



CAM (Central American Minors) Parolee Resource Guide

Maryland

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 year¹ are included within the federal definition of “qualified aliens”.² ***However, CAM parolees are not eligible to receive federal means-tested public benefits³ 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.

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.

² 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).

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

⁴ 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).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.

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.⁷ 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.⁸ **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.

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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State Benefits

Food Assistance	Maryland Food Supplement Program
Temporary Cash Assistance	Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA), Maryland's Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program
Medical Assistance	Maryland Children's Health Program (MCHP)
Post-Secondary Tuition Assistance	Eligible Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) State Financial Aid Application (MSFAA) Howard P. Rawlings Educational Excellence Awards Program Part Time Grant
Driver's License/State ID	Eligible - Maryland State ID

Food Assistance

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

See <https://mdfoodbank.org/about/locations/>.

Maryland Food Supplement Program (FSP)

Food Supplement Program (FSP) helps low-income residents buy food for themselves and their families. Social Services departments run the program through their local offices.

Eligibility: Must be a resident of the state of Maryland and have an annual household income (before taxes) below a preset amount ([see more information here](#)). Information shared in the FSP application is not shared with immigration authorities.

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>.

Maryland Food Supplement Program (FSP) (cont'd)

- How to Apply:
- *Apply online* at [myDHR](#).
 - *Apply in person* at a local social services department.
 - For the locations of local social services departments in MD, see <https://mmcp.health.maryland.gov/pages/Listing-of-Local-Departments-of-Social-Services.aspx>
 - *Apply by mail*
 - Application is available for download [here](#).

Applicants must demonstrate income and immigration status:

- Proof of identity: a photo ID or a friend, neighbor, or family member who can verify applicant's name and identity;
- Proof of residency in Maryland: a photo ID with a current, Maryland address, mail that is addressed to applicant, or a signed letter from applicant's neighbor;
- Proof of income: pay stubs, letters from Social Security, VA benefits, educational scholarships, grants or loans, unemployment payments, or applicant's employer's name and phone number;
- Proof of housing expenses: recent rent or mortgage payment receipts;
- Proof of immigration status: immigration or naturalization papers, such as I-94 form; and
- Proof of child support payment: proof of legal payment obligation and amount applicant is paying, if applicable.

After an application is filed, the local department will interview the applicant (over the phone or in person) and ask for certain proof needed to make the final determination. If applicant is eligible, food supplement benefits should be received no later than 30 days from the date the applicant first applied.

For assistance in the FSP application process call 1-800-332-6347.

Temporary Cash Assistance

Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA)

TCA is Maryland's Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program which provides cash assistance to families with dependent children when their available resources do not fully address the family's needs. Also prepares program participants for independence through work.

- Eligibility: Adults with dependent children applying for TCA must meet financial and technical eligibility requirements. Earned and unearned income cannot exceed the benefit level paid for the assistance unit size. The family must also cooperate with certain program requirements, such as child support, participation in work activities and compliance with substance abuse provisions.
- Sanctions may be imposed for not complying with program requirements.
 - Families may also file an application for assistance with child care costs.

- How to Apply:
- *Apply online* at [myDHR](#).
 - *Apply in person* at your Local Department of Social Services.
 - For the locations of local social services departments in MD, see <https://mmcp.health.maryland.gov/pages/Listing-of-Local-Departments-of-Social-Services.aspx>
 - *Apply by mail, fax, or other electronic means, or drop off.*

Applicants will likely need to demonstrate the following:

- Proof of identity: a photo ID or a friend, neighbor, or family member who can verify applicant's name and identity;
- Proof of residency in Maryland: a photo ID with a current, Maryland address, mail that is addressed to applicant, or a signed letter from applicant's neighbor;
- Proof of income: pay stubs, letters from Social Security, VA benefits, educational scholarships, grants or loans, unemployment payments, or applicant's employer's name and phone number;
- Proof of housing expenses: recent rent or mortgage payment receipts;
- Proof of immigration status: immigration or naturalization papers; and
- Proof of child support payment: proof of legal payment obligation and amount applicant is paying, if applicable.

Medical Assistance

Maryland Children's Health Program (MCHP)

MCHP provides full health benefits for children up to age 19. MCHP enrollees obtain care from a variety of Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) through the Maryland HealthChoice Program. For a full listing of benefits, see the HealthChoice MCO comparison chart

- Eligibility: Immigrant children and pregnant women may be considered for MCHP and MCHP Premium. Non-pregnant adult immigrants may be eligible for Medical Assistance coverage for emergency services only.
- MHCP: Uninsured children under age 19 may qualify if their household modified adjusted gross income is at or below 211% of the federal poverty level (FPL) for their family size.
 - MHCP Premium: Uninsured children under age 19 may qualify if their household income is above the MCHP income guidelines but is at or below 322% of the federal poverty level for their family size.
 - For questions about premium payment, contact the MCHP Premium Unit at 410-767-6883 or 1-866-269-5576.
 - To determine income level for family size, see [MCHP income guidelines](#).

- How to Apply:
- *Enroll online* at MarylandHealthConnection.gov.
 - *Enroll in person*, at a local connector entity, health department, or department of social services.
 - For the locations of local social services departments in MD, see <https://mmcp.health.maryland.gov/pages/Listing-of-Local-Departments-of-Social-Services.aspx>
 - *Enroll by phone*, by calling Maryland Health Connection at 1-855-642-8572 (Text Telephone: 1-855-642-8573).
 - Apply using a free mobile app by downloading Enroll MHC.

Those found eligible for MCHP will receive an enrollment packet in the mail to select an MCO for health care.

Medicaid

Also called Medical Assistance (MA), Medicaid pays medical bills of low-income individuals.

Eligibility: Pregnant women who are lawfully present and children under age 21. Otherwise, other CAM parolees are ineligible as they do not meet the five year bar (i.e., having a “qualified” immigration status for five years).

For a list of other immigration statuses that are exempt from the 5 year bar, see <https://mmcp.health.maryland.gov/Pages/Medicaid-Immigration-Status-Requirements.aspx>.

How to Apply:

- *Apply online:* at myDHR: <https://mydhrbenefits.dhr.state.md.us>
- *Apply in person,* at one of DHS’s 24 local departments of social services: <https://dhs.maryland.gov/local-offices/>

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 5-17 years old in Maryland.

To enroll a child in public school for the first time: Call the local school and ask what is required to enroll the child. Most public schools require the following documents:

- birth certificate;
- proof of custody/guardianship (documentation which determines where the child resides and who has decision-making authority, such as birth certificate that identifies parents, separation/divorce decree, or court order);
- proof of residency (such as property deed, current rental lease, current utility bills containing applicant’s name and address, or a current property tax bill) and
- record of immunizations (DHMH Form 896).

