



CAM (Central American Minors) Parolee Resource Guide

Texas

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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Texas

State Benefits

Food Assistance	Texas Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
Temporary Cash Assistance	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
Medical Assistance	TexCare Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
Post-Secondary Tuition Assistance	Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
Driver's License/State ID	Texas Department of Public Safety (Eligible for Commercial Driver's License Only; Eligible for State ID)

Food Assistance

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

- For Central Texas (Austin), see <https://www.centraltexasfoodbank.org/food-assistance/get-food-now>.
- For North Texas (Dallas, Irving, Fort Worth), see <https://ntfb.org/our-programs/get-food-assistance/find-a-food-pantry/>.
- For Houston, see <https://www.houstonfoodbank.org/find-help/agency-locator/>.

TEXAS SNAP

TEXAS SNAP helps people buy the food they need for good health. SNAP food benefits are placed on the Lone Star Card and can be used just like a credit card at any store that accepts SNAP. SNAP cannot be used to buy tobacco, buy alcoholic drinks, buy items that are not edible, or pay for food bills owed.

Eligibility: CAM parolees under 18 may apply. The only way to be sure that a parolee is eligible for SNAP is to apply following the steps below and wait for a response from Texas Health and Human Services.

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>.

- How to Apply:
- *To apply online*, go to YourTexasBenefits.com and click Apply > Apply Now to log in or create and account. It is possible to apply for SNAP, TANF (see below), and CHIP (see below) in the same application.
 - *To apply with a paper application by mail or fax:*
 - *Online:* Go to YourTexasBenefits.com and click on "Get a Paper Form" at the bottom of the page, then "Download" to print out an application, or "Send By Mail" to receive one by post. The application can be submitted by mail or by fax at 1-877-447-2839; or
 - *By phone:* Call 2-1-1 or 1-877-541-7905, select a language, and choose Option 2. It comes with a prepaid envelope which the applicant can use to mail back the application; it can also be submitted by fax. The phonenumber is available Monday to Friday, 8am to 6 pm CST.

Free assistance applying for benefits can be obtained by calling the number above or by visiting a local Community Partner (Community Partners can be located by visiting TexasCommunityPartnerProgram.com).

Temporary Cash Assistance

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

TANF is a support service for Texas families providing financial assistance to needy dependent children and the parents or relatives with whom they are living. Payment may either be a single-issue \$1,000 check or issued on an ongoing basis for 12-36 months.

Eligibility: The only way to be sure that a parolee is eligible for SNAP is to apply following the steps below and wait for a response from Texas Health and Human Services.

- How to Apply:
- *To apply online*, go to YourTexasBenefits.com and click Apply > Apply Now to log in or create and account. It is possible to apply for SNAP (see above), TANF, and CHIP (see below) in the same application.
 - *To apply with a paper application by mail or fax:*
 - *Online:* Go to YourTexasBenefits.com and click on "Get a Paper Form" at the bottom of the page, then "Download" to print out an application, or "Send By Mail" to receive one by post. The application can be submitted by mail or by fax at 1-877-447-2839.

How to Apply (cont'd):

- *By phone:* Call 2-1-1 or 1-877-541-7905, select a language, and press 2. It comes with a prepaid envelope which the applicant can use to mail back the application; it can also be submitted by fax. The phonenumber is available Monday to Friday, 8am to 6 pm.

Free assistance applying for benefits can be obtained by calling the number above or by visiting a local Community Partner (Community Partners can be located by visiting TexasCommunityPartnerProgram.com).

Medical Assistance

TexCare Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

Provides health coverage for low income children under the age of 18. Parolees may be eligible to apply for TexCare CHIP benefits if they have been paroled to the US for at least one year, meaning they are included within the category of qualified aliens.

Eligibility: The only way to be sure that a parolee is eligible for SNAP is to apply following the steps below and wait for a response from Texas Health and Human Services.

