectarian organization that offers refugee and asylee assistance, employment placement, immigration legal aid, and English education. Offers outreach, case management and placement services.
   3621 Brunswick Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90039
   (323) 667-0489
   https://iris.ladiocese.org/
SHIELDS for Families, Jericho Vocational Services Center
Provides vocational and educational training, mentoring, assistance in securing and maintaining employment; employment preparation workshops, job placement, case management and support groups are available.
11705 Deputy Yamamoto Place, Suite A, Lynwood, CA 90262
(800) 735-2922
https://www.shieldsforfamilies.org/jericho-jericho-vocational-services-center/

**Assistance with Public School Enrollment & English/Special Ed Services**

Los Angeles Unified School District, School Enrollment Placement and Assessment (S.E.P.A.) Center
Program from LA Unified School District that provides medical services, health, and social services resources to students and siblings. The SEPA Center offers assistance with the school enrollment process, enrollment in health insurance programs, mental health services, and support with all related school matters. Serves all populations free of charge, with or without insurance.
1339 Angelina Street, Los Angeles, CA 90026
(213) 482-3954
https://achieve.lausd.net/sepacenter#spn-content

**Mental Health Services**

Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice, Community Care Advocacy Program
Provides legal advocacy to low-income, primarily immigrant and Latinx populations. Educates clients on the effects of domestic and sexual violence, PTSD, coping mechanisms, etc. Offers direct referrals to shelter, housing, healthcare, and food assistance.
5301 Whittier Blvd., 4th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90022
(323) 980-3500
https://www.laclj.org/services/community-care-advocacy/

Mental Health Advocacy Services
Provides free legal services to children and adults with mental disabilities, with an emphasis on obtaining government benefits and services. Provides advice and assistance on obtaining SSI benefits, teaches parents how to obtain special education services for their children.
3255 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90010
(213) 389-2077
http://mhas-la.org/
National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), Westside Los Angeles
Offers free educational programs for LA residents affected by mental health conditions as well as support groups for adult family members and caregivers of individuals with a mental illness. Services are free and are provided in English and Spanish.
   921 Westwood Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90024
   (310) 889-7200
   https://namila.org/about-us/

Program for Torture Victims
Focuses on rebuilding the lives of immigrant survivors of torture and persecution through holistic health and wellness programs. Offers individual and family psychotherapy, psychological and psychiatric evaluation and follow-up care.
   3550 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 1906, Los Angeles, CA 90010
   (213) 384-4788
   https://ptvla.org/campaign/mental-health/

SHIELDS for Families, Behavioral Health Services
Focuses on improving the general well-being of families through comprehensive health programs and preventative social services. Provides mental health services to adults and children, including screenings, assessments, treatment matching and referrals to other services in the community.
   11601 S. Western Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90047
   (800) 735-2922
   https://www.shieldsforfamilies.org/behavioral-health-services/

Immigration Legal Services

El Rescate Legal Services
Non-profit agency founded by and for refugees fleeing the 1981 war in El Salvador that offers wide ranging legal services, including Citizenship, TPS, Work Permits, "U" Visas, DACA, Asylum, Family Petitions, and more.
   1501 West 8th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90017
   (213) 387-3284
   http://www.elrescate.org/
Central American Resource Center, Los Angeles (CARECEN)
Organization focused on delivering immigration services and advocacy, as well as providing education and leadership development programs for children and adults. Provides immigration legal services at no charge, including assistance with VAWA and U-Visa applications, assistance for permanent residents petitioning for family members, deportation defense, DACA and more.
2845 West Seventh Street, Los Angeles, CA 90005
(213) 385-7800 ext. 136
https://www.carecen-la.org/

Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles
Offers wide ranging legal services in immigration (removal proceedings, naturalization), housing, governmental benefits, expungements, and employment (unpaid wages, discrimination, benefits).
1550 West 8th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90017
(213) 640-3881
https://lafla.org/

Los Angeles County Bar Association Immigration Legal Assistance Project
Provides legal assistance and counseling to all categories of low-income persons for a nominal fee, including assistance preparing immigration and naturalization forms, general immigration legal advice, translations, certifications, notarization, and referrals to other social services agencies.
300 N. Los Angeles Street, Room 3107, Los Angeles, CA 900012
(LA Federal Building, same building as US Citizenship & Immigration Services)
(213) 485-0047
https://www.lacba.org/give-back/immigration-legal-assistance-project

Public Counsel
Provides legal services to low income individuals, including immigration, governmental benefits, assistance with child and educational issues, and consumer/debt issues.
601 S Ardmore Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90005
(213) 385-2977
http://www.publiccounsel.org/
Immigration Legal Services: Work Authorization

El Rescate Legal Services
Non-profit agency founded by and for refugees fleeing the 1981 war in El Salvador that offers wide ranging legal services, including Citizenship, TPS, Work Permits, "U" Visas, DACA, Asylum, Family Petitions, and more.
1501 West 8th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90017
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(LA Federal Building, same building as US Citizenship & Immigration Services)
(213) 485-0047
https://www.lacba.org/give-back/immigration-legal-assistance-project

