



# CAM (Central American Minors) Parolee Resource Guide

## Massachusetts

### ***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 in to the United States for at least one year<sup>1</sup> are included within the federal definition of “qualified aliens”.<sup>2</sup> ***However, CAM parolees are not eligible to receive federal means-tested public benefits<sup>3</sup> 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.<sup>4</sup>

**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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<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> See 7 CFR 273.4(a)(6)(i); 8 U.S.C. § 1641 (b)(4). CAM parolees are “qualified aliens” who are paroled into the United States under INA § 212(d)(5), 8 U.S.C. § 1182(d)(5).

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

<sup>4</sup> See [SNAP Policy on Non-Citizen Eligibility](#), U.S. Department of Agriculture, September 2013.

## 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).<sup>5</sup>
- 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.<sup>6</sup> 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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<sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> 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.<sup>7</sup> 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.<sup>8</sup> **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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<sup>7</sup> 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.

<sup>8</sup> 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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## State Benefits

<b>Food Assistance</b>	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
<b>Temporary Cash Assistance</b>	Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children (TAFDC) Emergency Aid to the Elderly, Disabled, and Children (EAEDC)
<b>Medical Assistance</b>	MassHealth Health Safety Net (HSN)
<b>Post-Secondary Tuition Assistance</b>	Eligible -Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
<b>Driver's License/State ID</b>	Eligible - Massachusetts Driver's License and State ID

## Food Assistance

**For urgent food assistance, contact or visit a food bank in the county.<sup>9</sup>**

See <https://www.feedingamerica.org/find-your-local-foodbank>.

### **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)**

*SNAP provides a monthly benefit to buy nutritious foods. To get SNAP, applicants must be low-income and be a legal noncitizen (restrictions apply—must have proof of “lawful presence”). DTA has locations all over the state of Massachusetts; information below pertains to the Boston location.*

DTA New Market Square Transitional Assistance Office  
1010 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston, MA 02118

Boston: (617) 989-2200

General: (877) 382-2363

<http://mass.gov/snap-benefits-formerly-food-stamps>

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<sup>9</sup> 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>.

## Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (cont'd)

Eligibility: For CAM parolees under 18 years old. Parents of CAM parolees may apply on behalf of their children if their income is at a certain amount. Applicants may check eligibility at <https://dtaconnect.eohhs.mass.gov/screening>

How to Apply:

- To apply online, go to [DTAConnect.EOHHS.Mass.gov](https://DTAConnect.EOHHS.Mass.gov) and click Apply SNAP! It is possible to apply for cash benefits on the website as well, namely Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children (TAFDC) and Emergency Aid to the Elderly, Disabled, and Children (EAEDC). The application takes about 20 minutes.
- Applicants must have the following information ready:
  - Birth dates
  - Social Security Numbers (if applicable)
  - Incomes
  - Expenses

## Temporary Cash Assistance

### Department of Transitional Assistance: Cash Benefits

*The Department of Transitional Assistance offers two cash benefits programs: Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children (TAFDC) and Emergency Aid to the Elderly, Disabled, and Children (EAEDC). Eligibility for cash benefits depends on financial and nonfinancial criteria. DTA has locations all over the state of Massachusetts; information below pertains to the Boston location.*

DTA New Market Square Transitional Assistance Office

1010 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston, MA 02118

Boston: (617) 989-2200

General: (877) 382-2363

<http://mass.gov/economic-assistance-cash-benefits>

## **Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children (TAFDC)**

*For families with children under 18, including teen parents. If pregnant, applicants can apply for TAFDC for themselves if the child is due in less than 4 months.*

- Eligibility:
- Applicants must live in Massachusetts, be low-income, and a U.S. citizen or legal noncitizen (restrictions apply; must have proof of “lawful presence”—in this case, proof of humanitarian parole status, such as their Form I-94).
  - Eligibility for cash benefits depends on financial and nonfinancial criteria.

How to Apply: To apply online, go to [DTAConnect.EOHHS.Mass.gov](https://DTAConnect.EOHHS.Mass.gov) and click Apply TAFDC! Or Apply EAEDC! It is possible to apply for SNAP on the website as well.

- Applicants must have the following information ready:
  - Birth dates
  - Social Security Numbers (if applicable)
  - Incomes

## **Emergency Aid to the Elderly, Disabled, and Children (EAEDC)**

*For individuals who are disabled; are caring for someone who is severely disabled; are 65 years or older; or are getting training from a Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission program. Some children who cannot get TAFDC may be able to qualify for EAEDC.*

- Eligibility:
- Applicants must live in Massachusetts, be low-income, and a U.S. citizen or legal noncitizen (restrictions apply; must have proof of “lawful presence”—in this case, proof of humanitarian parole status, such as their Form I-94).
  - Eligibility for cash benefits depends on financial and nonfinancial criteria.

How to Apply: To apply online, go to [DTAConnect.EOHHS.Mass.gov](https://DTAConnect.EOHHS.Mass.gov) and click Apply TAFDC! Or Apply EAEDC! It is possible to apply for SNAP on the website as well.

- Applicants must have the following information ready:
  - Birth dates
  - Social Security Numbers (if applicable)
  - Incomes

## Medical Assistance

### MassHealth Health Safety Net (HSN)

*HSN pays for some health services provided by acute care hospitals or community health centers for certain low income, uninsured and underinsured patients. It is not insurance and cannot be used at tax time to show you were covered by health insurance. A list of HSN providers can be found at [Mass.gov/Service-Details/Information-for-Patients](https://www.mass.gov/service-details/information-for-patients).*

Eligibility: HSN is available to uninsured and underinsured Massachusetts residents whose family income is under a certain percentage of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL):

1. Massachusetts residents with income between 0-150% of the FPL may be eligible for the Health Safety Net.
2. Massachusetts residents with income above 150% and equal to, or less than 300% FPL may be eligible for the Health Safety Net with a deductible.

How to Apply: Applications and qualifications are available online at [Mass.gov/Lists/MassHealth-Member-Guides-and-Handbooks](https://www.mass.gov/lists/masshealth-member-guides-and-handbooks). For assistance, call (877) 910-2100 or email [HSNhelpdesk@state.ma.us](mailto:HSNhelpdesk@state.ma.us). Required application steps include:

1. Complete application for financial assistance.
2. Have a Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) of less than, or equal to 300% Federal Poverty Level.
3. Be a Massachusetts resident.
4. Provide proof of identity.

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

### Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (ESE)

*ESE oversees the education of children grades pre-k through 12 in Massachusetts. In addition to traditional schooling, ESE provides a number of services for students, families, and educators including special needs accommodations, professional development, vocational and other alternative schooling, and opportunities for college preparation.*

Eligibility: All children residing in Massachusetts may register.

How to Apply: Each public school district has a separate process for registering new students. The steps described here pertain to Boston Public Schools (BPS); other districts' processes are similar. For district-specific information, refer to the list of Massachusetts school districts at [Profiles.DOE.Mass.edu/search/search.aspx?leftNavId=11238](https://Profiles.DOE.Mass.edu/search/search.aspx?leftNavId=11238).