- How to Apply:
- *To apply online,* go to YourTexasBenefits.com and click Apply > Apply Now to log in or create and account. It is possible to apply for SNAP (see above), TANF (see above), and CHIP in the same application.
 - *To apply with a paper application by mail or fax:*
 - *Online:* Go to YourTexasBenefits.com and click on "Get a Paper Form" at the bottom of the page, then "Download" to print out an application, or "Send By Mail" to receive one by post. The application can be submitted by mail or by fax at 1-877-447-2839.
 - *By phone:* Call 2-1-1 or 1-877-541-7905, select language, and press 2. It comes with a prepaid envelope which the applicant can use to mail back the application; it can also be submitted by fax. The phonenumber is available Monday to Friday, 8am to 6 pm.

Free assistance applying for benefits can be obtained by calling the number above or by visiting a local Community Partner (Community Partners can be located by visiting TexasCommunityPartnerProgram.com). *Further information can also be found by visiting ChipMedicaid.org/en/Apply-Now.*

Primary/Secondary School Enrollment (children ages 3-17 years old)

Texas Education Agency (TEA)

TEA is responsible for public education in Texas. For enrollment assistance, call 512-463-9290 or email generalinquiry@tea.texas.gov if enrolling in a general education program, or 1-800-252-9668 or email sped@tea.texas.gov if enrolling in a special education program.

Eligibility:

All children residing in the state of Texas are eligible to enroll. Children may be eligible to attend free kindergarten classes if they are at least 3-4 years of age on or before September 1 of the current school year and meet at least one of the following requirements:

- is unable to speak and comprehend the English language; or
- is educationally disadvantaged (which means a student eligible to participate in the national free or reduced-price lunch program); or
- is homeless, as defined by 42 U.S.C. Section 1143a, regardless of the residence of the child, of either parent of the child, or of the child's guardian or other person having lawful control of the child; or
- is the child of an active duty member of the armed forces of the United States, who is ordered to active duty by proper authority, or who was injured or killed while serving on active duty; or
- is or ever has been in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services (foster care) following an adversary hearing held as provided by Section 262.201, Family Code; or
- is the child of a person eligible for the Star of Texas Award.

How to Apply:

1. Locate a school: The AskTED (Texas Education Directory) search tool or the School District Locator can help you find schools and districts. Contact the district in your area for details on required enrollment documentation.
2. Provide residency documentation.
3. Get the applicant all state required immunizations or provide a valid exemption from the immunization requirements.

Parents who need assistance enrolling a child in general education programs may call 512-463-9290 or e-mail generalinquiry@tea.texas.gov.

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: CAM 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: Go to the FAFSA website at 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 e-mail the organization at the following link: 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

Texas Department of Public Safety

Driver License (DL) Offices, where Texas residents can apply for driver's licenses and state IDs, are run by the Texas Department of Public Safety and located throughout the state.

The search function on the DPS website can be used to locate a local DL office:

[DPS.Texas.gov/Administration/Driver Licensing Control/Rolodex/Search.asp](https://www.dps.texas.gov/Administration/Driver_Licensing_Control/Rolodex/Search.asp)

Eligibility: Only US citizens or LPRs (lawful permanent residents/green card holders) may apply for a regular driver's license. Otherwise, they may only obtain a commercial driver's license. Alternatively, CAM parolees may apply for a State ID if they can provide proof of "lawful presence"—in this case, proof of humanitarian parole status, such as their Form I-94.

How to Apply: Gather the necessary documents and, if applying for a driver's license, complete the required courses. These are listed in full on the website <https://www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/ApplyforLicense.htm>.

1. Make an appointment at a local DL office.
2. Complete the appropriate application (either driver license or state ID), available on the website and at all DL offices.
3. Provide the following documentation to the license and permit specialist:
 - a. Application
 - b. U.S. Citizenship or evidence of lawful presence
 - c. Proof of Texas residency
 - d. Proof of identity
 - e. Social Security Number (Individuals who do not have a SSN, have never been issued a SSN, or are not eligible for a SSN can complete an affidavit attesting to such.)
4. Pay the application fee. Depending on age group, this is \$9 and \$25 for driver's licenses, or \$6 and \$16 for state IDs.
5. Provide thumbprints and have picture taken.
6. (Only if applying for a driver's license.) Pass Vision Exam.
7. (Only if applying for a driver's license.) Take and pass the knowledge and driving tests; these requirements can be completed at a DL office or through a third party provider.