See [school enrollment fact sheet](#).

For more information, call 410.767.0100 (Baltimore area) or 1.888.246.0016 (toll free) or visit MarylandPublicSchools.org.

Post-Secondary Tuition Assistance

To apply for the following state-based tuition assistance programs:

1. Submit a [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) online or a Maryland State Financial Aid Application (MSFAA) online through the [Maryland College Aid Processing System \(MDCAPS\)](#) by March 1.
 - a. Apply for MSFAA if ineligible for federal aid but eligible for in-state tuition.
2. Applicants who meet the income requirements as reported on their FAFSA or MSFAA will be notified by email of the required documentation to submit for further consideration for the Scholarship.
 - a. Applicants should login to their MDCAPS accounts and review their "Check Application Status" section for a complete listing of all required documentation that must be submitted to MHEC; and
3. Submit all documentation, if required, to MHEC by the specific program deadline.

Howard P. Rawlings Educational Excellence Program

Provides postsecondary financial assistance to eligible in-state students currently enrolled as high school seniors who will complete a college preparatory program or a student who has obtained a General Educational Development Diploma (GED), and are under the age of 26. The GA Grant equals 100 percent of the student's financial need and a student may receive an award for up to \$19,100.

https://mhec.maryland.gov/preparing/Pages/FinancialAid/ProgramDescriptions/prog_ea.aspx

- Eligibility:** Must be eligible for in-state tuition; file the Maryland State Financial Aid Application (MSFAA) or FAFSA by March 1; demonstrate need and meet certain income requirements; submit all required verification documents no later than June 1; and
- *If a high school senior, must:*
 - Applicant and parents (if applicant is a dependent student) must meet the in-state tuition requirements per applicant's institution;
 - Enroll at a two-year or four-year Maryland college or university as a full-time (12+ credits per semester; audited courses cannot be used to reach the minimum credit hours required for full-time status), degree-seeking, undergraduate student;
 - Have an unweighted cumulative 2.5 high school grade point average (GPA); and
 - Be under the age of 22 at the time of graduating high school.

- If a GED recipient, must:
 - Demonstrate need and meet certain income requirements;
 - Applicant and parents (if applicant is a dependent student) must meet the in-state tuition requirements per applicant's institution;
 - Enroll at a two-year or four-year Maryland college or university as a full-time (12+ credits per semester; audited courses cannot be used to reach the minimum credit hours required for full-time status), degree-seeking, undergraduate student;
 - Have scored a minimum of 165 per module on the diploma (GED) examination; and
 - Be under the age of 26 years at the time of receiving the first award.

Income requirement and more information [here](#).

How to Apply: See above description and step-by-step guide [here](#):

Deadline for all required documents: April 1st

Part Time Grant

Renewable financial award for part-time, degree-seeking undergraduates and students dually enrolled in a Maryland high school and an institution of higher education.

https://mhec.maryland.gov/preparing/Pages/FinancialAid/ProgramDescriptions/prog_pt_grant.aspx

Eligibility: Applicant and applicant's parents (if you are a dependent student) must be Maryland residents. Applicant must enroll at a two-year or four-year Maryland college or university as a part-time (3-11 credits per semester), degree-seeking undergraduate student. Applicant must demonstrate financial need.

How to Apply: See above description for steps to apply.

Deadline for all required documents: April 1st.

Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship

A last dollar award, available to students who plan to enroll in credit-bearing coursework leading to a vocational certificate, certificate, or an associate degree; or in a sequence of credit or non-credit courses that leads to licensure or certification; or in a registered apprenticeship program at a Maryland community college.

https://mhec.maryland.gov/preparing/Pages/FinancialAid/ProgramDescriptions/prog_MDCommunityCollegePromiseScholarship.aspx

Eligibility: Any high school graduate or GED recipient who is planning to enroll or is currently enrolled at a Maryland community college as a candidate:

- For a credit-bearing vocational certificate.
- In an associate degree program;
- In a sequence of credit or non-credit courses that leads to licensure or certification.
- Or in a registered apprenticeship program.

Additional requirements listed [here](#).

How to Apply: See above description for steps to apply.

Deadline for all documentations: July 31.

State ID/Driver's License

CAM parolees may apply for an official Maryland State ID from the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) if they do not plan on driving. Otherwise, a Maryland Driver's License is required to drive in Maryland (a license from a CAM parolee's home country cannot be used). <http://license.mva.maryland.gov/CheckList/default.aspx>

Maryland Driver's License

Eligibility:

Applicants must provide:

- One proof of age and identity (original or certified copy of birth certificate, passport, permanent resident card)
- Social security number (social security card; a W-2 or 1099 dated within last 18 months; pay stub dated within last 18 months)
- Two proofs of residential address from different organizations (like utility bills or bank statements)
- Payment for the applicable fee

How to Apply:

Schedule a driving test in advance, apply in person at a local MVA office. Locations here:

<https://mva.maryland.gov/locations/Pages/default.aspx>, and pass the vision screening and driving test.

- To schedule driving skills test:
<https://mvascheduling.mva.maryland.gov/>

Maryland State ID

Maryland state ID credentials serve as proof of photo identification for children and adults who do not hold active driver's licenses.

Eligibility:

Applicants must:

- Reside in the state of Maryland;
- Not hold a valid hold a valid driver's license or moped permit during the time of application;
- Present proof of state residency, age, and identity:
 - One proof of age and identity;
 - One proof of Social Security Number (SSN) or Maryland tax paperwork; and

- Two proofs of residential address from different organizations.
- Provide payment for the applicable fee.

See <https://www.dmv.com/md/maryland/apply-id-card> for more details on each requirement above.

How to Apply: Apply in person at a local MVA office. Locations here:
<https://www.dmv.org/md-maryland/dmv-office-finder.php>

Local (City/County-Specific) Resources in Maryland

Baltimore, Maryland

General Social Services

Baltimore City Department of Social Services

Local office of the Maryland Department of Human Services. Helps residents access food stamps, medical assistance, and temporary cash assistance.

Talmadge Branch Building, 1910 N. Broadway Street, Baltimore, MD 21213

(443) 378-4600

Directory of specific phone numbers:

<https://dhs.maryland.gov/local-offices/baltimore-city/contact-telephone-numbers/>

Baltimore County Department of Social Services

Offers assistance with entitlement and benefit programs, housing vouchers, and family services.