There are two ways to register with BPS, listed below. Further information is available at [BostonPublicSchools.org/Register](https://BostonPublicSchools.org/Register). Interpretation assistance is available by calling the Welcome Center at (617) 635-9010.

1. By computer: Pre-register online at [SIS.MyBPS.org](https://SIS.MyBPS.org) and schedule an appointment at [BookNow.Appointment-Plus.com/8517n4dg/](https://BookNow.Appointment-Plus.com/8517n4dg/) to complete the process over the phone.
2. By phone: Call 617-635-9010 and register with a registration specialist.
3. After registering, students who need language testing will be contacted by the Newcomers Assessment Counseling Center (NACC) to schedule a virtual appointment for language. Appointments are conducted online or by phone. School selection can be made once the language assessment is complete.

## Post-Secondary Tuition Assistance

### Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

*FAFSA is an application completed by current and prospective college students (undergraduate and graduate) in the United States to determine eligibility for student financial aid.*

Eligibility: Parolees with an Arrival/Departure Record (I-94) showing "Parolee" for a minimum of one year may apply for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

How to Apply: Apply at the FAFSA website at [StudentAid.gov/h/Apply-for-Aid/FAFSA](https://StudentAid.gov/h/Apply-for-Aid/FAFSA).

- In the upper-right hand corner, click "Create Account."
  - *Important Notes:*
    - Because financial aid agreements are legally binding, you can't create an account for someone else, even another family member. Parents and students must create their own accounts.
    - A user can only have one account associated with their Social Security number.
- Follow the prompts to create an account and fill out the application.

For any questions about the application process, call 1-800-4FED-AID (1-800-433-2343) or email the organization at the following link: [StudentAidHelp.ed.gov/app/Ask](https://StudentAidHelp.ed.gov/app/Ask). Hours of operation are Monday to Friday 8:00am to 11:00pm EST and Saturday to Sunday 11:00am to 5:00pm EST.

## State ID/Driver's License

### Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles

*CAM parolees may apply for an official Virginia State ID from their local Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) if they do not plan on driving. Otherwise, a Massachusetts Driver's License is required to drive (a license from a CAM parolee's home country cannot be used).*

Eligibility: *It is advised that a Massachusetts Driver's License within 30 days of moving to Massachusetts. A list of RMV locations can be found at [Mass.gov/orgs/Massachusetts-Registry-of-Motor-Vehicles/locations?\\_page=1](https://www.mass.gov/orgs/Massachusetts-Registry-of-Motor-Vehicles/locations?_page=1)*

Those 14 years of age and older are eligible for a Mass ID. To get a driver's license or Mass ID in Massachusetts, a Social Security number (or a denial letter—see "How to Apply" below) and proof of Massachusetts residency must be provided, as well as valid immigration documents and proof that legal stay in the U.S. for at least 12 months has been granted—in this case, proof of humanitarian parole status, such as their Form I-94.

How to Apply: Apply online at [Atlas-myRMV.MassDOT.state.ma.us/myrmv/](https://Atlas-myRMV.MassDOT.state.ma.us/myrmv/). Some application types may need to be completed in person at a local RMV office. At the end of the application, there will be a summary of the application and a list of documents that need to be brought to the RMV.

To apply for a driver's license, follow the steps below:

1. Fulfill Social Security Number requirement.
  - a. If you are not eligible for a Social Security Number, you must apply for a Social Security Number and obtain a "denial letter" from the Social Security Administration explaining that your request for a Social Security Number was denied.
2. (Only if applying for a driver's license.) Complete the Written Learner's Permit Test (\$30).
  - a. Read the Massachusetts Driver's Manual at [Mass.gov/orgs/Massachusetts-Registry-of-Motor-Vehicles](https://www.mass.gov/orgs/Massachusetts-Registry-of-Motor-Vehicles).
  - b. The written test consists of 25 multiple-choice questions. You must answer 18 questions correctly to pass.

3. (Only if applying for a driver's license.) Complete the Road Test (\$35).
  - a. After obtaining a Learner's Permit and becoming accustomed to driving in the U.S. (usually 6 months), schedule a road/driving test. A car must be brought to the road test. The road test is brief, and a car may be borrowed or rented for this purpose.
  - b. After passing the road test, the applicant is eligible for a Massachusetts Driver's License.
4. Obtain license (\$50) or MassID.

## Local (City/County-Specific) Resources in Massachusetts

### Boston, Massachusetts

#### General Social Services

##### **ABCD South End Neighborhood Service Center**

*ABCD serves low-income residents in the Greater Boston area by providing housing assistance, homelessness prevention, tenant workshops, ESL classes, immigration assistance, food pantry, youth programs, early start preschool programs, and clothing and furniture assistance.*

554 Columbus Avenue, Boston, MA 02118

(617) 267-7400

<http://bostonabcd.org/>

##### **Boston Area Rape Crisis Center (BARCC)**

*BARCC provides confidential support to survivors of sexual violence of all genders, as well as crisis counseling, assistance navigating the healthcare, criminal, legal, social service, and school systems.*

Boston: Family Justice Center

989 Commonwealth Avenue #133, Boston, MA 02215

Cambridge: 99 Bishop Allen Drive, Cambridge, MA 02139

Waltham: (by appointment only)

24 Crescent Street, Suite 202, Waltham, MA 02453

General: (617) 492-8306

24/7 Hotline: (800) 841-8371

Online Chat: <http://barcc.org/chat>

<http://barcc.org/>

##### **Boston Rescue Mission**

*Non-profit providing emergency overnight shelter, meals, shower facilities, sober living communities.*

39 Kingston Street, Boston, MA 02111

Phone: (617) 338-9000

<http://brm.org/>

### **Catholic Charities**

*Provides interpreter services, immigration and refugee legal services, housing assistance, ESL classes, job placement assistance, as well as adult education and counseling assistance. Various locations available in parts of Boston, Worcester, Lynn, and Lowell.*

275 West Broadway, Boston, MA 02127

(617) 464-8500

[info@ccab.org](mailto:info@ccab.org)

<http://www.ccab.org/>

### **Center for Refugee and Human Rights (Boston Medical Center) (BCRHHR)**

*Provides comprehensive primary care services to immigrant and refugee patients, including preventative care, immunizations, and treatment for illnesses and injuries, referrals for more specialized services.*

725 Albany Street, Boston, MA 02118

(617) 414-5951

<http://bcrhhr.org/>

### **Centro Presente**

*State-wide organization dedicated to the self-determination and self-sufficiency of the Latin American immigrant community of Massachusetts. Services include ESL, literacy, and citizenship classes, as well as specialized legal resources.*