Testing in Spanish is available.

Local (City/County-Specific) Resources in Texas

Austin, Texas

General Social Services

Casa Marianella

Casa Marianella is an emergency homeless shelter that serves recently-arrived immigrants, asylum seekers, and asylees in East Austin. Casa Marianella's Adult House has 35 spaces for single men and women in need. The length of stay ranges from a few days to a few months. Services include emergency shelter (bed, hot shower, laundry, etc.), hot meals, men's and women's clothing, computer access, and case management for shelterers. Casa's Community Center provides access to ESL classes and the Casa Marianella Immigration Legal Services Center.

821 Gunter St., Austin, TX 78702

(512) 385-5571

<http://casamarianella.org/>

Refugee Services of Texas, Austin

Refugee Services of Texas, Austin serves newly arrived migrants with resettlement into the local community. They provide several services such as: job readiness training and placement, legal services, medical case management, social adjustment services, refugee cash assistance, and English as a Second Language.

500 East St. Johns Ave, Suite 1.280, Austin, TX, 78752

(512) 472-9472

<http://rstx.org/locations/austin.html>

English Language Programs

Austin Public Library

The Austin Public Library has over 20 branches and hosts many workshops and educational events, such as ESL classes, social groups, and game nights.

710 W. César Chávez St., Austin, TX 78701

(512)-974-7400

<http://library.austintexas.gov/>

Foundation Communities

Foundation Communities offers free English as a Second Language (ESL) classes at basic and intermediate levels, which are open to the public and allow students to join at any point in the semester.

Location #1: 4320 S Congress Avenue, Austin, TX 78745

Location #2: 7104 Northeast Drive, Austin, TX 78723

(512) 610-4020

<http://foundcom.org/education/esl/>

Job Training & Career Counseling Programs

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

For more employment resources, see this brochure created by the City of Austin, http://austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/HR/Employment_Resource_Guide_Brochure_v20190823.pdf

Austin Area Urban League

Serves underprivileged urban residents by providing free training services and certificate programs in healthcare, construction/OSHA training, customer service and administration, hospitality, and computer skills. Also provides career counseling, employment assistance, professional development workshops, occupational training, and financial literacy classes.

8011A Cameron Rd building a-100, Austin, TX 78754

(512) 478-7176

<http://aaul.org/>

Workforce Solutions Capital Area

Provides free career assistance and occupational training. Services provided include job search assistance, resume writing, interview preparation, GED guidance, adult education and literacy, and funding for occupational training in select industries.

North Center: 9001 N IH 35, Suite 110, Austin, TX 78753

(512) 454-9675

South Center: 6505 Burleson Road, Goodwill Bldg, Austin, TX 78744

(512) 381-4200

East Center: 3401 Webberville Rd, Bldg 1000, Austin, TX 78702

(512) 223-5400

<http://wfscapitalarea.com/>

Assistance with Public School Enrollment & English/Special Ed Services

International Welcome Center

The International Welcome Center provides information about Austin Public Schools to students and families who are new to the United States. The Center serves as a liaison for students and families (Pre-K through 12), linking them to Austin ISD schools and connecting families with public resources. Appointments must be scheduled in advance.

Reilly Elementary

405 Denson Dr., Portable 3 (Portables located on the Denson Dr. side of Reilly Elementary), Austin, TX 78752

(512) 414-6426

<http://austinisd.org/refugee-immigrant-services/iwc/>

Vela

VELA is a nonprofit organization that serves families of children with special needs enrolled in public education. Services include workshops for parents, supportive case management, and monthly support groups (in Spanish only).

4900 Gonzales St, Austin, TX 78702

(512) 850-8281

<http://velafamilies.org/>

Mental Health Services

Master directory of service providers available online at <https://mentalhealthtx.org/> or dial 211 using a phone. You can also visit <https://refugees.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Austin-Mental-Health-and-Wellness-Directory.pdf> for refugee-specific services.