6401 York Road, Third Floor, Baltimore, MD, 21212

(410) 853-3000

hhs@baltimorecountymd.gov

<https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/socialservices>

Catholic Charities of Baltimore

Provides a variety of programs to assist low-income individuals and their families through transitional housing services, meal programs, public benefit access, employment and counseling services, and referrals to other support services.

320 Cathedral Street, Baltimore, MD 21201

667-600-2000

<https://www.catholiccharities-md.org/services/poverty-relief/>

English Language Programs

Adult Learning Center

Provides classes in Adult Basic Education and English Language Acquisition to Baltimore residents. Students must bring \$10 to registration to pay their book fee. Classes offered during two terms (winter and spring) and learners must be 18 or older.

2101 E. Biddle St., Stone Building, Suite 1100, Baltimore, MD 21213

(410) 261-3524

<https://www.strongcitybaltimore.org/initiatives/adult-learning-center/>

Baltimore City Community College

Offers a variety of free ESL classes for all levels.

BCCC Harbor Site, 710 E. Lombard St., Baltimore, MD 21202

(410) 986-5430

esl@bccc.edu

<https://www.bccc.edu/esl>

Baltimore County Public School, Office of ESOL

Provides free services and support to English learners enrolled in a Baltimore County Public School and their families. Ensures equitable access to all specialized academic and non-academic programming.

3637 Offutt Rd., Randallstown, MD 21133

Contact Office Registrar, Candice Lenet, at (443) 809-6752 or clenet@bcps.org

https://dci.bcps.org/department/academic_services/esol

CASA de Maryland

ESOL classes for adults focused on life skills. Offered in four eight-week sessions per year. Classes cost \$100 for CASA members. Students can register for morning, evening, or Saturday classes.

Baltimore Welcome Center: 2224 E. Fayette St., Baltimore, MD 21231

Membership: (410) 732-7777

<https://wearecasa.org/programs/education-fallesol/>

Community College of Baltimore County

Offers free community ESOL classes to teach adults English language skills for life, work, and to aid their children's education. Eligibility for Family Literacy: parent has a child (0-16 years) enrolled in Baltimore County Public Schools, the Judy Center of Baltimore County, or Baltimore County Head Start.

Community College of Baltimore County (cont'd)

General community classes:

10300 Grand Central Avenue, Owings Mills, MD 21117

(443) 840-3748

<https://www.ccbcmd.edu/Programs-and-Courses/Basic-Education/ESOL-Options/English-for-Speakers-of-Other-Languages.aspx>

Family literacy classes:

7200 Sollers Point Road, Baltimore, MD 21222.

(443) 840-3077

<https://www.ccbcmd.edu/Programs-and-Courses/Basic-Education/ESOL-Options/English-for-Speakers-of-Other-Languages/Family-Literacy-ESOL-Program.aspx>

Esperanza Center Educational Services

Offers informal and formal ESL classes, Spanish classes, and Citizenship classes for youth and adults. Classes are free or low cost.

3700 Eastern Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21224

(667) 600-2943

<https://www.catholiccharities-md.org/services/esperanza-center/educational-services/>

Immigrant Outreach Service Center, Beyond the Borders Tutoring

Provides free or low-cost tutoring and homework help to immigrant students and the children of immigrants. Offered on Saturdays to students aged preschool to high school.

5401 Loch Raven Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21239

(410) 323-8564

<https://www.ioscbaltimore.org/beyond-the-borders-tutoring-program/>

Refugee Youth Project BCCC

Provides support and services to refugee and non-refugee immigrant youth to ease their transition into American society, including after-school programming and English language training.

2901 Liberty Heights AV, Baltimore, MD 21215

(410) 558-3194

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

Job Training & Career Counseling Programs

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

Baltimore Works One-Stop Career Center

Provides direct services to persons who are unemployed, underemployed, or employed. Offers consultations to discuss career exploration, referrals to training programs, résumé preparation, and workshops to enhance job seeking skills and work readiness.

Eastside Center: 3001 E. Madison Street, Baltimore, MD 21205
(410) 396-9030

Northwest Center: Mondawmin Mall, Suite 302, 2401 Liberty Heights Avenue,
Baltimore, MD 21215
(410) 396-7873

<https://www.dllr.state.md.us/county/bacity/>

CASA de Maryland

Offers vocational training courses in conjunction with local community colleges. Current topics include electrical, building maintenance, computer repair, sewing, child development, hospitality, and more.

2224 E. Fayette Street, Baltimore, MD 21231
(240) 491-5775

<https://wearecasa.org/programs/vocational-training/>

Catholic Charities of Baltimore

Provides several job training and employment services for adult men and women, working to match the skills of clients to employers.

320 Cathedral Street, Baltimore, MD 21201
(667) 600-2000

<https://www.catholiccharities-md.org/services/job-training-employment/>

Esperanza Center

Offers low-cost employment services, referrals, and assistance with job applications.

St. Patrick's Assisi House, 1728 Bank Street, Baltimore, MD 21231
(667) 600-2900

<https://www.catholiccharities-md.org/services/esperanza-center/client-services/>

International Rescue Committee in Baltimore

Offers individual case management and economic empowerment services.

1900 N. Howard St., Suite 200, Baltimore MD, 21218

(410) 327-1885

<https://www.rescue.org/united-states/baltimore-md>

Youth Opportunity Baltimore

Connects older teens and young adults with academic classes, job training, and other services. Two offices, on the Westside and Eastside.

Westside: 1510 W Lafayette Ave (Gilmor St. entrance), Baltimore, MD 21217

(410) 545-6953

Eastside: 1212 N. Wolfe Street, Baltimore, MD 21213

(410) 732-2661

<https://moed.baltimorecity.gov/youth-services/programs>

Assistance with Public School Enrollment & English/Special Ed Services

Baltimore City Community College

Offers English language instruction including pre-GED, language lab to supplement classroom learning, and adult education such as GED classes and workforce development.

710 E. Lombard Street, Baltimore, MD 21202

(410) 986-3200

<https://www.bccc.edu/>

Baltimore City Head Start

Head Start is a child and family development program that enables children from low-income families to be better prepared when entering elementary school.

915 Sterrett Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21230

(667) 600-3783

<https://www.catholiccharities-md.org/services/head-start-early-head-start/baltimore-city-head-start/>

Baltimore County Public Schools

Provides information for enrolling students in the public school system, including how to find schools near your address and where to locate online registration forms. Students who speak a language other than English in grades kindergarten - 5 will enroll in their zoned school, while grades 6-12 will enroll in an ESOL center.