(857) 256-2981

<http://cpresente.org/>

### **City of Boston's Office of Housing Stability**

*The City of Boston's Rental Relief Fund provides funds for Boston residents at risk of losing their rental housing due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Note: Assistance from the fund is not considered in the federal "public charge" rule.*

26 Court Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston, MA 02108

(617) 635-4200

[housingstability@boston.gov](mailto:housingstability@boston.gov)

<http://boston.gov/departments/neighborhood-development/office-housing-stability/rental-relief-fund>

### **College Bound Dorchester (Boston Unbounded)**

*Provides education counseling and assistance to at-risk youth, adults, and immigrants.*

275 E Cottage Street, Dorchester, MA 02125

(617) 944-1083

[info@collegebounddorchester.org](mailto:info@collegebounddorchester.org)

<http://uncornered.org/>

### **Dominican Development Center**

*Immigrant-led non-profit offering a variety of services, including ESL and citizenship classes, housing law education, know your rights workshops, and community building.*

42 Seaverns Avenue, Boston, MA 02130

(617) 524-4029

<http://dominicanddevelopmentcenter.org/>

### **International Institute of New England**

*An organization helping refugees and immigrants through resettlement, education, career advancement, and pathways to citizenship. Services include legal services, job skills training, job search assistance, and ESL classes. IINE has locations throughout Massachusetts. IINE has locations throughout Massachusetts.*

China Trade Center, 2 Boylston Street, 3rd Floor, Boston, MA 02116

(617) 695-9990 | (603) 647-1500

[info@iine.org](mailto:info@iine.org)

<http://iine.org/>

### **Jewish Family Service of Metrowest**

*Non-profit organization providing services to people in need in the Metrowest and Greater Boston regions, including academic support for low-income children, nutrition and basic family assistance for struggling families, citizenship and immigrant programs, and geriatric care management. Immigration programs include refugee resettlement services, welcome kits, and limited immigration and community advising.*

475 Franklin Street #101, Framingham, MA 01702

(508) 875-3100

<http://jfsmw.org/>

### **MassLegalHelp**

*Website put together by legal aid programs to help users find practical information about their legal rights in Massachusetts, including a section providing information on federal tuition assistance and higher education rights of immigrants in Massachusetts.*

<http://www.masslegalhelp.org/immigration/higher-education-rights>

### **Mayor's Office for Immigrant Advancement**

*Dedicated to encouraging immigrants communities to fully participate in the economic, civic, social, and cultural life of the city, and to promote the public understanding of the contributions of immigrants.*

1 City Hall Square, Room 806, Boston, MA 02201

(617) 635-2980

<http://boston.gov/departments/immigrant-advancement>

**MetroWest Legal Services (MWLS)**

*Provides legal aid services for education, housing, employment, and immigration matters. MWLS also performs community outreach and education in the area.*

63 Fountain Street, Suite 304, Framingham MA, 01702

(508) 620-1830

(800) 696-1501

<http://mwlegal.org/>

**Mujeres Unidas Avanzando (MUA Boston)**

*MUA addresses the educational needs of low-income Latina girls and women, offering three levels of ESL classes, computer skills education, Hi-SET (previously, GED) preparation, job and college advising and application assistance, a variety of social services through Proyecto Companera, and free daycare for mothers.*

54 Clayton Street, Dorchester, MA 02122

(617) 282-3500

<http://muaboston.org/>

**The Paulist Center**

*Provides a food pantry and delivers immigration advocacy.*

5 Park Street, Boston, MA 02108

(617) 742-4460

[info@paulistcenter.org](mailto:info@paulistcenter.org)

<http://paulistcenter.org/>

**Refugee & Immigrant Assistance Center**

Non-profit that provides services to refugees, asylees, and immigrants, including refugee resettlement, asylee case management, counseling, outreach and education, and other social services. Located in Jamaica Plain, but with offices in Lynn, Boston, and Worcester.

253 Roxbury Street, Boston, MA 02119

(617) 238-2430

After Hours: (617) 261-2034

[riac@riacboston.org](mailto:riac@riacboston.org)

<http://riacboston.org/>

### **Rosie's Place**

*Women's shelter offering hot meals, a food pantry, laundry and locker services, showers, health and wellness providers, adult education classes, job search assistance, and legal services.*

889 Harrison Avenue, Boston, MA 02118

(617) 442-9322

<http://www.rosiesplace.org/>

### **St. Francis House**

*Non-profit serving poor and homeless in the Boston area. Services and amenities include a day shelter, food, clothing, access to medical care, substance abuse support, career development, counseling, and a designated women's center*

39 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116

(617) 542-4211

[info@stfrancishouse.org](mailto:info@stfrancishouse.org)

<http://stfrancishouse.org/>

### **Volunteer Lawyers Project**

*Delivers pro-bono civil legal services to eligible clients in the Greater Boston area, typically those currently on track for green card or citizenship status. It also covers employment, housing, and family support advising; does not provide immigration assistance.*

7 Winthrop Square, 2nd Floor, Boston, MA 02110

Main Office: (617) 423-0648

Helpline: (617) 603-1700

<http://vlpnet.org/>

## **English Language Programs**

### **Boston Center for Adult Education (BCAE)**

*Non-profit providing educational opportunities for adults, including ESL classes at varying levels*

122 Arlington Street, Boston, MA 02116

(617) 267-4430

<http://bcae.org/>

### **Boston Public Library**

*Provides ESL classes, ESL conversation groups, and small group tutoring at no cost.*

*Registration required in advance. Various locations throughout Boston.*

*Online ESL resources can be found on the website.*

700 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116

ESL Registration: (617) 859-2446

<http://bpl.org/learning-english/>

### **Jewish Vocational Services Boston**

*Workforce development nonprofit providing ESL classes and job trainings for refugees and immigrants. Locations throughout Boston; main location given below.*

75 Federal Street, 3rd Floor, Boston, MA 02110

(617) 399-3131

[info@jvs-boston.org](mailto:info@jvs-boston.org)

<http://jvs-boston.org/>

### **St. Mark's Community Education Program (SMCEP)**

*St. Mark's provides ESL and citizenship preparation classes.*

20 Roseland Street, Dorchester, MA 02124

(617) 288-8515

[stmarkesol@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkesol@gmail.com)

<http://stmarksesol.org/>

### **The following organizations also provide English Language Programs.**

See [General Social Services](#) above for details on each organization.

- ABCD South End Neighborhood Service Center
- Mujeres Unidas Avanzando (MUA Boston)

## **Job Training & Career Counseling Programs**

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

### **Bunker Hill Community College - Chelsea Campus**

*The Chelsea campus is home to the College's Adult Education program, which offers transition to college assistance as well as, ESL and Spanish-language GED classes.*

250 Rutherford Avenue, Boston, MA 02129

(617) 228-2000

<http://bhcc.edu/>

**The following organizations also provide Job Training & Career Counseling.**

See [General Social Services](#) above for details.

- Mujeres Unidas Avanzando (MUA Boston)

See [English Language Programs](#) above for details.