Community Care – North Central Health Center

Provides services for psychiatry, behavioral health, and nutrition. Services include 30-minute initial assessment appointment with follow-up treatment sessions, group counseling sessions, coordination with medical providers, and assessment and monitoring of responses to psychiatric medications. Services are provided in Spanish and English.

1210 West Braker Lane Austin, TX 78758

(512) 978-9880

<http://communitycaretx.org/>

Lifeworks

Provides counseling for individuals and families who are struggling with issues such as family conflict, abuse, trauma, anxiety, and depression. LifeWorks provides affordable/free mental health counseling in the Austin area. Services include access to medication, drug and alcohol treatment, counseling and case management, job training and employment, and housing and homeless services. Lifeworks has several locations which provide different services; the following are for adult integrated care clinics.

Sooch Foundation East Austin Youth and Family Resource Center: 835 N. Pleasant Valley, Austin, TX 78702

South Austin Youth & Family Resource Center: 3700 South 1st St., Austin, TX 78704

North Austin Youth & Family Resource Center: 8913 Collinfield Dr., Austin, TX 78758

(512) 735-2400

<http://lifeworksaustin.org/>

Texas State University Round Rock

The Round Rock Counseling Practicum clinic is a teaching clinic providing supervised clinical experience for advanced master's degree-seeking counseling students which offers free or low-cost counseling to individual adults, adolescents, children, couples, and families; both traditional and non-traditional.

Avery Building, RRC Campus, 1555 University Boulevard, Round Rock, TX, 78665

(512) 716-4250

<https://www.counseling.txstate.edu/round-rock.html>

Immigration Legal Services

For master list of free or low-cost immigration referral services compiled by East Bay Community Law Clinic see https://ebclc.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/EBCLC_Immigration-Referrals_04.2015.pdf.

Many of the private attorneys listed require a fee.

Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services (RAICES)

Austin location of RAICES. RAICES' legal services extend from low-cost residency and citizenship services to pro-bono representation for families and children in detention, with service offerings for residency and citizenship services, asylum seekers, removal defense, and legal representation for family and children.

2101 S IH 35 Frontage Rd Suite 300, Austin, TX, 78704
(512) 994-2199, Ext.160
<http://raicestexas.org/>

Immigration Legal Services: Work Authorization

American Gateways

Services offered include representation before the San Antonio Immigration Court, permanent residency and naturalization, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), and family-based petitions.

314 E. Highland Mall Blvd. Suite 501, Austin, TX 78752
(512) 478-0546 ext. 200
<http://americangateways.org/>

General Legal Services

Texas Legal Services Center

Texas Legal Services Center offers essential civil legal services to families and individuals. They serve traditionally underserved populations and are available to meet over the phone, via email, through online chat, and over video chat.

1920 E. Riverside Dr., Suite A-120, #501, Austin, TX 78741
(512) 477-6000
<http://tlsc.org>

Local Community Groups

Austin Public Library

Gas over 20 branches and hosts many workshops and educational events, such as ESL classes, social groups and game nights.

710 W. César Chávez St.
(512) 974-7400
<http://library.austintexas.gov/>

Austin Recreation Center

Offers year-round activities, events, and classes for children and adults. Adult programs include the Austin Philosophy Discussion Group, karate, badminton, volleyball, and many more. Facilities include a 7,000 square foot gym, weight room, and showers.

1301 Shoal Creek Blvd., Austin, TX 78701
(512) 978-2370
<http://austintexas.gov/department/austin-recreation-center/>

Dallas | Irving, Texas

General Social Services

Catholic Charities Dallas

Offers many forms of food assistance including food pantries, mobile food pantries, and food boxes. The address below is their Central Service Center; many other locations can be found on their website.

1421 West Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, TX 75247

Legal Services: (214) 634-7182

Refugee Services: (214) 553-9909

<http://ccdallas.org/>

Center for Survivors of Torture

CST offers free individual, family, and group counseling for survivors of torture that often focuses on trauma and grief resolution.