6901 Charles Street, Towson, Maryland 21204

(443) 809-4554

https://www.bcps.org/schools/moving_tips.html

Esperanza Center

Offers assistance with school enrollment for immigrants new to the Baltimore area.

St. Patrick's Assisi House, 1728 Bank Street, Baltimore, MD 21231

(667) 600-2900

<https://www.catholiccharities-md.org/services/esperanza-center/client-services/>

Office of ESOL, Baltimore County Public Schools

Provides direct services and support to schools, English learners, and their families in the public school system.

3637 Offutt Road, Randallstown, MD 21133

(443) 809-6752

https://dci.bcps.org/department/academic_services/e_s_o_l

Special Education Resource Center, Baltimore County Public Schools

Supports parents of children with disabilities, ages birth to 21. Promotes partnerships within the school network and directs parents to community resources.

8401 Leefield Road, Room 100, Baltimore, MD 21234

(410) 887-5443

https://dci.bcps.org/department/academic_services/special_education/special_education_resource_center

Mental Health Services

CASA De Maryland

Provides case management assistance to connect members with services aimed at improving their physical and mental health and increasing social stability.

2224 E. Fayette Street, Baltimore, MD 21231

(410) 732-7777

Bilingual Health Hotline - Spanish: (301) 270-8432

<https://wearecasa.org/programs/health/>

Catholic Charities of Baltimore

Provides a wide range of mental and behavioral health services to support children and families including residential-, community- and school-based programs, resources and referrals.

320 Cathedral Street, Baltimore, MD 21201

(667) 600-2000

<https://www.catholiccharities-md.org/services/behavioral-health/>

Centro Sol Johns Hopkins

Provides patient-centered programs that focus on physical and mental health as well as clinical care. Offers mental health support groups (testimonios) for newly arrived youth and adults.

Mason F. Lord Building, Center Tower Suite 4200

5200 Eastern Avenue, Baltimore, MD, 21224

(410) 550-1129

For mental health testimonios: (410) 550-4115

<https://www.jhcentrosol.org/community-health-mental-health>

Intercultural Counseling Connection

Referral network of mental health professionals committed to providing free, culturally responsive counseling and therapeutic services for asylum seekers, refugees, and other forced migrants in the greater Baltimore area.

Master list of Connection Network Partners offering free services:

<https://www.interculturalcounseling.org/community-resources>

Immigration Legal Services

CASA de Maryland

Offers members free legal consults on employment, housing, and immigration matters during weekly intake sessions. Also assists immigrants in applying for a variety of benefits including the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program (DACA).

Legal Intakes (advice only)

Tuesday, 7:00 AM (Arrive early, space is limited)

8151 15th Ave., Hyattsville, MD 20783

(240) 491-5763

Baltimore Outreach Center

2224 E. Fayette St., Baltimore, MD 21231

For Membership requests: (410) 732-7777

<https://wearecasa.org/programs/legal/>

Episcopal Refugee and Immigrant Center Alliance

Provides grants and referrals to assist with family reunification and citizenship requests.

Cathedral of the Incarnation, 4 E. University Parkway, Baltimore, MD 21218

(410) 467-3751

<http://www.eric-baltimore.org/>

Esperanza Center Immigration Legal Services

Low-cost legal services include assistance with Adjustment of Status, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Employment authorization, Naturalization, and Visa applications.

430 S. Broadway, Baltimore, MD 21231

(667) 600-2933

<https://www.catholiccharities-md.org/services/esperanza-center/legal-services/>

Intercultural Counseling Connection

Referral network of organizations offering free or low-cost legal services, court support, and detention monitoring for asylum seekers, refugees, and other forced migrants in the greater Baltimore area.

Master list of Connection Network Partners offering free services:

<https://www.interculturalcounseling.org/community-resources>

International Rescue Committee

Provides low-cost legal immigration services, including Adjustment of Status, Consular Processing, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Employment Authorization, Family-based petitions, and Naturalization/Citizenship.

1900 N. Howard Street, Suite 200, Baltimore, MD 21218

(410) 327-1885

<https://www.rescue.org/united-states/baltimore-md#what-services-does-the-irc-in-baltimore-provide>

Tahirih Justice Center

Works primarily to protect immigrant women and girls in the United States from gender-based violence. Offers pro bono resources to provide a combination of legal services, advocacy, and public education programs.

201 N Charles Street, Suite 920, Baltimore, MD 21202

(410) 999-1900

<https://www.tahirih.org/locations/baltimore/>

World Relief Baltimore, Immigration Legal Clinic

Advises and represents immigrants and their family members in immigration matters such as: applying for permanent residence and work permits, family reunification, and naturalization. For consultations, arrive at the office before 9:30am on Wednesdays. There is a fee of \$70.

7 East Baltimore Street, Baltimore, Maryland, 21202

(410) 244-0002

<https://worldrelief.org/baltimore-legal-clinic/>

Immigration Legal Services: Work Authorization

The following organizations also provide work authorization assistance.

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

- CASA de Maryland
- Esperanza Center Immigration Legal Services
- International Rescue Committee
- Tahirih Justice Center
- World Relief Baltimore

General Legal Services

Catholic Charities of Baltimore

Provides free or low-cost assistance with housing, immigration, health, and family services.

320 Cathedral Street, Baltimore, MD 21201

(667) 600-2000

<https://www.catholiccharities-md.org/list-of-services/>

Maryland Legal Aid

Provides free direct legal services including assistance with housing, health, employment, and consumer protection cases.

500 E Lexington Street, Baltimore, MD 21202

(410) 951-7777

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

Public Justice Center

Offers low or no-cost legal representation in employment, housing, education, juvenile, and personal injury cases.

1 North Charles Street, Suite 200, Baltimore, MD 21201

(410) 625-9409

<http://www.publicjustice.org/en/contact/>

Local Community Groups

The following organizations also function as local community groups.

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

- CASA de Maryland
- Esperanza Center
- Immigrant Outreach Service Center
- Refugee Youth Project BCCC

Chillum (Prince George's County), Maryland

General Social Services

Prince George's County Department of Social Services

Offers assistance through such programs as: Temporary Cash Assistance, Food Supplement Program, Medical Assistance, Emergency Assistance, and Foster Care and Adoption Service.