- Jewish Vocational Services Boston

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

**Boston Public Schools (BPS)**

There are two ways to enroll for Boston public schools:

- (1) Register online by pre-registering at <https://sis.mybps.org/> and scheduling an appointment to complete the process over the phone at [https://booknow.appointment-plus.com/8517n4dg/?&area\\_id=120](https://booknow.appointment-plus.com/8517n4dg/?&area_id=120).
- (2) Or by phone by calling (617) 635-9010 and speaking to one of our registration specialists.

<https://www.bostonpublicschools.org/register>

**For English language education services**, let BPS know that the student needs language testing and the Newcomers Assessment Counseling Center will schedule a virtual appointment for the student's assessment either online or by phone.

For the English Learners instructional programs available, see

<https://www.bostonpublicschools.org/Page/5999>.

## Mental Health Services

**Behavioral Health Services (Boston Children's Hospital)**

Services include mental healthcare for children and adolescents, psychotherapy, family therapy, group therapy, and medication management.

300 Longwood Avenue, Boston, MA 02115

(617) 355-6000

<http://childrenshospital.org/about-us/locations/boston-childrens-at-martha-eliot-health-center/departments/behavioral-health-services>

**Casa Esperanza, Inc.**

Bilingual and bicultural behavioral health center that specializes in serving the Latino community in Massachusetts, specializing in recovery from addiction, trauma, homelessness, mental illness, and other chronic medical conditions.

245 Eustis Street, Boston, MA 02119

(617) 445-1123 | [cssintakes@casaesperanza.org](mailto:cssintakes@casaesperanza.org)

<http://casaesperanza.org/>

**Center for Multicultural Mental Health (Boston Medical Center)**

*Provides training, support, and clinical services aimed at diverse populations (adults and children).*

85 East Newton Street M-912, Boston, MA 02118

(617) 414-4646

[cntp@bmc.org](mailto:cntp@bmc.org)

<http://cmmh-cntp.org/>

**La Alianza Hispana**

*Social service agency providing youth programs and tutoring, behavioral health services, elderly services, assistance for pregnant women and young mothers, and adult day health care.*

1000 Massachusetts Ave. #101, Boston, MA 02118

(617) 427-7175

<http://laalianza.org/>

**Immigration Legal Services**

**Agencia ALPHA**

*A nonprofit organization offering legal assistance, adult education classes, and civics classes to immigrant communities.*

62 Northampton St. Suite H101, Boston, MA 02118

(617) 522-6382

[info@agenciaalpha.org](mailto:info@agenciaalpha.org)

<http://agenciaalpha.org/>

**Greater Boston Legal Services (GLS)**

*Provides free legal assistance and representation on civil matters to the Greater Boston Area. Areas of assistance include abuse prevention orders, consumer rights, criminal record sealing, debt collection and bankruptcy, unemployment benefits, family law, housing law, healthcare benefits, government benefits, taxes, and victims of crime. Immigration-specific services include asylum applications, DACA, T visas, U visas, VAWA petitions, representation before immigration court, federal court appeals, representation at asylum interviews, and referrals for other services.*

197 Friend Street, Boston, MA 02114

(617) 371-1234

<http://www.gbls.org>

### **Political Asylum and Refugee Project (PAIR)**

Free immigration assistance and services for asylum seekers and detained immigrants

98 North Washington Street, Suite 106, Boston, MA 02114

(617) 742-9296

<http://www.pairproject.org/>

### **Project Citizenship**

*Nonprofit agency that provides free legal services to permanent residents to help them become U.S. citizens, as well as free workshops, eligibility screening, application assistance, legal referrals, and all materials needed to apply for U.S. citizenship. In addition, Project Citizenship works with local partner organizations to provide a range of support services, civics instruction, application assistance, and ESL classes.*

4 Faneuil South Market Building, 3rd Floor, Boston, MA 02109

(617) 694-5949

[info@projectcitizenship.org](mailto:info@projectcitizenship.org)

<http://projectcitizenship.org/>

### **Rian Immigrant Center**

*Rian Immigrant Center provides legal, education, and wellness services for immigrant and refugee families. Services include free legal consultations at weekly clinics, representation before USCIS, work authorization, and citizenship assistance.*

1 State Street, 8th Floor, Boston, MA 02109

(617) 542-7654

<http://riancenter.org/>

## **Immigration Legal Services: Work Authorization**

**The following organizations also provide work authorization assistance.**

See [Immigration Legal Services](#) above for details on each organization.

- Greater Boston Legal Services (GLS)
- Rian Immigrant Center

## General Legal Aid Services

### Volunteer Lawyers Project

*Delivers pro-bono civil legal services to eligible clients in the Greater Boston area, typically those currently on track for green card or citizenship status. It also covers employment, housing, and family support advising; does not provide immigration assistance.*

7 Winthrop Square, 2nd Floor, Boston, MA 02110

Main Office: (617) 423-0648

Helpline: (617) 603-1700

<http://vlpnet.org/>

### WilmerHale Legal Services Center of Harvard Law School (LSC)

*Areas of assistance include estate planning, family law, federal tax, housing law, LGBTQI+ advocacy, predatory lending, and consumer protection.*

122 Boylston Street, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

(617) 522-3003

<http://legalservicescenter.org/>

### Women's Bar Foundation (WBA)

*Provides free legal counseling and full representation in civil legal matters, such as family law, domestic violence prevention, and elder law. Citizenship status is not required for eligibility.*

105 Chauncy Street, 8th Floor, Boston, MA 02111

(617) 973-6666

<http://wbawbf.org/>

### The following organizations also provide general legal services.

See [Immigration Legal Services](#) above for details on each organization.

- Greater Boston Legal Services (GLS)

## Local Community Groups

### The following organizations are also local community groups.

See [General Social Services](#) above for details on each organization.

- Centro Presente
- Dominican Development Center
- Mujeres Unidas Avanzando (MUA Boston)

See [Mental Health Services](#) above for details on each organization.

- La Alianza Hispana

## Everett | Chelsea, Massachusetts

### General Social Services

#### **La Comunidad, Inc.**

*Supports the Latin American community of the city of Everett. Services and areas of assistance include immigration services providers, community organizing, adult education, labor rights, social services, and citizenship classes.*

471 Broadway #1, Everett, MA 02149

(617) 387-9996

[info@lacomunidadinc.org](mailto:info@lacomunidadinc.org)

<http://lacomunidadinc.org/>

#### **Northeast Legal Aid (NLA)**

*NLA provides legal aid services for housing, employment, and benefits response, as well as community legal education. with offices in Lowell, Lynn, and Lawrence.*

181 Union Street, Suite 201A, Lynn, Massachusetts 01901

(978) 458-1465

<http://northeastlegalaid.org/>

#### **Refugee & Immigrant Assistance Center**

Non-profit that provides services to refugees, asylees, and immigrants, including refugee resettlement, asylee case management, counseling, outreach and education, and other social services. Located in Jamaica Plain, but with offices in Lynn, Boston, and Worcester.