General Legal Aid Services

El Rescate Legal Services
Non-profit agency founded by and for refugees fleeing the 1981 war in El Salvador that offers wide ranging legal services, including Citizenship, TPS, Work Permits, "U" Visas, DACA, Asylum, Family Petitions, and more.
1501 West 8th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90017
(213) 387-3284
http://www.elrescate.org/

Inner City Law Center
Provides free legal services including eviction prevention, housing, and public benefits assistance to the poorest and most vulnerable residents of L.A.
1309 E. Seventh Street, Los Angeles, CA 90021
(213) 891-2880
https://www.innercitylaw.org/services/
Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles
Offers wide ranging legal services in immigration (removal proceedings, naturalization), housing, governmental benefits, expungements, and employment (unpaid wages, discrimination, benefits).
1550 West 8th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90017
(213) 640-3881
https://lafla.org/get-help/#services

Mental Health Advocacy Services
Provides free legal services to children and adults with mental disabilities, with an emphasis on obtaining government benefits and services. Also provides advice and assistance on obtaining SSI benefits, teaches parents how to obtain special education services for their children.
3255 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90010
(213) 389-2077
http://mhas-la.org/

Local Community Groups

El Rescate
Non-profit agency founded by and for refugees fleeing the 1981 war in El Salvador that offers wide ranging legal services, including Citizenship, TPS, Work Permits, "U" Visas, DACA, Asylum, Family Petitions, and more.
1501 West 8th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90017
(213) 387-3284
http://www.elrescate.org/

Gatekeeper Project
A friendly visitor program which brings food, utilities’ assistance, and taxi vouchers to the frail elderly; services for clients with specific needs.
123 East 14th Street Long Beach, CA 90813
(213) 251-3432
https://catholiccharitiesla.org/program-directory-by-city/
Interfaith Refugee and Immigration Service
Offers a food pantry to its clients and the community. IRIS’ food pantry is offered on the second and fourth Fridays of the month.
3621 Brunswick Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90039
(323) 667-0489
https://iris.ladiocese.org/1programs.html#Food

Long Beach Community Services Center
Offers basic assistance with food, shelter, utilities, clothing and transportation; information and linkages to community resources; specialized programs providing rental assistance to homeless families; and a CalFresh application site.
123 East 14th Street, Long Beach, CA 90813
(213) 251-3432
https://catholiccharitiesla.org/program-directory-by-city/

Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice, Community Care Advocacy Program
Provides legal advocacy to low-income, primarily immigrant and Latinx populations in Los Angeles. Offers education on the effects of domestic and sexual violence and PTSD, coping mechanisms, and more. Provides direct referrals to shelter, housing, healthcare and food assistance.
5301 Whittier Blvd., 4th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90022
(323) 980-3500
https://www.laclj.org/services/community-care-advocacy/

Project Achieve
Provides sixty-to ninety-day emergency shelter for adult men and women; case management services; basic skills workshops; and job and housing linkages.
1368 Oregon Avenue, Long Beach CA 90813
(562) 218-9864
https://catholiccharitiesla.org/program-directory-by-city/
Palmdale, California

General Social Services

Los Angeles County Dept of Public Social Services
Offers assistance with CalWorks (unemployment), CalFresh (food stamps), childcare, refugee employment programs, and health care (Medi-Cal).
349-B E. Avenue, K-6, Lancaster, CA 93535
(866) 613-3777
http://dpss.lacounty.gov/wps/portal/dpss [May be viewed in Spanish]

English Language Programs

Antelope Valley Adult Education
Offers adults in the community technical education programs, as well as English as a Second Language, citizenship, and high school diploma and equivalency courses.

- Palmdale: 1156 East Avenue S, Palmdale, CA, 93550
- Lancaster: 45110 3rd Street East, Lancaster, CA, 93535
(661) 949-0936
https://www.avadulted.org/programs/english-as-a-second-language-program

Antelope Valley College
Antelope Valley College offers tuition-free beginner through advanced ESL courses that include writing and composition.

- Palmdale: 2301 East Palmdale Boulevard, Palmdale, CA 93550
- Lancaster: 3041 West Ave K, Lancaster, CA, 93536
(661) 722-6300
https://www.avc.edu/academics/esl

Palmdale School District English Learner Program
The Palmdale school district ensures ESL services to all qualifying students, encouraging authentic parent involvement throughout the process.
39139 North 10th Street East, Palmdale, CA 93550
(661) 223-3306
https://www.palmdalesd.org/domain/69
Job Training & Career Counseling Programs

See Immigration Legal Services for organizations that assist with Work Authorization.

America’s Job Center of California - Palmdale
Center that works to help job seekers through a variety of services, including employment workshops, skills assessments, technology assistance, and assistance for self-employed individuals.

38510 Sierra Hwy., Palmdale, CA 93550
(661) 265-7421

Antelope Valley AJCC - South Valley (Palmdale Site)
Network of experts that helps job seekers in the area by providing free services such as job training, weekly hiring events, and workshops.