805 Brightseat Road, Landover, MD 20785

(301) 909-7000

Directory of phone numbers:

<https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/1760/Contact-Us>

English Language Programs

CASA de Maryland Prince George's County

ESOL classes focused on life skills. Offered in four eight-week sessions per year. Classes cost \$100 for CASA members. Morning classes and Drop-In Workforce ESOL Program sessions at Prince George's Welcome Center and at Multicultural Center (both locations in Hyattsville).

Prince George's 7978-B New Hampshire Ave., Hyattsville, MD 20783

Welcome Ctr:

Multicultural Ctr: 8151 15th Avenue, Hyattsville, MD 20783

Contact Rebecca Cusic: (240) 491-5750 or rcusic@wearecasa.org

<https://wearecasa.org/programs/education-fallesol/>

Prince George's Community College

Provides tuition-free adult education ESL courses.

301 Largo Road, Largo, MD 20774

(301) 546-8350

<https://www.pgcc.edu/go/adulteducationesl/>

St. Camillus Parish (Langley Park Catholic Community)

The Langley Park mission of the larger St. Camillus church; many members of the community come from Central America. Free weekly daytime and evening English classes during the summer. May be limited to church community members.

1408 Merrimac Drive, Langley Park, MD 20783

(301) 328-5105

<https://www.stcamilluschurch.com/langley-park>

Job Training & Career Counseling Programs

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

CASA de Maryland Prince George's County

Offers vocational training courses in conjunction with local community colleges such as Prince George's Community College. Current topics include electrical, building maintenance, computer repair, sewing, child development, hospitality, and more.

Prince George's 7978-B New Hampshire Avenue, Hyattsville, MD 20783

Welcome Center:

Multicultural 8151 15th Avenue, Hyattsville, MD 20783

Center:

Contact Jacinta Nino at (240) 491-5775 or jnino@wearecasa.org

<https://wearecasa.org/programs/vocational-training/>

Employ Prince George's

Utilize Employ Prince George's to access free occupational skills training. The Training Provider List identifies programs approved by the Maryland Department of Labor and the Prince George's County Workforce Development Board. Employ Prince George's can pay for tuition, books, uniforms, and credentialing exams.

1801 McCormick Drive, Suite 400, Largo, MD 20774

(301) 618-8400

<https://www.employpg.org/training-services/>

Maryland Multicultural Youth Centers (MMYC)

A branch of the Latin American Youth Center, the Prince George's County office offers job readiness training that positions youth to increase their employability skills and makes them eligible to participate in the internship program offered.

6200 Sheridan Street, Riverdale, MD 20737

(301) 779-2851

<https://www.layc-dc.org/what-we-do/job-readiness/>

Prince George's County American Job Center - Maryland's American Job Centers

Partners with local workforce development agencies to provide job seekers with career consulting, referrals to training programs, résumé preparation, and workshops to enhance job seeking skills and work readiness. Also provides computers with Internet access, printers, photocopiers, fax machines, telephones, and other job search resource materials.

1801 McCormick Drive, 1st Floor, Largo, MD 20774

(301) 618-8425

<https://pgcajc.com/job-seekers/>

Prince George's Works Program

Provides opportunities for employment for individuals receiving Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA).

1200 Mercantile Lane, Largo, MD 20774

(301) 333-4750

<https://www.edsisolutions.com/locations/prince-georges-works-program>

Assistance with Public School Enrollment & English/Special Ed Services

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) International Student Admissions and Enrollment Office

Works with PGCPS's School Counseling, ESOL, and Interpreting and Translation offices. Services include assistance with registration forms and providing educational and/or cultural information about international (culturally and linguistically diverse) students.

Judy Hoyer Family Learning Center, 8908 Riggs Road, Adelphi, MD 20783

(301) 445-8460

<https://www.pgcps.org/internationalstudentcounseling/>

Mental Health Services

CASA de Maryland Prince George's County

Provides case management assistance to connect members with services aimed at improving their physical and mental health and increasing social stability. Services include multilingual health hotlines and a health promoter "promotora" program.

Prince George's 7978-B New Hampshire Avenue, Hyattsville, MD 20783

Welcome Center:

Multicultural 8151 15th Avenue, Hyattsville, MD 20783

Center:

Bilingual Health Hotline: (301) 270-8432

<https://wearecasa.org/programs/health/>

Maryland Multicultural Youth Centers (MMYC)

A branch of the Latin American Youth Center. LAYC's skilled staff provides services in a bilingual and culturally appropriate environment where young people can obtain free mental health and substance use counseling.

6200 Sheridan Street, Riverdale, MD 20737

(301) 779-2851

<https://www.layc-dc.org/what-we-do/health-wellness/>

Immigration Legal Services

Ayuda

Ayuda's immigration legal team represents low-income immigrants from all over the world in immigration matters including, but not limited to, family-based immigration applications, removal defense, asylum, and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS). The cost for a consultation is \$100.

8757 Georgia Avenue, Suite 800, Silver Spring, MD 20910
(240) 594-0600

<https://ayuda.com/what-we-do/legal-services/#1525654100988-3805dccb-534e>

CASA de Maryland Prince George's County

CASA provides assistance with applying for a variety of immigration benefits before the US Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) at its Multicultural Center. Legal consults are free; CASA refers cases out if they require representation or further assistance with document completion.

Multicultural Center: 8151 15th Avenue, Hyattsville, MD 20783
(240) 491-5763

<https://wearecasa.org/programs/legal/>

Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Washington

Catholic Charities' Immigration Legal Services focuses on the provision of direct legal immigration services to foreign-born individuals and their families. The consultation fee is \$80.

12247 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20902
(301) 942-1790

<https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/ILS/>

Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area

The Citizen and Immigration Services (CIS) at LSSNCA offers immigration legal assistance to individuals and families in Virginia, D.C. and Maryland. Client fees vary depending on the extent of services needed and are separate from those established by USCIS.

Maryland Office (Refugee & Immigrant Services): 3799 East-West Hwy.,
Hyattsville, MD 20782
(240) 714-4034

<https://lssnca.org/>

Pro Bono Resource Center of Maryland (PBRC)

PBRC's Maryland Immigrant Legal Assistance Project helps immigrant children and families in Maryland gain access to legal assistance. At no charge, attorneys provide information on defenses in immigration court. Intake attorneys also provide referrals to organizations that help clients for free or for a low cost.

520 West Fayette Street, Suite 300, Baltimore, MD 21201

(240) 491-5763

<https://probonomd.org/for-legal-help/help-for-immigrants/>

Immigration Legal Services: Work Authorization

The following organization also provides work authorization assistance.

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

- Ayuda

General Legal Aid Services**CASA de Maryland**

Provides a variety of legal services in its multicultural center for low-income immigrants in housing, employment and immigration matters. Offers members free legal consultations during weekly intake sessions (Tuesdays at 7:00 am).