4108 Swiss Avenue, Dallas, TX 75204

(214) 827-2314

<http://cstnet.org/>

Light of Hope ILC

Light of Hope provides welcome kits of basic necessities on a case-by-case basis. They are located in Plano but serve Dallas.

1339 19th Street, Plano, TX 75074

(469) 229-0590

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

Northwest Community Center

Northwest Bible Church's community center offers household essentials like diapers, personal hygiene products, and basic home items.

5750 Pineland Drive, Dallas TX 75231

(214) 396-6517

<https://nccrefugees.org/>

Refugee Services of Texas, Dallas

As well as offering a wide range of services in the areas below, also provides cash assistance, social adjustment services, and medical case management.

9696 Skillman, Suite 320, Dallas, TX 75243

(214) 821-4883

Fax: (214) 821-4899

<http://www.rstx.org/locations/dallas.html>

English Language Programs

Center for Survivors of Torture

CST offers free individual, family, and group counseling for survivors of torture that often focuses on trauma and grief resolution as well as complementary programs like ESL.

4108 Swiss Avenue, Dallas, TX 75204

(214) 827-2314

<http://cstnet.org/>

Human Rights Initiative

ESL classes through Dallas County Community College District (DCCCD)'s WorkReadyU program.

2801 Swiss Avenue, Dallas, TX 75204

(214) 855-0520

Fax: (214) 396-2030

<http://hrionline.org/>

Literacy Achieves

Provides adult ESL classes, early childhood ESL classes, and more. Students are responsible for a small book fee. A full list of locations is available on their website.

4144 N. Central Exp., Suite 702, Dallas, TX 75204

(214) 265-5057

<http://literacyachieves.org/>

Northwest Community Center

Offers free ESL classes in the mornings and evenings with no signup necessary.

5750 Pineland Drive. Dallas, TX 75231

(214) 396-6517

<https://nccrefugees.org/>

Refugee Services of Texas, Dallas

Offers resettlement services to incoming refugees, helping them integrate into the American workplace and society, with the ultimate goal of achieving self-sufficiency.

9696 Skillman, Suite 320, Dallas, TX 75243

(214) 821-4883

<http://www.rstx.org/locations/dallas.html>

Job Training & Career Counseling Programs

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

Center for Survivors of Torture

CST offers free individual, family, and group counseling for survivors of torture that often focuses on trauma and grief resolution as well as complementary programs like resume building and job searches.

4108 Swiss Avenue, Dallas, TX 75204

(214) 827-2314

<https://cstnet.org/>

Human Rights Initiative

Offers a Job Readiness/Employment Workshop.

2801 Swiss Avenue, Dallas, TX 75204

(214) 855-0520

Fax: (214) 396-2030

<http://hrionline.org/>

Northwest Community Center

Northwest Bible Church's community center offers job coaching and readiness training.

5750 Pineland Drive, Dallas, TX 75231

(214) 396-6517

<https://nccrefugees.org/>

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(214) 821-4883

Fax: (214) 821-4899

<http://www.rstx.org/locations/dallas.html>

Assistance with Public School Enrollment & English/Special Ed Services

International Rescue Committee

Helps immigrants and refugees find education for themselves and dependents, English classes, and other educational programs.

6500 Greenville Avenue, Suite 500, Dallas, TX 75206

(214) 461-9781

<http://www.rescue.org/united-states/dallas-tx>

Mental Health Services

Center for Survivors of Torture

CST offers free individual, family, and group counseling for survivors of torture that often focuses on trauma and grief resolution.

4108 Swiss Avenue, Dallas, TX 75204

(214) 827-2314

<http://cstnet.org/>

Human Rights Initiative

Provide forensic medical examinations, psychological evaluations, or other services to our clients. Volunteer physicians, psychologists, and counselors can be vital to the legal process, as they often help to substantiate any physical evidence and/or psychological trauma left behind from the torture some of their clients have experienced.