38510 Sierra Highway Palmdale CA 93550
(661) 265-7421
http://www.lancasterajcc.org/index.html

Assistance with Public School Enrollment & English/Special Ed Services

Palmdale School District
The Palmdale school district assists with enrolling children in school. Spanish instructions for new student enrollment are available on page 2 of the page below.

39139 North 10th Street East, Palmdale, CA 93550
(661) 947.7191
www.palmdalesd.org

New Student Enrollment:

English Learner Program:
https://www.palmdalesd.org/domain/69
Mental Health Services

**Palmdale Mental Health Center**
*Services available for ages 0-60+, including skills development for school success. Services are available for individuals who are homeless, aging out of the child welfare system, or are experiencing mental illness for the first time.*

1529 East Palmdale Boulevard, Suite 150, Palmdale, CA 9550
(661) 575-1800
Mental Health 24/7 Helpline: 1-800-854-7771
https://locator.lacounty.gov/dmh/Location/3181163/palmdale-mental-health-center
For more information: https://dmh.lacounty.gov/

Immigration Legal Services

See also Immigration Legal Services in Los Angeles region.

**Greater Valley Immigration, Citizenship and Education Services**
*Services include citizenship classes, identification cards/passport photos, translation of documents - Spanish to English, attorney referral/consultation.*

1305 East Palmdale Boulevard, #9, Palmdale, CA 93550
(661) 272-1424
https://www.facebook.com/Greater-Valley-Immigration-Citizenship-Education-Services-502327536487388/about/?ref=page_internal

**Ya Es Hora Ciudadania!**
*Non-partisan Latino civic participation campaign that provides legal assistance through citizenship workshops and immigration clinics, and other related services such as English as Second Language and civics classes. Hosts mobile clinics in Lancaster and other nearby areas in Los Angeles area.*

(888) 839-8682
http://ciudadania.yaeshora.info/english

Immigration Legal Services: Work Authorization

**General Legal Aid Services**

*See also General Legal Services in Los Angeles region.*

**Antelope Valley Self-Help Resource Center and Family Law Facilitator**

*Self-help center that provides free legal help for individuals who do not have a lawyer.*

- 42011 4th Street West, Room 3700, Lancaster, CA 93534
- (213)-830-0845

**Basta, Inc. – Lancaster Office**

*Tenants rights organization providing direct legal representation and assistance in eviction defense and housing rights.*

- 667 W Avenue J, Lancaster, CA 93534
- (661) 525-5050
- [https://www.basta.org/aboutus](https://www.basta.org/aboutus)

**Local Community Groups**

**Antelope Valley Partners for Health**

*Supports children, family, and individuals in the community through services such as a food pantry, parent skills workshops, and a youth mentoring program.*

- 44226 10th St W., Lancaster, CA 93534
- (661) 942-4719
- [http://www.avph.org](http://www.avph.org)
General Social Services

County of Riverside, Department of Social Services
Assists Riverside County residents with basic needs and provides services that can help them become self-sufficient. Self-sufficiency programs and services include assistance with CalFresh (SNAP), CalWORKs, child care, employment services, homeless programs, Medi-Cal, and community outreach. For addresses and telephone numbers for each location, please visit the website below.

http://dpss.co.riverside.ca.us/office-locations

San Bernardino County Transitional Assistance
Provides services to assist San Bernardino County residents with basic needs and other services. Services include assistance with Cal-WORKs, Cal-Fresh, Medi-Cal, Welfare-to-Work, childcare, Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI), and the County General Relief program.

(877) 410-8829
http://wp.sbcounty.gov/tad/find-an-office/

English Language Programs

Inland Career Education Center (San Bernardino Adult School)
Offers English as a Second Language (ESL) classes. Note that courses are free but require a textbook.

1200 N. E. Street, San Bernardino, CA 92405
(909) 388-6000
https://icec.sbcusd.com/

Lifelong Learning Center – San Bernardino Public Library
The Jack L. Hill Lifelong Learning Center offers a variety of classes, at no charge, to the public as a service of the San Bernardino Public Library. Classes in Adult Basic Education (ABE), English as a Second Language (ESL), Families for Literacy (FFL), after school homework assistance, citizenship preparation, and more are offered.

555 W. 6th Street, San Bernardino, CA 92410
(909) 381-8201
http://www.sbcity.org/cityhall/library/about/departments/literacy.asp
San Bernardino Valley Community College (SBVC)
Offers non-credit English-as-a-second-language (ESL) courses. Non-credit courses can be acquired through a certificate program. Enrollment is not free.
701 South Mount Vernon Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92410
(909) 384-4400
https://www.valleycollege.edu/

Job Training & Career Counseling Programs

See Immigration Legal Services for organizations that assist with Work Authorization.