CASA de Maryland Multicultural Center, 8151 15th Avenue, Hyattsville, MD 20783

(240) 491-5763

<https://wearecasa.org/programs/legal/>

Community Legal Services of Prince George's County, Inc.

Provides quality civil legal services to low-income residents in Prince George's County. Free advice clinics include the Latino Legal Access Clinic and the Workers' Rights Legal Clinic, both located in Langley Park. Free legal representation available based on income eligibility and case priority.

1401 University Boulevard East, Langley Park, MD 20783

(240) 391-6370

<https://www.clspgc.org/what-we-do/clinics/>

Maryland Legal Aid

Provides a full range of free civil legal services, including housing and benefits services, to low-income individuals statewide.

8401 Corporate Drive, Suite 200, Landover, MD 20785

(301) 560-2101

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

St. Camillus Parish (Langley Park Catholic Community)

Local community church that provides free legal services on the first Tuesday of every month. Appointments must be made in advance. For more information, call the office. Many members of the community come from Central America.

1408 Merrimac Drive, Langley Park, MD 20783

(301) 328-5105

<https://www.stcamilluschurch.com/langley-park>

Local Community Groups

Chillum Youth Project

Chillum Youth Project serves youth in the midst of poverty and family instability. Programs on Saturdays help children explore learning sites outside of their community. The project coordinates and connects the plethora of professionals and services these children and their families need to succeed.

P.O. Box 56, Hyattsville, MD 20781

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

Maryland Multicultural Youth Centers (MMYC)

A branch of the Latin American Youth Center. LAYC's advocacy efforts include a Justice for Immigrants focus area.

6200 Sheridan Street, Riverdale, MD 20737

(301) 779-2851

<https://www.layc-dc.org/what-we-do/advocacy/>

Rollingcrest-Chillum Community Center

The center offers recreational facilities and features programming ranging from after-school, seniors, and Xtreme Teens programs to Dine & Learn sessions.

6120 Sargeant Road, Chillum, MD 20782

(301) 853-2005

<http://www.pgparcs.com/4542/Rollingcrest-Chillum-Community-Center>

The following organizations also function as local community groups.

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

- Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area

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

- St. Camillus Parish (Langley Park Catholic Community)

Silver Spring (Montgomery County), Maryland

General Social Services

Adventist Community Services of Greater Washington, Inc.

Provides assistance related to academic enrichment and education. Offers youth development and educational program, as well as assistance with resources like food and clothing, youth development, English language programs, and computer training program.

501 Sligo Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

(301) 585-6556

<https://acsgw.org/>

Casa de Maryland- Silver Spring

Offers a wide range of services from English language programs to mental health and health resources/ hotlines to job training and counseling. CASA also has a wide range of immigration services and can help with public school enrollment.

734 University Boulevard E, Silver Spring, MD 20903

(301) 431-4185

<https://wearecasa.org/our-programs/>

Catholic Charities: Spanish Catholic Center

Offers services including English language, youth development, family support and social services, immigration legal services, and job training and employment.

Gaithersburg, MD: 201 E. Diamond Avenue, 3rd Floor, Gaithersburg, MD 20877

(301) 740-2523

Washington, D.C.: 1618 Monroe Street, NW, Washington, DC 20010

(202) 939-2400

<https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/scc/>

English Language Programs

CASA de Maryland

English Language Program: ESOL Program has cost of \$100 for CASA Members. They offer classes in the morning, evening, and on Saturday. Childcare is available for the evening classes for children aged 2-10.

734 University Blvd E, Silver Spring, MD 20903

(301) 431-4185

<https://wearecasa.org/programs/education-fallesol/>

Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church

Offers free ESOL from beginner to intermediate levels. Additional services include the Transition Assistance Program (TAP), a program that helps individuals obtain identification documents (like Birth Certificates and Driver's Licenses) as well as transportation assistance.

1 Chevy Chase Circle, Washington, DC 20015

(202) 363-2202

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

Ed Bohrer Parent Resource Center

Offers free adult education classes, including ESOL with the Montgomery College, as well as Spanish and English literacy courses. Must be resident of the city of Gaithersburg.

35 North Summit Avenue, Gaithersburg, MD 20877

(301) 947-4449

<https://www.sheppardpratt.org/care-finder/ed-bohrer-parent-resource-center/>

Hughes/El Buen Samaritano United Methodist Church

Provides free English classes in October and February.

10700 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, MD. 20902

(301) 949-8383

<https://www.hughesumc.org/learn-english/>

Montgomery Coalition for Adult English Literacy (MCAEL)

Offers beginning to high beginning ESOL classes to adults to support parents' abilities to be involved in their children's educations. Offered at several Montgomery Public Schools.

850 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, MD 20850

(240) 740-3000

Spanish Hotline: (240) 740-2845

<https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/community-engagement/linkages-to-learning/community/adult-language-literacy.aspx>

Montgomery College- Silver Spring Campus

Offers adult ESOL to prepare for jobs or to obtain a high school diploma. Most classes are free.

7600 Takoma Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912

(240) 567-5000

<https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/international-and-esl-students/esl/index.html>

Washington English Center

Offers a computer lab for language learning and combines job counseling with resume-writing and interviewing workshops. Offers ESL tutoring.

2200 California St NW, Washington DC 20008

(202) 387-2222 | info@washingtonenglish.org

<https://www.washingtonenglish.org/about/>

The following organizations also provide English Language Programs.

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

- Adventist Community Services of Greater Washington, Inc.
- Spanish Catholic Center

Job Training & Career Counseling Programs

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

CASA de Maryland- Silver Spring

Partners with local community colleges to offer vocational training in drywall installation, painting, computer repair, HVAC, and electrical. Students can receive industry certifications.

734 University Blvd E, Silver Spring, MD 20903

(301) 431-4185

<https://wearecasa.org/who-we-are/>

Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church

Offers free ESOL from beginner to intermediate levels. Additional services include the Transition Assistance Program (TAP): helps individuals obtain identification documents (like Birth Certificates and Driver's Licenses) as well as with transportation assistance.

1 Chevy Chase Cir, Washington, DC 20015

(202) 363-2202

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

The following organization also provides job training and career counseling.

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

- Washington English Center

Assistance with Public School Enrollment & English/Special Ed Services

Latino Student Fund

Various programs: Access Program helps families apply to independent and parochial schools, a Tutoring Program for K-12 students to receive free tutoring, and the Listo Program that is a free after-school college preparatory program that helps students complete college and financial aid applications and provides networking opportunities.