2801 Swiss Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75204

(214) 855-0520

Fax: (214) 396-2030

<http://hrionline.org/>

Immigration Legal Services

Catholic Charities Dallas

Provides consultation on immigration, asylum, and refugee assistance for a fee.

1421 West Mockingbird Lane. Dallas, TX 75247

Legal Services: (214) 634-7182

Refugee Services: (214) 553-9909

<http://ccdallas.org/>

Catholic Charities - Diocese of Lubbock

Catholic Charities aims to make a positive difference in the lives of immigrants by providing legal assistance (ex: employment authorization card replacement, family reunification) so they can pursue their highest potential and fulfill their dreams.

102 Ave. J, Lubbock, Texas 79401

(806) 741-0409

24-Hour Youth Crisis Hotline: 1-800-530-4704

<https://www.cclubbock.org/immigration>

Center for Survivors of Torture

CST offers free individual, family, and group counseling for survivors of torture that often focuses on trauma and grief resolution as well as help navigating the legal system.

4108 Swiss Avenue, Dallas, TX 75204

(214) 827-2314

<http://cstnet.org/>

Human Rights Initiative

Provides free legal services for immigrants and asylees.

2801 Swiss Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75204

(214) 855-0520

<http://hrionline.org/>

Immigrant Connection

Immigration Connection provides low-cost immigration legal services to North Texas. They are located in Plano but serve Dallas. By appointment only.

Sent Church, 3701 W Spring Creek Pkwy, Plano, Texas 75023

(972) 737-3287

<http://www.sentchurch.cc/ministries/immigration-center/>

International Rescue Committee

Provides assistance with adjusting immigration status, civics/citizenship, and family reunification.

6500 Greenville Avenue, Suite 500, Dallas, TX 75206

(214) 461-9781

<http://www.rescue.org/united-states/dallas-tx>

Light of Hope ILC

Provides legal services for a nominal fee. They are located in Plano but serve Dallas.

1339 19th St, Plano, TX 75074

(469) 229-0590

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

RAICES Texas (Downtown)

Offers legal services in removal defense, unaccompanied minors, and family-based and humanitarian immigration services for a waivable fee.

1910 Pacific Ave, Suite 5045, Dallas, TX 75201

(214) 295-9554

<https://www.raicestexas.org/contact-us/locations/>

RAICES Texas (North Dallas)

Offers legal services in removal defense, unaccompanied minors, and family-based and humanitarian immigration services for a waivable fee.

4230 Lyndon B Johnson Fwy, Suite 225, Dallas, TX 75244

(214) 919-0736

<https://www.raicestexas.org/contact-us/locations/>

Refugee Services of Texas, Dallas

RST staffs full-time immigration attorneys and legal assistants who provide a range of free and low-cost legal aid to all immigrant groups.

9696 Skillman, Suite 320, Dallas, TX 75243

(214) 821-4883

Fax: (214) 821-4899

<http://www.rstx.org/locations/dallas.html>

Immigration Legal Services: Work Authorization

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(214) 821-4883

Fax: (214) 821-4899

<http://www.rstx.org/locations/dallas.html>

General Legal Services

Center for Survivors of Torture

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4108 Swiss Avenue, Dallas, TX 75204

(214) 827-2314

<http://cstnet.org/>

Equal Justice Center

EJC aims to ensure fair treatment for immigrants in the workplace, in the justice system, and in society.

1250 W. Mockingbird Lane, Suite 455, Dallas, TX 75247

(469) 228-4226

Fax: (469) 941-0861

<http://www.equaljusticecenter.org/welcome.html>

Local Community Groups

Heart House

Specifically for children, Heart House provides after-school programs to refugees. A full list of locations can be found on their website.

8515 Park Lane #304, Dallas, Texas 75231

(214) 750-7637

<http://hearthousedallas.org/>

Northwest Community Center

Northwest Bible Church's community center offers an after-school program to help children with homework and transitioning into a new culture. Other, similar programs can be found on their website.

5750 Pineland Drive, Dallas TX 75231

(214) 396-6517

<https://nccrefugees.org/>

Fort Worth, Texas

General Social Services

Catholic Charities of Fort Worth

Assists with immigration services, dental care, transportation, and translation and interpretation.