330 Lynnway, Lynn, MA, 01901

(617) 238-2430

[riac@riacboston.org](mailto:riac@riacboston.org)

<http://riacboston.org/>

### English Language Programs

#### **Everett Adult Learning Center**

*Municipal program offering ESL classes for adults.*

Everett City Hall, 484 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149

(617) 394-2270

<http://cityofeverett.com/426/Programs>

## Job Training & Career Counseling Programs

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

### International Institute of New England

An organization helping refugees and immigrants through resettlement, education, career advancement, and pathways to citizenship. Services include legal services, job skills training, job search assistance, and ESL classes. IINE has locations throughout Massachusetts.

4 Gerrish Avenue, Chelsea, MA 02150

(603) 647-1500

[info@iine.org](mailto:info@iine.org)

<http://iine.org/>

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

### Everett Public Schools

Families may register their children for school enrollment online. The enrollment form takes about 30 minutes per student to complete.

- Register online at <https://registration.powerschool.com/family/Login?ReturnUrl=http%3A%2F%2Fregistration.powerschool.com%2Ffamily%2Fdirectaction&AutoLogOut=False> (Spanish).
- Documents needed for enrollment include (1) proof of address (e.g., utility bill or rental agreement); (2) custody and legal documents; proof of age of child (e.g., birth certificate, passport, etc.); (3) certificate of immunization status; medication orders; and (4) other option documents (prior report cards, etc.).

<https://www.everettsd.org/enrollment>

### Chelsea Public Schools

To register, contact the Parent Information Center at (617) 466-5500 to schedule an appointment. All registrations are by appointment only.

- Must have all of the following documents at the time of the registration appointment: (1) birth certificate of child; (2) record of child's vaccinations; (3) one of the following: recent utility bill, hospital letter, DTA letter, Mass Health letter, bank statement (no older than 30 days) or vehicle excise tax; (4) lease and current rent receipt if lease is older than 1 year; and (5) photo ID.

<https://www.chelseaschools.com/Page/280>

## Mental Health Services

### The Eliot Center

*Provides counseling and psychiatry services, offering a full spectrum of mental health and substance use recovery services to children, adults, and families.*

173 Chelsea Street, Everett, MA 02149

General: (781) 388-6200

Appointments: (781) 581-4402

<http://eliotchs.org/services/outpatient-services/>

## Immigration Legal Services

### Immigration Solutions

*Immigration Solutions is a law firm handling a wide range of immigration issues, including but not limited to employment authorization.*

585 Boylston Street, 4th Floor, Boston, MA 02116

(617) 536-0584

<http://immsolutionsllc.com/>

### Latinos Unidos en Massachusetts (LUMA)

*Provides services in areas such as asylum applications, consular processing, employment authorization, employment-based immigrant and non-immigrant petitions, family-based petitions, and naturalization/citizenship.*

198 Ferry Street, Everett, MA 02149

(617) 381-0015

[lumaboston@yahoo.com](mailto:lumaboston@yahoo.com)

<https://www.facebook.com/luma.boston/>

## Immigration Legal Services: Work Authorization

**The following organizations also provide work authorization assistance.**

See [Immigration Legal Services](#) above for details.

- Immigration Solutions
- Latinos Unidos en Massachusetts (LUMA)

## General Legal Aid Services

### Housing Families

*Housing Families provides temporary shelter, affordable housing, and support services. In addition, they provide free civil legal services to low-income households in Malden, Medford, Everett, Wakefield, Melrose, and Revere.*

919 Eastern Avenue, Malden, MA 02148

(781) 322-9119

<http://housingfamilies.org/>

**The following organization also provides general legal aid services.**

See [Immigration Legal Services](#) above for details.

- Latinos Unidos en Massachusetts (LUMA)

## Local Community Groups

### La Comunidad, Inc.

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471 Broadway #1, Everett, MA 02149

(617) 387-9996

[info@lacomunidadinc.org](mailto:info@lacomunidadinc.org)

<http://lacomunidadinc.org/>

## Nantucket, Massachusetts

### General Social Services

#### **A Safe Place, Inc.**

*Provides free and confidential services for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault, as well as specialized services for children whose lives have been impacted by violence in the home.*

5B Windy Way, Nantucket, MA 02554

General: (508) 228-0561

24/7 Hotline: (508) 228-2111

<http://asafeplacenantucket.org/>

#### **Housing Nantucket**

*Creates affordable rental and homeownership opportunities for Nantucket residents by developing and managing diverse types of safe, suitable, and sanitary living accommodations for year-round residents.*

75 Old South Road, Nantucket, MA 02554

(508) 228-4422

[info@housingnantucket.org](mailto:info@housingnantucket.org)

<http://housingnantucket.org/>

#### **Independence Center**

*Provides a range of services for survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence and their children.*

116 Stevens Street, Hyannis, MA 02601

(800) 439-6507

<http://independencehouse.com/>

#### **South Coastal Counties Legal Services, Inc.**

*Provides legal services in a variety of areas, including government benefits, family law, and disability benefits, to low-income individuals, elderly, or victims of crime living in Southeastern Massachusetts.*

460 W Main Street, Hyannis, MA 02601

(508) 775-7020 | 1-800-742-4107

<http://www.sccls.org/default.asp>

### **The Women's Center**

*Provides free, confidential 24-hour services to survivors and victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and child trauma, including counseling, education, outreach, referrals and resources. They serve men and children as well as women.*

405 County Street, New Bedford, MA 02740

(508) 996-3343

<http://thewomenscentersc.com/>

## **English Language Programs**

### **The Boston Language Institute**

*Provides English language instruction, teacher training, translation and interpretation services, and cross-cultural training.*

648 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02215

(617) 262-3500

[info@bostonlanguage.com](mailto:info@bostonlanguage.com)

<http://bostonlanguage.com/>

### **Immigration Resource Center of the Community Action Committee of Cape Cod & Islands (CACCI)**

*Provides free immigration law services, English-language training, employment assistance, and case management.*

372 North Street, Hyannis, MA 02601

(508) 771-1727

<http://cacci.cc/>

## **Job Training & Career Counseling Programs**

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

**The following organization also provides job training and career counseling.**

See [English Language Programs](#) above for details.