555 12th St NW Suite 620 Washington, DC 20004

(202) 244-3438

<https://latinostudentfund.org/>

Montgomery County Public Schools

Maryland's largest school district: this website guides parents through the new online registration/ enrollment process. Enrollment is for prekindergarten/ Head Start programs all the way to grade 12.

850 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, MD 20850

For enrollment: (240) 740-599

For general inquiries: (240) 740-300

Spanish Hotline: (240) 740-2845

<https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/enroll/index.aspx>

The following organization also provides help with public school enrollment.

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

- CASA de Maryland- Silver Spring

Mental Health Services

CASA de Maryland

Provides case management and connects members with social services in the community. CASA has a hotline in multiple languages and operates a health "promoter" program as well as enrollment assistance for those who wish to enroll in health insurance programs or Affordable Care Act. They have multilingual crisis support lines.

734 University Blvd E, Silver Spring, MD 20903

(301) 431-4185

<https://wearecasa.org/programs/health/>

Kids in Need of Defense

Work to address the trauma of immigrant youth through a holistic process and trauma-informed care.

1201 L St. NW, Floor 2, Washington, DC 20005

(202) 824-8680

<https://supportkind.org/what-we-do/social-services/>

Immigration Legal Services

Ayuda

Ayuda helps with family-based immigration applications, removal defense, asylum, and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS).

8757 Georgia Avenue, Suite 800, Silver Spring, MD 20910

(240) 594-0600

<https://ayuda.com/what-we-do/legal-services/#1525654100988-3805dccb-534e>

CASA de Maryland

CASA's Legal Department assists with various legal services, such as DACA renewals, housing, employment, and immigration law, and provides free legal consults at weekly intakes (Tuesday at 7am) and references to other legal organizations.

8151 15th Avenue, Hyattsville, MD 20783

(301) 431-4185 | (866) 765-2272

<https://wearecasa.org/programs/legal/>

DC - MD Justice for Our Neighbors

Provides free legal consultations at appointment-based clinics in Baltimore, DC, and Gaithersburg.

30 Courthouse Square, No. 405, Rockville, MD 20850

(240) 825-4424

<http://www.dcmdjfon.org/index.html>

HIAS- Silver Spring

Provides legal representation to children and their families from Central America who are fleeing violence.

1300 Spring Street, Suite 500, Silver Spring, MD 20910

(301) 844-7248

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

Kids in Need of Defense

Advocates for the rights of unaccompanied migrant and refugee children in the U.S. Offers representation at asylum interviews, before the Immigration Court, and before the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA). Additionally, provides mental health support and social services for children.

1201 L St. NW, Floor 2, Washington, DC 20005

(202) 824-8680

<https://supportkind.org/>

Maryland Legal Aid

Provides free legal assistance on issues like public benefits, employment, and immigration assistance.

600 Jefferson Plaza, Suite 430, Rockville, MD 20852

(240) 314-0373

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

Spanish Catholic Center

Individual consultations cost \$80.

Washington, DC: 1618 Monroe St., NW, Washington, DC 20010

(202) 939-2400

Gaithersburg, MD: 201 E. Diamond Avenue, 3rd Floor, Gaithersburg, MD 20877

(301) 740-252

<https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/gethelp/legal-and-financial-services/>

Spanish Speaking Community of Maryland, Inc.

Provides general and immigration legal services for a nominal fee, healthcare referrals, and assistance with community development to the Spanish-speaking community of Maryland.

8519 Piney Branch Road, Silver Spring, MD 20901

(301) 587-7217

<https://www.spanishcommunityofmd.org/immigration-services>

Immigration Legal Services: Work Authorization

Justice For Our Neighbors

Monthly legal clinic in DC that assists with various immigration application forms, including employment authorization, juvenile status, and family-based petitions.

30 Courthouse Square, Suite 405, Rockville, MD 20850

248 825 4424

<http://www.dcmdjfon.org/index.html>

The following organizations also provide assistance with work authorization.

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

- HIAS- Silver Spring
- Spanish Speaking Community of Maryland, Inc.

General Legal Aid Services

The Bar Association of Montgomery County Pro Bono Program

Provides free general legal clinics throughout Montgomery County. Provides free legal screening at 301-424-3454. Does not handle public benefits or public housing but can assist with divorces or name changes.

27 West Jefferson Street, Rockville, MD 20850

List of locations and times available at:

301-424-3454

<https://www.barmont.org/page/ClinicsClinicas>

The following organizations also provide general legal services.

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

- CASA de Maryland
- Maryland Legal Aid
- Spanish Catholic Center
- Spanish Speaking Community of Maryland

Local Community Groups

CASA de Maryland's Mi Espacio

An after-school leadership and enrichment program in Baltimore City and in Langley Park that combines life skills with workforce development and health education. Field trips related to arts, sports, and hands-on activities are held on Saturdays, and the space is open 3-6pm after school on weekdays. NOTE: Mi Espacio is in Baltimore City and in Langley Park.

734 University Blvd E, Silver Spring, MD 20903

(301) 431-4185

<https://wearecasa.org/programs/mi-espacio/>

Latino Health Initiative

This program provides coordinated, culturally and linguistically competent health wellness training and to build up a system that supports, values and respects Latino families and communities. They have a Latino Youth Wellness Program to teach youths 12-19 and their families about holistic care and wellness.

8630 Fenton Street, Silver Spring, MD 20910

(240) 777-3221

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

Wheaton (Montgomery County), Maryland

General Social Services

Catholic Charities Center

Provides food pantry; clothing, shoes, and diapers; rent assistance; family and parenting services, and other referrals to Montgomery County residents.

12247 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20902

(301) 942-1790

<https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/CatholicCharitiesCenter/>

Mid-County United Ministries

Provides food, medicine, eviction prevention and utilities, emphasizing client choice, problem-solving and self- sufficiency.

Westfield Wheaton South Building 7th Floor

11002 Veirs Mill Road, Silver Spring, Md. 20902

(301) 929-8675

<https://mumhelp.org/>

Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless

Provides emergency shelter, permanent supportive housing, and coalition homes to those in need in Montgomery County.

405 East Gude Drive, Suite 209, Rockville MD 20850

(301) 217-0314

<https://mcch.net/>

English Language Programs

The Charles W. Gilchrist Immigrant Resource Center

Provides beginner, intermediate, and advanced English classes. Typically free, though some have textbook fees (\$30). Full list available at link below.