Inland Career Education Center, Career Institute
Provides a free two-year program to residents of San Bernardino County between the ages of 18-24 intended to assist with entry-level training for success in the workforce. Core components include occupational training, paid and unpaid work experience, long term career development, customer service training, financial freedom workshops, and more.
1200 North E Street, San Bernardino, CA 92405
(909) 388-6000 ext. 234
http://bernardinocareer.ss13.sharpschool.com/student_services/career_institute

Riverside County Workforce Development Center (WDB)
Provides seamless services among various workforce programs and community leadership around workforce issues. Various trainings are available at local Workforce Development Centers, and there are many online employment resources in Riverside County. Services are provided in English and Spanish. Please see the website to find your local Center.
http://www.rivcoworkforce.com/JobSeeker/JobSeekerResources.aspx
http://rivcoworkforce.com/JobSeeker/ContactUs.aspx

San Bernardino Workforce Development Board
Offers three local job centers to help individuals find a job and build a career, with services including skills assessment, career path identification, resume and interview preparation, training program identification, and assistance with finding funds to pay for training. Please visit the website below to find a local office.
http://wp.sbcounty.gov/workforce/job-seekers/
### Assistance with Public School Enrollment & English/Special Ed Services

**Welcoming Resource Center, San Bernardino County**

Provides access to educational programs, services and resources in the community serving the SBC Unified School District. Provides enrollment for elementary students and families, acceleration and GATE assessment, language assessment for English learners, foster and homeless student and family support, referrals to educational resources and programs, request for change of school (RCS - intra-district), and inter-district transfer information and process.

781 W 2nd Street, San Bernardino, CA 92410
(909)889-7576
[https://www.sbcusd.com/welcoming_resource_center](https://www.sbcusd.com/welcoming_resource_center)

### Mental Health Services

**Adult Mental Health Services**

Outpatient mental health services for adults 18 and over.

769 Blaine Street, Riverside, CA 92507
(951) 358-4705
[https://www.rcdmh.org/](https://www.rcdmh.org/)

**Catholic Charities of San Bernardino and Riverside**

Offers individual and family counseling, anger management (Spanish speaking therapist available). See website for local center location and telephone number.

[https://ccsbriv.org/office-locations](https://ccsbriv.org/office-locations)

### Immigration Legal Services

**Catholic Charities of San Bernardino - Refugee & Immigration Services (San Bernardino Office)**

Provides affordable, accurate, and up-to-date information to immigrants. Services provided include asylum applications, employment authorization, family-based petitions, naturalization/ citizenship, removal hearings, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, and Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) petitions. Services available in Spanish.

1450 N. D Street, San Bernardino, CA 92405
(909) 388-1239
[http://www.ccsbriv.org](http://www.ccsbriv.org)
Immigration Legal Services: Work Authorization

Catholic Charities of San Bernardino - Refugee & Immigration Services (San Bernardino Office)
Provides services regarding employment authorizations and employment services. Services are provided in Arabic (Levantine), Chinese, English, Spanish, and Vietnamese.
1450 N. D Street, San Bernardino, CA 92405
(909) 388-1239
http://www.ccsbriv.org/

Libreria Del Pueblo, Inc. - Immigration and Citizenship Project
Provides assistance with employment authorization forms, filings with USCIS, and representation before the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA). Services offered in English and Spanish.
998 North "D" Street, San Bernardino, CA 92410
(909) 888-1800
https://www.immigrationadvocates.org/nonprofit/legaldirectory/organization.392591-Libreria_Del_Pueblo_Inc_Immigration_and_Citizenship_Project

San Bernardino Community Service Center, Inc.
Provides immigration legal assistance to low-income families in the Inland Empire.
788 N Arrowhead Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92401
(909) 885-1992
https://www.sbcscinc.org/

General Legal Aid Services

Catholic Charities - Riverside Regional Center
Provides basic emergency services, food, clothing, utility, shelter and rental assistance when funding is available. The Refugee and Immigration Program offers community education programs, refugee adjustment assistance, and interpreter services.
3020 Madison Street, Riverside, CA 92504
(951) 689-1803
https://ccsbriv.org/

Catholic Charities of San Bernardino - Refugee & Immigration Services (San Bernardino Office)
Provides assistance in finding local housing.
1450 N. D Street, San Bernardino, CA 92405
(909) 388-1239
https://ccsbriv.org/
**Riverside Legal Aid**
*Provides free legal services to residents of Riverside County who cannot afford an attorney.*

Riverside County Bar Association Building  
4129 Main Street, Suite 101, Riverside, CA 92501  
[http://riversidelegalaid.org/](http://riversidelegalaid.org/)

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**Local Community Groups**

**Justice for Immigrants Coalition of Inland Southern California (JFIC)**
*JFIC’s goals include advocating for both national immigration reform and fair state and local policies that address migrant people, legal and educational support of migrants and their families, and working with the local press to present positive images of migrants.*

San Bernardino Community Services  
560 N. Arrowhead Avenue #9A, San Bernardino, CA 92401  

**San Bernardino Family YMCA**
*Provides various youth and adult sports and social programs.*

808 E 21st Street, San Bernardino, CA 92404  
(909) 881-9622  
[https://ymcaeastvalley.org/find-a-y/san-bernardino/](https://ymcaeastvalley.org/find-a-y/san-bernardino/)

**Y.M.C.A**
*Provides various youth and adult sports and social programs.*

9254 Galena Street, Riverside, CA 92509  
(951) 685-5242  
[www.ymcacornor.org/](http://www.ymcacornor.org/)
San Diego, California