- Immigration Resource Center of the Community Action Committee of Cape Cod & Islands (CACCI)

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

### Nantucket Public Schools Enrollment

*To register for Nantucket Public Schools, the child's guardian must first meet with the Registrar (Sarah Erichsen; contact information below) for pre-registration. This meeting should preferably be scheduled in advance. Following that, the guardian will meet in person or over the phone with a school counselor to discuss class placement.*

30 Surfside Road, Nantucket, MA 02554

(508) 228-7280, ext. 1149

[erichsens@npsk.org](mailto:erichsens@npsk.org)

<http://npsk.org/domain/685>

## Mental Health Services

### De Novo Center for Justice and Healing – Counseling Unit

*De Novo provides free civil legal assistance (such as employment authorization, family issues, and housing assistance) and affordable psychological counseling for low-income communities.*

47 Thorndike St., SB-LL 2, Cambridge, MA 02141

(617) 661-1010

[scorcoran@denovo.org](mailto:scorcoran@denovo.org)

<http://denovo.org/>

### Immigrant and Refugee Health Program (Boston Medical Center)

*Provides primary care services to immigrant and refugee populations (including both telephonic and in-person visits). In addition, their website has an interactive, visual guide to different resources available to immigrants and refugees in the Boston metropolitan area, including language classes, health clinics, employment training, and legal services.*

One Boston Medical Center Place, Boston, MA 02118

(617) 638-8000

[DG-BMCImmigrantHealthCenter@bmc.org](mailto:DG-BMCImmigrantHealthCenter@bmc.org)

<http://bmc.org/immigrant-refugee-health-program>

**Massachusetts General Hospital Center for Community Health Improvement**

*CCHI focuses on addressing health inequities in vulnerable populations, providing assistance with navigating the healthcare system, health literacy, and healthcare planning.*

55 Fruit Street, Boston, MA 02114

(617) 726-8197

[rmollica@partners.org](mailto:rmollica@partners.org)

<http://massgeneral.org/community-health/cchi/>

**William James INTERFACE Referral Service**

*A mental health and wellness referral Helpline available Monday through Friday, 9:00am to 5:00 pm.*

(888) 244-6843

<http://interface.williamjames.edu/>

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**The following organization also provides assistance with work authorization.**

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- Immigration Resource Center of the Community Action Committee of Cape Cod & Islands (CACCI)

## General Legal Aid Services

### **South Coastal Counties Legal Services, Inc.**

*Provides legal services in a variety of areas, including government benefits, family law, and disability benefits, to low-income individuals, elderly, or victims of crime living in Southeastern Massachusetts.*

460 W Main Street, Hyannis, MA 02601

(508) 775-7020 | 1-800-742-4107

<http://www.sccls.org/default.asp>

## Local Community Groups

### **Community Foundation for Nantucket**

*A directory local non-profits spanning a wide range of interests and demographics.*

9B Bayberry Court

(508) 825-9993

[info@cfnan.org](mailto:info@cfnan.org)

<http://cfnan.org/receive/nonprofit-directory/>

## Revere, Massachusetts

### General Social Services

#### **Housing Families**

*Provides temporary shelter, affordable housing, and support services. In addition, they provide free civil legal services to low-income households in Malden, Medford, Everett, Wakefield, Melrose, and Revere.*

919 Eastern Avenue, Malden, MA 02148

(781) 322-9119

<http://housingfamilies.org/>

#### **Women Encouraging Empowerment, Inc. (WEE)**

*WEE's services focus on the education, advocacy, and protection of immigrants, refugees, and low-income women and their families through community organizing, leadership development, ESL classes, academic counseling, computer training, job search assistance, domestic violence prevention, and workers' rights training.*

50 Walnut Avenue, Revere, MA 02151

(781) 284-4251

[info@weewomen.org](mailto:info@weewomen.org)

<http://weewomen.org>

### English Language Programs

#### **Revere Community School**

*Offers a variety of adult education classes in a variety of subjects, including ESL, GED, computer skills, workforce training, financial literacy, and citizenship test preparation. Courses are \$50 to \$75 for an 8-10 week program and are open to all Revere residents. The contact information below pertains to the program's coordinator, Fatou Drammeh.*

Revere High School, Door #21

101 School Street, Revere, MA 02151

(781) 333-2061, ext. 51424

[fdrammeh@reverek12.org](mailto:fdrammeh@reverek12.org)

<http://sites.google.com/rpsk12.org/revere-community-school/>

## Job Training & Career Counseling Programs

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

### International Institute of New England

An organization helping refugees and immigrants through resettlement, education, career advancement, and pathways to citizenship. Services include legal services, job skills training, job search assistance, and ESL classes. IINE has locations throughout Massachusetts.

4 Gerrish Avenue, Chelsea, MA 02150

(603) 647-1500

[info@iine.org](mailto:info@iine.org)

<http://iine.org/>

### Revere Intersectional Support for Education (RISE)

RISE is a Revere High School student group focused on public education around immigrant rights and opportunities. RISE's approach involves relationship building, leadership development, and strategic and motivational campaigns that build community involvement.

(781) 558-7884

<http://facebook.com/RISErhs>

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

### Revere Public Schools

Families may register a student either in person at the Parent Information Center (PIC) or online at <https://reverepublicschools.esvportal.com/Login.aspx/>.

- To make appointment with the PIC, call (781) 485-8453.
- The following documents are required at registration: (1) Completed registration packet; (2) Birth certificate; (3) Immunizations, (most recent Physical including Lead result & TB result); (4) Proofs of Address: One recent utility bill, such as excise tax bill, oil bill, electric bill, cable bill, home phone bill, (Not cell phone); Most recent mortgage payment/property tax bill; or Current lease or Affidavit signed and notarized by the owner of the house; (5) Parent's Photo ID; (6) School transcripts (Grades, Attendance and IEP/504 Plan if applicable for Grades 1-5); and (7) For Grades 6-12 Transcripts, IEP/504 Plan and Discipline Records are required

<http://www.reverek12.org/Content2/26>

## Mental Health Services

### **Massachusetts General Hospital Revere HealthCare Center**

*Offers a variety of outpatient services for children, teens, adults, and seniors in the local area.*

#### **Mental Health Department**

*Made up of a multidisciplinary team of psychiatrists, social workers, and psychologists, services both families and individuals.*

300 Ocean Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Revere, MA 02151  
(781) 485-6100

#### **Adolescent Health Center**

*Offers adolescents free, confidential services regarding reproductive health.*

Revere High School, 101 School Street, Revere, MA 02151  
(781) 485-6429

#### **School-Based Health Center**

*Provides comprehensive health care services including primary care, mental health, and referrals to students at RHS and Seacoast Academy.*

Revere High School, 101 School Street, Revere, MA 02151  
(781) 284-1483

#### **Youth Zone**

*Provides a safe place after school for youth ages 10-17 to develop positive life skills through a variety of activities and services.*

300 Broadway, 2nd Floor, Revere, MA 02151  
(617) 548-3723

Revere HealthCare Center: (781) 485-6000

<http://massgeneral.org/locations/revere>

## Immigration Legal Services

### Immigration Solutions

*Immigration Solutions is a law firm handling a wide range of immigration issues, including but not limited to employment authorization.*

585 Boylston Street, 4th Floor, Boston, MA 02116

(617) 536-0584

<http://immsolutionsllc.com/>

## Immigration Legal Services: Work Authorization

**The following organization also provides assistance with work authorization.**

See [Immigration Legal Services](#) above for details.