11002 Veirs Mill Road, Suite 506, Wheaton, MD 20902

(240) 777-4940

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/gilchrist/programs_and_services.html

Literacy Council of Montgomery County

Provides ESL classes, computer training, and GED/college preparation. Free for beginner and intermediate level students.

21 Maryland Avenue, Suite 320, Rockville, MD 20850
(301) 610-0030 | english@literacycouncilmcmd.org
<https://www.lcmcmd.org/>

Montgomery College Adult ESL Classes

Provides basic English language instruction to county residents whose native language is not English. Beginning, intermediate, and literacy classes are free.

Westfield South, 11002 Veirs Mill Road, Room 210, Wheaton, MD 20902
(240) 567-8950 | esol@montgomerycollege.edu
<https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/workforce-development-continuing-education/english-language-skills/adult-esol/esol-schedule.html>

Montgomery County Public Library

Holds English "conversation clubs" at numerous locations to practice speaking English in a friendly group. Free.

11701 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20902
(240) 777-0678
<https://montgomerycountymd.libguides.com/englishlearners>

Job Training & Career Counseling Programs

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

The Charles W. Gilchrist Immigrant Resource Center

Provides computer and Excel classes for \$20-30.

11002 Veirs Mill Road, Suite 506, Wheaton, MD 20902
(240) 777-4940
https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/gilchrist/programs_and_services.html

Montgomery College Workforce Development

Provides a wide range of noncredit classes and job training programs. Cost varies by program, typically several hundred dollars.

Westfield South Center, 11002 Veirs Mill Road, Suite 306, Wheaton, MD 20902
(240) 567-5188
<https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/workforce-development-continuing-education/>

WorkSource Montgomery

Connects job seekers with employment and skill development and helps to connect immigrants restart their professional careers by connecting them with other organizations.

11510 Georgia Avenue, Wheaton, MD 20902

(301) 929-6880

<https://worksourcemontgomery.com/career-support/who-we-serve/immigrants/>

Assistance with Public School Enrollment & English/Special Ed Services

Montgomery County Public School - International Admissions

Students may enroll who have not attended school in the U.S. during the previous two years. Children can enroll regardless of immigration status.

International Admissions and Enrollment Office

Rocking Horse Road Center

4910 Macon Road, Room 147, Rockville, MD 20852

(240) 740-4500

<https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/student-services/schooling/iae.aspx>

Montgomery County Public School - Special Education Services

Monitors access to rigorous high-quality instruction for students with disabilities, offers a broad range of early intervention services, and supports the development of appropriate skills to prepare students for postsecondary opportunities.

Wheaton Woods Elementary School, 4510 Faroe Place, Rockville, MD 20853

(240) 740-3000

Spanish Hotline: (240) 740-2845

<https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/special-education/contact-us/>

Mental Health Services

EveryMind Montgomery County Hotline

Mental health hotline available 24/7.

(301) 738-2255

<https://www.every-mind.org/>

Mental Health/Substance Abuse Screening and Referral

Provides psychotherapy and psychiatric medication monitoring to low-income residents of Montgomery County experiencing serious mental illness and unable to access the public system due to lack of benefits, immigration status, or income.

DHHS Offices, 11002 Viers Mill Rd., Suite 705, Wheaton, MD 20902

(240) 777-1770

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/HHS-Program/Program.aspx?id=BHCS/BHCSAdultmentalhealth-p321.html>

Montgomery County Crisis Center

Immediate response to mental health and situational crises through telephone, walk-in and mobile outreach services. Open 24/7.

1301 Piccard Drive, Rockville, MD 20850

(240) 777-4000

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/HHS-Program/Program.aspx?id=BHCS/BHCS24hrcrisiscenter-p204.html>

Victim Assistance and Sexual Assault Program

Assists victims of crimes such as rape/sexual assault and homicide. Assistance is also provided to the victims' families. Staff also works to educate public about issues related to sexual assault and rape, human trafficking and labor servitude and other issues.

1301 Piccard Drive, Suite 4100, Rockville, Maryland 20850

(240) 777-1355

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/HHS-Program/BHCS/VASAP/VASAPIndex.html>

Immigration Legal Services

Catholic Charities Center

Provides direct legal immigration services to foreign-born individuals and their families. Consultation fee of \$80.

12247 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20902

(301) 942-1790

<https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/CatholicCharitiesCenter/>

Good Samaritan Advocates

Provides free basic legal consultation in civil legal matters, including immigration, domestic & family law, housing & landlord-tenant, employment, financial, and contracts.

Covenant Life Church, 7501 Muncaster Mill Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20877

(301) 869-2800

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

HIAS

Provides free legal services for asylum and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status cases in the Maryland area.

1300 Spring St, Suite 500, Silver Spring, MD 20910

(301) 844-7248

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

Justice for Our Neighbors

Legal clinics providing general advice, counsel, and all forms of direct immigration legal services. Consultation is free provided family income is 200% or less of federal poverty guidelines.

Epworth United 9008 Rosemont Dr, Gaithersburg, MD 20877

Methodist Church: (301) 926-0424

Hyattsville United 6201 Belcrest Rd, Hyattsville, MD 20782

Methodist Church: (301)927-6133, Ext. 34

<http://www.dcmdjfon.org/index.html>

Immigration Legal Services: Work Authorization

CASA de Maryland

Provides free legal consults for low income immigrants. Services including work authorization.

734 University Boulevard E, Silver Spring, MD 20903

(301) 431-4185

<https://wearecasa.org/programs/legal/>

Central American Resource Center

Provides low- or no-cost services to recent Central American immigrants, including work authorization.

1460 Columbia Road NW, Suite C1, Washington, DC 20009

(202) 328-9799

<http://carecendc.org/>

General Legal Aid Services

The Bar Association of Montgomery County Pro Bono Program

Provides free general legal clinics legal clinics throughout Montgomery County.

27 West Jefferson Street, Rockville, MD 20850

(301) 424-3454

List of locations and times available at:

<https://www.barmont.org/page/ClinicsClinicas>

The Charles W. Gilchrist Immigrant Resource Center

Provides legal clinics focused on the needs of Montgomery County's new immigrants and newcomers, along with referral services.

11002 Veirs Mill Rd., Suite 506, Wheaton, MD 20902

(240) 777-4940

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/gilchrist/>

Local Community Groups

The Charles W. Gilchrist Immigrant Resource Center

Provides classes in English, job and computer training, citizenship preparation, and legal clinics focused on the needs of Montgomery County's new immigrants and newcomers, along with referral services to other local resources.

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(240) 777-4940

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