General Social Services

Children’s Home Society of California
The early learning and education program provides supportive child development services, child care, and subsidized services to eligible families.
2650 Camino Del Rio North, Suite 104, San Diego, CA 92108
(619) 293-3411
https://www.chs-ca.org/

Health and Human Services Agency – County of San Diego
Provides a broad range of health and social services to promote wellness, self-sufficiency, and a better quality of life for individuals and families in San Diego County. Integrates health and social services through a unified service-delivery system that is family focused and community-based.
1600 Pacific Highway, Room 206, San Diego, CA 92101
(619) 515-6555
https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/hhsa/

English Language Programs

English Language Academy, University of San Diego
Programs offered include Intensive English (to prepare students for the requirements of university study and careers), General English (emphasizing communication skills), Pathway (prepares student for the University of San Diego), TOEFL Test Prep, TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language), and various customized programs.
5998 Alcala Park, San Diego, CA 92110
(619) 260-4600
https://pce.sandiego.edu/public/category/programArea.do?method=load&selectedProgramAreaId=16307
MiraCosta College
Provides free non-credit ESL classes. Classes typically last for two months. Must register online prior to class.
Community Learning Center, 1831 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, CA 92058
(760) 795-8710
https://www.miracosta.edu/academics/continuing-education/esl/learn-english-for-free.html

San Diego Community College
Free ESL classes on Saturdays. Classes focus on conversation, with various levels meeting at different times throughout the day. Students simply show up to preferred class and register there (see website for class schedules).
Beginning & Advanced Conversation Classes
West City Campus, Room 203, 3249 Fordham Street, San Diego, CA 92110
(619) 388-1873
Beginning-High & Intermediate-Advanced Conversation Classes
10440 Black Mountain Road, San Diego, CA 92127
(619) 388-7825
http://sdce.edu/organization/news/free-english-classes-adults

San Diego Continuing Education
Provides accessible, equitable, and innovative quality education and support services to diverse adult learners in pursuit of lifelong learning, training, career advancement, and pathways to college. Classes offered are free of charge.
4343 Ocean View Blvd., San Diego, CA 92113
(619) 388-4956
http://www.sdce.edu/esl

Free English Classes for Adults - Offered on Saturdays.
West City Campus, Room 203, 3249 Fordham Street, San Diego, CA 92110
(619) 388-1873
http://www.sdce.edu/organization/news/free-english-classes-adults

https://sdvirtualschools.com/our-staff/english/

Family Literacy Lessons - Free online resources for parents to help support ESL students.
http://www.sdce.edu/classes/esl/esl-resources/family-literacy-lessons
Job Training & Career Counseling Programs

See Immigration Legal Services for organizations that assist with Work Authorization.

San Diego Workforce Partnership
Provides career consulting, education and training, paid work experience as well as networking and career workshops. The Workforce Partnership empowers individuals to attain durable self-sufficiency.
1111 Bay Blvd Suite E, Chula Vista, CA 91911
(619) 628-0300
https://workforce.org/

Assistance with Public School Enrollment & English/Special Ed Services

San Diego Unified Public Schools Special Education Services
Provides eligible students with disabilities a free and appropriate public education and other special education services.
4100 Normal Street, San Diego, CA 92103
(619) 725-7700
https://www.sandiegounified.org/special-education-departments

Mental Health Services

For an extensive list of mental health service providers for adults and children, see:
https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/bhs/bhs_services.html

Access Crisis Line
Access Crisis Line has a mental health services hotline available 24/7, and an online chat box function available from Monday-Friday 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. Information is available in Spanish and English.
https://www.optumsandiego.com/content/sandiego/en/access---crisis-line.html

Family Health Centers of San Diego
Family Health Centers of San Diego offers urgent care, primary care, mental health, dental, prenatal care, reproductive health, vision, and flu shots.
1809 National Avenue, San Diego, CA 92113
(619) 515-2300
www.fhcsd.org
La Maestra Community Health Centers
Provides culturally and linguistically competent primary care, specialty services including behavioral and mental health, chronic disease management and essential support services in San Diego. Services are provided at four medical clinics, seven dental sites, three school-based health centers, and a mobile medical unit. LMCHC’s main health center is located in City Heights, and additional health centers are located in El Cajon, National City and Lemon Grove.
   4060 Fairmount Avenue, San Diego, CA 92105
   (619) 255-9155
   https://www.lamaestra.org/about-us/default.html

Immigration Legal Services

Alliance Immigration Services
Provides high-quality and trusted immigration services, including education on different forms of immigration relief, one-on-one consultations, and application assistance in San Diego County.
   (619) 269-1823
   https://www.alliancesd.org/san-diego-immigration-services

Casa Cornelia
Provides quality pro bono legal services to victims of human and civil rights violations. Primary commitment is to indigent persons within the immigrant community in greater San Diego County.
   2760 5th Ave, Suite 200, San Diego, CA 92103
   (619) 231-7788
   www.casacornelia.org