- Immigration Solutions

## General Legal Aid Services

See [General Legal Aid Services](#) in Boston area above.

## Local Community Groups

### Revere Intersectional Support for Education (RISE)

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(781) 558-7884

<http://facebook.com/RISErhs>

## Somerville, Massachusetts

### General Social Services

#### **Somerville Cares COVID-19 Relief Fund**

*A joint effort by City of Somerville and United Way to support urgent, basic needs of Somerville Community impacted by COVID-19 pandemic.*

(617) 623-7370, ext. 155

[somervillecares@caasomerville.org](mailto:somervillecares@caasomerville.org)

<http://caasomerville.org/somerville-cares-fund>

#### **SomerViva Office of Immigrant Affairs (SOIA)**

*SOIA offers locals immigrants legal referrals, clinics, citizenship programs, and economic, civil, and social integration services. The contact information given below is for SOIA's Spanish-language representative, Irma Flores.*

Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143

(617) 625-6600, ext. 2122

[iflores@somervillema.gov](mailto:iflores@somervillema.gov)

<http://somervillema.gov/departments/communications-and-community-engagement/somerviva-office-immigrant-affairs>

#### **International Institute of New England**

*An organization helping refugees and immigrants through resettlement, education, career advancement, and pathways to citizenship. Services include legal services, job skills training, job search assistance, and ESL classes. IINE has locations throughout Massachusetts.*

China Trade Center, 2 Boylston Street, 3rd Floor, Boston, MA 02116

(617) 695-9990

[info@iine.org](mailto:info@iine.org)

<http://iine.org/>

#### **The Welcome Project**

*Provides programs for immigrant and lower-income families such as ESL, citizenship test preparation, and computer skills classes, college support workshops, homework help, youth summer camp, and assistance securing affordable housing*

530 Mystic Ave, #111, Somerville, MA 02145

(617) 623-6633

[welcome@welcomeproject.org](mailto:welcome@welcomeproject.org)

<http://welcomeproject.org/>

### **Somerville Housing Authority**

*Provides access to subsidized housing for eligible low- and moderate-income families and elderly.*

30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145

(617) 625-1152

<http://sha-web.org/>

### **Community Action Agency of Somerville (CAAS)**

*Offers a variety of services for low-income residents through its four core programs: Housing Advocacy Program (HAP), Community Organizing & Advocacy, Free Tax Preparation Assistance (VITA), and Head Start, a free developmental preschool program.*

66 Union Square, Somerville, MA 02143

(617) 623-7370

[info@caasomerville.org](mailto:info@caasomerville.org)

<http://caasomerville.org/>

### **Somerville Community Corporation**

*Non-profit that assists with affordable housing.*

337 Somerville Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143

(617) 776-5931

[info@somervillecdc.org](mailto:info@somervillecdc.org)

<http://somervillecdc.org/>

### **Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA) Connect**

*CHA Connect is a free online service that lists local community programs such as food support, housing, and job training.*

1493 Cambridge Street, Cambridge, MA 02134

(617) 665-1000

<http://challiance.org/community/cha-connect>

### **Casa Myrna**

*Casa Myrna provides shelter and supportive services for domestic violence survivors.*

451 Blue Hill Avenue, Boston, MA 02121

(877) 785-2020

[info@casamyrna.org](mailto:info@casamyrna.org)

<http://casamyrna.org>

### **Metro Housing Boston**

*Metro Housing Boston provides rental assistance, tenant workshops, housing support, inspections, and property owner services, and assists with affordable housing, providing lotteries and housing resales.*

1411 Tremont Street, Boston, MA 02120-3401

(617) 859-0400

[info@metrohousingboston.org](mailto:info@metrohousingboston.org)

<http://metrohousingboston.org/>

### **Finex House**

*A shelter for survivors of domestic violence and their children, especially those with disabilities or who are trafficked.*

P.O. Box 300670, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

24/7 Hotline: (617) 288-1054

Office Phone: (617) 436-2002

[finex@finexhouse.org](mailto:finex@finexhouse.org)

<http://finexhouse.org/>

### **Elizabeth Stone House**

*Provides emergency shelter, , workforce preparation, job search assistance, and counseling services, Services are available in Spanish and Portuguese.*

8 Notre Dame Street, Roxbury, MA 02119

(617) 427-9801

[info@elizabethstone.org](mailto:info@elizabethstone.org)

<http://elizabethstonehouse.org/>

## **English Language Programs**

### **Somerville Public Library**

*Offers free ESL and computer skills classes. Virtual classes are also offered at Newsela.com, Readworks.org, and eslibrary.com for independent study. In addition, the Library website's Immigrant Resources guide offers local and online resources for immigrants, including Know-Your-Rights materials, citizenship test preparation, and legal services.*

79 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143

(617) 623-5000

<http://somervillepubliclibrary.org/>

**Somerville Center for Adult Learning Experiences (SCALE)**

*Offers ESL, computer skills, and HiET classes for parents of children attending Somerville Public Schools. The email below is that of SCALE director Lisa Cook.*

167 Holland Street, Somerville, MA 02145

General Phone: (617) 625-6600, ext. 6900

Wait List Sign Up: (617) 629-5500

Lisa Cook, Director: [lcook@somerville.k12.ma.us](mailto:lcook@somerville.k12.ma.us)

<http://somerville.k12.ma.us/adult-learning/somerville-center-adult-learning-experiences-scale>

**Massachusetts Immigrant and Advocacy Coalition (MIRA)**

*Offers resources for ESL, citizenship, and general adult education classes; health and social services; refugee assistance; and Know-Your-Rights services.*

105 Chauncy Street, Suite 901, Boston, MA 02111

(617) 350-5480

[mdavis@miracoalition.org](mailto:mdavis@miracoalition.org)

<http://miracoalition.org/>

**The Welcome Project**

*Provides programs for immigrant and lower-income families such as ESL, citizenship test preparation, and computer skills classes, college support workshops, homework help, youth summer camp, and assistance securing affordable housing*

530 Mystic Ave, #111, Somerville, MA 02145

(617) 623-6633

[welcome@welcomeproject.org](mailto:welcome@welcomeproject.org)

<http://welcomeproject.org/>

**Job Training & Career Counseling Programs**

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

**International Institute of New England**

*An organization helping refugees and immigrants through resettlement, education, career advancement, and pathways to citizenship. Services include legal services, job skills training, job search assistance, and ESL classes. IINE has locations throughout Massachusetts.*

China Trade Center, 2 Boylston Street, 3rd Floor, Boston, MA 02116

(617) 695-9990

[info@iine.org](mailto:info@iine.org)

<http://iine.org/>

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

### Somerville Public School District

*The Enrollment Office guides families through the process of registering students for schools and helps families find resources and services necessary to support child's education. Staff members speak Spanish. Check website below for specific information on each grades' registration. Online registration in Spanish is also available.*