249 West Thornhill Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76115

(817) 534-0814

<http://www.catholiccharitiesfortworth.org/help/>

Fort Worth Neighborhood Services

Provides services such as utility service assistance, job skills, training, and employment assistance, tax preparation, home weatherization, HVAC repair, affordable housing, disability assistance, rent subsidies, and financial education. Their Neighborhood Centers provide afterschool programs, fitness facilities, and community events.

908 Monroe Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102

(817) 392-7540

<http://fortworthtexas.gov/neighborhoods/>

Tarrant Area Food Bank

Tarrant Area Food Bank provides guidance with applying for food assistance, financial assistance, and healthcare.

2600 Cullen Street, Fort Worth, TX 76107

(817) 857-7100

<https://tafb.org/>

Tarrant County Department of Human Services

Provides financial assistance for disability, unemployment, crisis, life threatening illness, new employees, utilities, and home loss risk. A list of eligibility requirements on their website.

1200 Circle Drive, Suite 200, Fort Worth, TX 76119

(817) 531-5620

<http://www.tarrantcounty.com/en/human-services.html>

English Language Programs

Agape Baptist Church

Agape Baptist Church offers a range of ESL classes from beginner to advanced levels, at no cost and no registration required. Free childcare available.

3900 Southwest Boulevard, Fort Worth, TX 76116

(817) 923-6800

<http://agapebaptist.org/agape-scattered/esl/>

Arlington Public Library

Provides ESL, GED, and citizenship test classes at no cost. Classes require registration in advance.

Downtown (George W. Hawkes): 100 S. Center Street, Arlington, TX 76010

East Arlington: 1624 New York Avenue, Arlington, TX 76010

Lake Arlington: 4000 W. Green Oaks Boulevard, Arlington, TX 76016

Northeast Branch: 1905 Brown Boulevard, Arlington, TX 76006

Southeast Branch: 900 S.E. Green Oaks Boulevard, Arlington, TX 76018

Southwest Branch: 3311 S.W. Green Oaks Boulevard, Arlington, TX 76017

Woodland West: 2837 W. Park Row Drive, Arlington, TX 76013

(817) 459-6900

<http://www.arlingtonlibrary.org/arlington-reads>

Birdville School District

Birdville School District provides ESL, GED, and workforce preparation classes at no cost. Classes require registration in advance.

6125 East Belknap Street, Haltom City, TX 76117

(817) 547-5797

<http://www.birdvilleschools.net/Page/45929>

Central Bible Church

Provides ESL, writing, and citizenship test preparation classes at no cost. Free childcare available

8001 Anderson Boulevard, Fort Worth, Texas 76120

(817) 274-1315

<http://www.hopeliteracy.org/programs>

Cornerstone Assistance Network

Provides ESL, Spanish-language GED, and computer skills classes.

3500 Noble Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76111

(817) 632-6012

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

Fort Worth Independent School District

Provides general ESL, Texas industry-specific ESL, GED, English literacy, and civics classes at no cost. Classes require registration in advance.

5701 Meadowbrook Drive, Building #1, Fort Worth, TX 76112

(817) 815-7750

<http://www.fwisd.org/Page/320>

Fort Worth Library

Provides ESL classes at no cost. Classes require notifying by phone in advance.

East Berry: 4300 E. Berry St., Fort Worth, TX 76105-5003

(817) 392-5470

Meadowbrook: 2800 Stark St., Fort Worth, TX 76112-6430

(817) 392-6621

<http://fortworthtexas.gov/library/programs/english-conversation-classes/>

Gambrell St. Baptist Church

Provides ESL classes at no cost. Free childcare available for school-aged children.

1616 West Gambrell Street, Fort Worth, TX 76115

(817) 568-1444

<http://www.hopeliteracy.org/programs>

Harwood Terrace Baptist Church

Provides ESL classes at no cost. Free childcare available.