Cal Western School of Law Community Law Project Clinic
Provides free legal information in a variety of practice areas to low income and indigent communities in each of its five clinics spread throughout San Diego County.
   225 Cedar Street, San Diego, CA 92101
   (858) 591-0871 SUNNIES
   www.cwsl.edu/clp

Catholic Charities Diocese of San Diego Bay
Provides community services, including food resource centers, homeless services, refugee and immigration services, senior services, and healthcare advocacy.
   (619) 323-2841
   https://ccdsd.org/
Employee Rights Center
Advances the rights of all San Diego area workers, especially disadvantaged workers without union representation, by providing education and advocacy services regarding workplace, health, and immigration issues.
   4265 Fairmount Ave., Suite 200, San Diego, CA 92105
   (619) 521-1372
   http://weberc.net/

Immigration Center for Women and Children (ICWC)
Non-profit legal organization providing free and affordable immigration services to underrepresented immigrants in California and Nevada. ICWC strives to provide security and stability for children who are abused, abandoned or neglected and for immigrants who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and other violent crimes.
   427 C Street Suite 208, San Diego, CA 92101
   (619) 515-2200
   http://icwclaw.org/

Jewish Family Services
Provides legal services for immigrants and refugees, comprehensive refugee resettlement services, counseling and support groups, and runs a migrant family shelter in the San Diego area.
   6160 Mission Gorge, Suite 207, San Diego, CA 92120
   (858) 637-3030
   https://www.jfssd.org/our-services/

San Diego Immigrant Rights Consortium
Brings together more than 50 diverse organizations across San Diego County that advocate for policies that advance the civil and human rights of immigrants and refugees. Helps to free families from detention centers.
   (619) 363-3423
   https://www.immigrantsandiego.org/

San Diego Legal Aid Society
Provides legal help regarding housing discrimination, family law, immigration, federal tax problems, CalWorks (provides cash aid to eligible families with children), CalFresh (assists low-income families in purchasing healthy food), restraining orders, conservatorships, and Supplemental Security Income.
   110 S. Euclid Avenue, San Diego, CA 92114
   1-877-LEGAL AID (1-877-534-2524)
   www.lassd.org
University of San Diego (USD): Free Legal Assistance
Provides free legal assistance to lower income individuals. Legal clinics are funded by the University of San Diego and grants from the State Bar of California and the U.S. Department of Treasury.
5998 Alcala Park, San Diego, CA 92110, Barcelona Hall, Room 305
(619) 260-7470
www.sandiego.edu/law/free-legal-assistance

Immigration Legal Services: Work Authorization

Access, Inc.-- Immigration Services
Access, Inc. is a community based organization that provides job training, education, empowerment services and legal immigration assistance to low-income residents. Assists in employment authorization and family-based petitions.
2612 Daniel Avenue, San Diego, CA 92111
(858) 560-0871
http://www.access2jobs.org

Immigration Center for Women and Children (San Diego)
Provides legal services on a sliding scale fee system that is based on family income and size. Strives to provide stability and security to children. Provides services regarding many areas of immigration, including employment authorization.
427 C St. Suite 208, San Diego, CA 92101
(619) 515-2200
http://icwclaw.org

San Diego Unified Schools Parent & Student Resources
Provides information and instructions for minors wishing to obtain a work permit.
4100 Normal Street, San Diego, CA 92103
(619) 725-8000
https://www.sandiegounified.org/work-permits

The following organizations also provide work authorization assistance.
See Immigration Legal Services above for details on each.
- Immigration Center for Women and Children
- Jewish Family Services
- University of San Diego (USD): Free Legal Assistance
General Legal Aid Services

California Innocence Project
Provides pro bono legal assistance to inmates in cases where DNA testing of evidence or discovery of new evidence can yield conclusive proof of innocence.
225 Cedar Street, San Diego, CA 92101
(619) 525-1485
https://californiainnocenceproject.org

San Diego Volunteer Lawyers Program (SDVLP)
Aims to provide equal access to the justice system by serving as a bridge between vulnerable populations in San Diego County and volunteer lawyers. Provides legal assistance in a variety of areas including family, small business, civil harassment, landlord/tenant law, guardianship, and education law services for foster youth.
707 Broadway Unit 1400, San Diego, CA 92101
(619) 235-5656
www.sdvlp.org

The following organizations also provides General Legal Aid Services
See Immigration Legal Services above for details for each.
- Catholic Charities Diocese of San Diego Bay
- Cal Western School of Law Community Law Project Clinic
- San Diego Legal Society

Local Community Groups

Alliance San Diego
Builds coalitions to promote justice and social change focused on leadership development, policy advocacy, communication strategies, and civic engagement.
(619) 269-1823
www.alliancesd.org/

Interfaith Center for Worker Justice of San Diego County
An affiliate of Interfaith Worker Justice (IWJ), a national network that builds collective power by advancing the rights of workers through unions, worker centers, and other expressions of the labor movement and by engaging diverse faith communities and allies in joint action, from grassroots organizing to shaping policy at the local, state and national levels.
3758 30th Street, San Diego, CA 92104
(619) 573-4654
https://iwjsd.org/
Mid-City Can
*Mid-City CAN is comprised of residents of the Mid-City neighborhood who care about making a lasting impact in this community. MCC gathers around the top issues residents care about, forming teams of volunteers and helping these teams accomplish their goals. Mid-City CAN is invested in developing leaders in City Heights and holds events open to the public.*