42 Prescott Street, Somerville, MA 02143

(617) 629-5670

<https://somerville.k12.ma.us/district-departments/enrollment-office-formerly-parent-information-center>

**English Language Learners Program:** <https://somerville.k12.ma.us/district-departments/english-language-learners>

**Special Education Program:** <https://somerville.k12.ma.us/district-departments/special-education>

## Mental Health Services

### Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA) Assembly Square Care Center

*Offers an array of primary care and specialty services, including mental health and addiction services.*

5 Middlesex Avenue, Somerville, MA 02145

General: (617) 591-6900

Immigration: (617) 665-1000

<http://challiance.org/location/assembly-square-care-center>

### Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA) Broadway Care Center

*Offers an array of primary care and specialty services, including mental health services.*

300 Broadway, Cambridge, MA 02135

(617) 284-7000

<http://challiance.org/location/broadway-care-center>

**Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA) Somerville Teen Connection**

*In addition to assistance with high school enrollment, Somerville Teen Connection provides primary care, mental health services, immigration support for minors, specialty care referrals, and health and reproductive care education.*

Somerville High School,

81 Highland Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor in Main Building, Room 325, Somerville, MA 02143

(617) 575-5690

[webmaster@challiance.org](mailto:webmaster@challiance.org)

<http://challiance.org/location/somerville-teen-health-center>

**De Novo Center for Justice and Healing – Counseling Unit**

*De Novo provides free civil legal assistance (such as employment authorization, family issues, and housing assistance) and affordable psychological counseling for low-income communities.*

47 Thorndike St., SB-LL 2, Cambridge, MA 02141

(617) 661-1010

[scorcoran@denovo.org](mailto:scorcoran@denovo.org)

<http://denovo.org/>

**Immigrant and Refugee Health Program (Boston Medical Center)**

*Provides primary care services to immigrant and refugee populations (including both telephonic and in-person visits). In addition, their website has an interactive, visual guide to different resources available to immigrants and refugees in the Boston metropolitan area, including language classes, health clinics, employment training, and legal services.*

One Boston Medical Center Place, Boston, MA 02118

(617) 638-8000

[DG-BMCImmigrantHealthCenter@bmc.org](mailto:DG-BMCImmigrantHealthCenter@bmc.org)

<http://bmc.org/immigrant-refugee-health-program>

**Immigration Legal Services****De Novo Center for Justice and Healing – Immigration Unit**

*De Novo provides free civil legal assistance (such as employment authorization, family issues, and housing assistance) and affordable psychological counseling for low-income communities.*

47 Thorndike St., SB-LL 2, Cambridge, MA 02141

(617) 661-1010

<http://denovo.org/>

**Greater Boston Legal Services (GLS) – Cambridge and Somerville**

*Provides free legal assistance and representation on civil matters to the Greater Boston Area. Provides various general legal services and immigration, including asylum applications, T visas, U visas, VAWA petitions, representation before immigration court, federal court appeals, representation at asylum interviews, and referrals for other services.*

60 Gore Street, Suite 203, Cambridge, MA 02141

General: (617) 603-2700

Immigration: (617) 603-1808

<http://www.gbls.org>

**Harvard Immigration and Refugee Clinical Program (HIRC)**

*Offers direct representation to individuals applying for asylum and related protections as well as general legal services.*

6 Everett Street, Suite 3103 (WCC)

(617) 384-8165

[hirc@law.harvard.edu](mailto:hirc@law.harvard.edu)

<http://harvardimmigrationclinic.org/>

**Kids in Need of Defense (KIND) – Boston**

*KIND provides immigrant and asylum/refugee services for children.*

155 Seaport Boulevard, Boston, MA 02210

(617) 207-4137

[infoboston@supportkind.org](mailto:infoboston@supportkind.org)

<https://supportkind.org/>

**Immigrants' Rights and Human Trafficking Program (Boston University)**

*BU School of Law's immigration clinic assisting immigrants, refugees, and trafficking survivors. Services include asylum, T visa, U visa. Requires referrals through Greater Boston Legal Services.*

<http://bu.edu/law/current-students/jd-student-resources/experiential-learning/clinics/immigrants-rights-human-trafficking-clinic/>

**Immigration Legal Services: Work Authorization**

**The following organizations also provide assistance with work authorization.**

See [Immigration Legal Services](#) above for details.

- De Novo Center for Justice and Healing – Immigration Unit
- Greater Boston Legal Services (GLS) – Cambridge and Somerville

## General Legal Aid Services

### **Civil Litigation & Justice Program (Boston University)**

*BU School of Law's clinic offering employment and housing legal aid. Requires referrals through Greater Boston Legal Services*

<http://bu.edu/law/current-students/jd-student-resources/experiential-learning/clinics/civil-litigation-program/>

### **De Novo Center for Justice and Healing – Family and Housing Units**

*De Novo provides free civil legal assistance (such as employment authorization, family issues, and housing assistance) and affordable psychological counseling for low-income communities.*

47 Thorndike St., SB-LL 2, Cambridge, MA 02141

(617) 661-1010

<http://denovo.org/>

### **Greater Boston Legal Services (GLS) – Cambridge and Somerville**

*Provides free legal assistance and representation on civil matters to the Greater Boston Area. Areas of assistance include abuse prevention orders, consumer rights, criminal record sealing, debt collection and bankruptcy, unemployment benefits, family law, housing law, healthcare benefits, government benefits, taxes, and victims of crime.*

60 Gore Street, Suite 203, Cambridge, MA 02141

(617) 603-2700

<http://www.gbls.org>

### **Harvard Legal Aid Bureau (HLAB)**

Harvard Law School clinic offering housing and benefits aid.

Harvard Law School, 23 Everett Street, #1, Cambridge, MA 02138

(617) 495-4408

[hlab@mail.law](mailto:hlab@mail.law)

<http://harvardlegalaids.org/>

### **Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corporation (MLAC)**

*In addition to providing funding for civil legal aid organizations, MLAC offers legal information and assistance in finding a legal aid lawyer.*

18 Tremont Street, Suite 1010, Boston, MA 02108-2316

(617) 367-8544

[info@mlac.org](mailto:info@mlac.org)

<http://mlac.org/>

### **One Somerville**

Offered through Somerville Public Schools, One Somerville is a compendium of Know Your Rights Materials in many languages

Somerville Public Schools, 8 Bonair Street, Somerville, MA 02145

<http://somerville.k12.ma.us/district-departments/somerville-family-learning-collaborative-sflc/one-somerville-resources>

## **Local Community Groups**

### **Centro Presente**

*State-wide organization dedicated to the self-determination and self-sufficiency of the Latin American immigrant community of Massachusetts. Services include ESL, literacy, and citizenship classes, as well as specialized legal resources.*

12 Bennington St, Suite 202, East Boston MA 02128

(857) 256-2981

[info@cpresente.org](mailto:info@cpresente.org)

<http://cpresente.org/>