4305 University Ave., Suite 550, San Diego, CA 92105  
(619) 272-7582  
[www.midcitycan.org/](http://www.midcitycan.org/)

Survivors of Torture International
*Independent nonprofit organization dedicated to caring for survivors of politically motivated torture and their families who live in San Diego County.*

(619) 278-2400  
[https://notorture.org/](https://notorture.org/)
Tustin | Irvine | Costa Mesa, California

General Social Services

LGBTQ Center Immigration Resources
Monthly immigration clinics, education opportunities, and online resources including Know Your Rights materials, information on marijuana use and immigration, LGBTQ+ specific resources, etc.

https://www.lgbtqcenteroc.org/services/immigrationresources/

Orange County Social Services Agency
Lists many various immigration resources, including CAPI (Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants), as well as general relief, specific resources such as domestic violence hotline, etc.

http://ssa.ocgov.com/calfresh/immigrant

English Language Programs

Irvine Valley College
Provides English lessons to help students at work and school. ESL classes are non-credit, but students still have to pay the school’s health fee. Class topics include interviewing for a job, filling out forms and applications, writing professional emails, and learning about the U.S. government. Classes are about 10 hours per week, ranging in level.

AESL Center, Room B382, 5500 Irvine Center Drive, Irvine, CA 92618
(949) 451-5510
http://academics.ivc.edu/LLR/esl/pages/aesl.aspx

North Orange Continuing Education
Offers free ESL classes to adults during day and evening hours at three NOCE centers and over 50 community locations. Students apply online, complete the orientation, and then will decide with a program counselor what class is best for them.

Location is assigned after registration
(714) 808-4638
https://noce.edu/programs/english-second-language-program/about-esl

Orange County Libraries
Various programs including weekly speaking and writing courses, computer-based learning options, conversation hours. Has 15+ locations.

(407) 835-7323
https://www.ocls.info/english-speakers-other-languages

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**Orange County Lingual Institute at South Coast Plaza**
*Offers beginning to advanced classes. $275 for an 8 week term. English language tutors are also available for private instruction.*  
600 Anton Blvd., Suite B Costa Mesa, CA 92626  
https://www.oclanguages.com/english-language-classes/

**South Coast Literacy Council**
*Free adult ESL classes at more than 25 community locations. SCLC runs small, friendly, and fun classes in the day and evening. Childcare is provided at some locations.*  
Class location depends on needs/availability.  
For locations, see https://southcoastliteracy.org/locations-1.  
https://southcoastliteracy.org/english

**Tustin Unified School District**
*TUSD provides free adult ESL and U.S. citizenship education. Students can start at any time.*  
Tustin Adult School, 1151 San Juan Street, Tustin, CA 92780  
(714) 730-7395  
https://www.tustin.k12.ca.us/departments/ed-services/district-programs/adult-education

**Job Training & Career Counseling Programs**

See [Immigration Legal Services](https://www.theravive.com) for organizations that assist with Work Authorization.

**Coronavirus-Related Work Information**
*Resources that explain workers’ rights in light of COVID-19, provides rights and protections resources, support services, and industry-specific information.*  
https://www.labor.ca.gov/coronavirus2019/

**Orange County One-Stop Centers**
*Provides employment and training services including job search workshops, resume distribution, on-site interviews, and access to a Resource Center. Offers programs for youth, adults, older workers, people with disabilities, dislocated workers, Veterans, and TANF recipients.*  
https://www.oconestop.com/

**Theravive**
*Directory of career counselors available in Irvine and surrounding areas.*  

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United Way UpSkill OC  
*Workforce development program supports underemployed and unemployed adults as they move from unemployment or low-wage positions into long-term, livable wage, middle-skill occupations. These jobs require more than a high school diploma but less than a four-year degree.*

[https://www.unitedwayoc.org/how-we-are-doing-more/income/upskill-oc/](https://www.unitedwayoc.org/how-we-are-doing-more/income/upskill-oc/)

**Assistance with Public School Enrollment & English/Special Ed Services**

**Costa Mesa (Newport-Mesa) School Enrollment**  
*Site for online pre-enrollment.*  
Karen Kendall Welcome Center  
2045 Meyer Pl, Rooms 110-112, Costa Mesa, CA 92627  
(949) 515-6743  
NewStudentEnrollment@nmusd.us  
[https://web.nmusd.us/enrollment](https://web.nmusd.us/enrollment)

**Irvine School Enrollment**  
*Site for online pre-enrollment.*  
5050 Barranca Parkway, Irvine, CA 92604  
**Elementary Education:** (949) 936-5000 | kamicollver@iusd.org  
**Secondary Education:** (949) 936-5000 | studentservices@iusd.org  
[https://iusd.org/about/iusd-enrollment/enroll-irvine-usd](https://iusd.org/about/iusd-enrollment/enroll-irvine-usd)

**Orange County Department of Education Special Education Services**  
*Develops Individualized Education Programs for each student and connects parents to both classroom and support staff to assess student progress.*  
200 Kalmus Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626  
(714) 966-4000  
[https://ocde.us/SPED/Pages/default.aspx](https://ocde.us/SPED/Pages/default.aspx)

**Regional Center of Orange County Special Education Resources**  
*Private, nonprofit organizations contracted by the State of California to coordinate lifelong services and supports for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.*  
1525 North Tustin Avenue, Santa Ana, CA 92705  
714-796-5100  
[https://www.rcocdd.com/frc/ccfrc/resources/special-education/](https://www.rcocdd.com/frc/ccfrc/resources/special-education/)
Tustin School Enrollment
Online resource for first-time enrollees into school district.
714-730-7301
https://www.tustin.k12.ca.us/departments/admin-services/enrollment-data-confirmation-inscripcion-y-confirmacion-de-datos/online-enrollment

Mental Health Services

Casa de la Familia
Non-profit organization that provides bilingual (Spanish and English) psychological support to individuals of all ages, specializing in the treatment of PTSD, anxiety, and depressive disorders in Latinx individuals.
1650 East 4th St., Ste. 101, Santa Ana, CA 92701
(714) 667-5220 or (213) 413-7777
https://casadelafamilia.org/contact-us

Child Guidance Center
Provides behavioral and mental health services to Orange County youth, including Parent-Child Interaction Therapy, social skills therapy, and trauma therapy. Offers ten languages, including Spanish and ASL, and several locations throughout the county.
525 Cabrillo Park Drive, Suite 300, Santa Ana, CA 92701 (main office)
(714) 953-4455 (for appointments and clinical questions)
https://www.childguidancecenteroc.org/pages/contact-us

Latino Health Access
Non-profit organization that trains community health workers to treat and support the physical and mental health of residents, focusing on uninsured and underserved populations. Offers services in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese.
450 W Fourth St., Suite 130, Santa Ana, CA 92701
(714) 542-7792
http://www.latinohealthaccess.org/contact-us/

LGBT Center of Orange County
Advocacy organization offering a variety of community support and mental health services for youth and adults, in English and Spanish. Also offers education on LGBT cultural competency and HIV prevention/counseling.
1605 N. Spurgeon Street, Santa Ana, CA 92701
(714) 953-5428 | info@lgbtcenteroc.org
https://www.lgbtqcenteroc.org/about/contact/
Multicultural Development Center
Promotes health equity by offering culturally inclusive health services for all age groups. Services include language service coordination, clinical consultations, and disability benefit consultations. Languages include English, Spanish, and ASL.
   600 W. Santa Ana Blvd, Santa Ana, CA 92701
   (714) 667-5600
   https://www.ochealthinfo.com/gov/health/bhs/about/aqis/wet/culture.asp

Immigration Legal Services

Access California Services
Community-based organization that offers employment, counseling, and immigration services, English classes, healthcare access, financial assistance, and community engagement opportunities.
   631 S. Brookhurst St, Suite 107, Anaheim, CA 92804
   (714) 917-0440
   http://www.accesscal.org/

Catholic Charities of Orange County
The Immigration Service Center provides free/low cost services to immigrants, including assistance with Adjustment of Status, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Employment authorization, Naturalization, and Temporary Protected Status (TPS).
   1800 E. 17th Street, Santa Ana, CA 92705
   (714) 347-9610
   http://www.ccoc.org/

Public Law Center
Pro-bono firm that provides legal services to low-income residents. Assists with adjustment of status, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), employment authorization, naturalization, visa petitions, and representation at asylum interviews and immigration court proceedings.
   601 Civic Center Dr W., Santa Ana, CA 92701
   (714) 541-1010
   http://www.publiclawcenter.org
World Relief (Southern California Office)
Assists with adjustments of status, asylum applications, consular processing, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), employment authorization, employment-based immigrant and non-immigrant petitions, family-based petitions, naturalization/citizenship, T visas, U visas, Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) petitions.
13121 Brookhurst Street, Suite H, Garden Grove, CA 92843
(714) 210-4730
https://worldreliefsocal.org/

Immigration Legal Services: Work Authorization

The following organizations also provide work authorization assistance.
See Immigration Legal Services above for details on each organization.
- Access California Resources
- Catholic Charities of Orange County
- Public Law Center
- World Relief (Southern California Office)

General Legal Aid Services

Community Legal Aid SoCal
Promotes equal access to the justice system through advocacy, self-help services, community education, legal counseling and representation.
2101 N Tustin Ave, Santa Ana, CA 92705
https://www.communitylegalsocal.org/

Legal Aid Society of Orange County
Provides civil legal services to low-income individuals and aims to promote equal access to the justice system through advocacy, legal counseling, innovative self-help services, in-depth legal representation, economic development and community education.
(800) 834-5001  |  (714) 571-5200
https://getconnected.unitedwayoc.org/agency/detail/?agency_id=42738

Local Community Groups

Community Youth Organizing
Advancing immigrant rights through education and undocumented youth-led community organizing.
https://www.facebook.com/OCIYU/