3420 Brown Trail, Bedford, TX 76021

(830) 313-0764

<http://www.hopeliteracy.org/programs>

Heritage Church of Christ

Provides ESL classes at no cost and no registration required.

4201 Heritage Trace Pkwy, Fort Worth, TX, 76244

(817) 741-0499

<http://www.heritagechurchofchrist.org/esl>

North Richland Hills Baptist Church

Provides ESL and citizenship test preparation classes at no cost.

6955 Boulevard 26, North Richland Hills, TX 76180

(817) 284-9206

<http://www.nrhbc.org/connect>

Oak Grove Baptist Church

Provides ESL classes at no cost. Free childcare available.

12351 Oak Grove Road South, Burleson, TX 76028

(817) 988-6818

<http://www.hopeliteracy.org/programs>

Southcliff Baptist Church

Provides free ESL classes for adults, children, and youth, as well as citizenship preparation classes. Free childcare available. Refreshments provided.

4100 SW Loop 820, Ft Worth, TX 76109

(817) 924-2241

<http://www.southcliff.com/esl/>

Texas Christian University

Provides ESL classes at no cost to refugees, asylum seekers, or undocumented individuals. Classes require registration in advance.

TCU Rickel Building, 3005 Stadium Drive, Suite 244, Fort Worth, TX 76129

(817) 257-7485

<http://sis.tcu.edu/iep/programs-courses-trainings/workforce-training/>

Trinity Baptist Church

Provides ESL classes at no cost and no registration required. Textbooks usually cost \$25.

620 Churchill Rd, Fort Worth, TX 76114

(817) 732-5566

<http://trinityfortworth.org/events/2017/10/24/english-as-a-second-language-esl-classes>

University Baptist Church

University Baptist Church provides ESL and citizenship preparation classes at no cost.

Classes require registration in advance. Free childcare available for children 6 months to 5 years.

2720 Wabash Ave., Fort Worth, Texas 76109

(817) 926-3318

<https://ubcfortworth.org/esl/>

World Relief at Ladera Palms

World Relief provides ESL classes at no cost.

Ladera Palms Apartments, 4500 Campus Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76119

(682) 215-3397

<http://www.hopeliteracy.org/programs>

Job Training & Career Counseling Programs

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

Community Action Partners (CAP Works)

Provides tuition assistance for a wide variety of short-term certifications and job training for low-income individuals in Tarrant County. CAP Works also provides career counseling, job hunting workshops, and personal finance training. A full list of locations can be found on the website; the main location is given below.

Andrew "Doc" Session Branch: 201 S. Sylvania Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76111

(817) 392-5790

<http://fortworthtexas.gov/capworks/>

Goodwill Fort Worth

Provides one-on-one career counseling and job readiness skills training, including resume writing, interviewing skills and job search techniques. A full list of locations is available on their website; their regional headquarters' contact information is below.

4005 Campus Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76119

(817) 332-7866, Ext. 2069

<http://www.goodwillfortworth.org/services/job-resource-centers/>

The Women's Center of Tarrant County

Provides support groups, counseling, legal services, rape crisis and victim services, and employment assistance.

1723 Hemphill St, Fort Worth, TX 76110

(817) 927-4040

Helpline (817) 927-4000

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

Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County

Provides job search assistance, job listings, job searching seminars, and computer access. A full list of locations is available on their website.

1515 S. Sylvania Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76111(817) 413-4000

<http://workforcesolutions.net/>

Assistance with Public School Enrollment & English/Special Ed Services

Texas Education Agency

State agency that oversees primary and secondary public education. Children can be enrolled online; eligibility information can be found on the website.

1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas, 78701

(512) 463-9290

Special Education: 1 (800) 252-9668

<http://tea.texas.gov/texas-schools/general-information/enroll-your-child>

Mental Health Services

Muslim Community Center

Provides free mental health counseling, free medical and dental care, and refugee assistance.

7600 Glenview Drive, Richland Hills, Texas 76180

(817) 589-9165

<http://www.mcc-hs.org/mental-health-counseling>

My Health My Resources (MHMR) of Tarrant County

MHMR provides help to children, adolescents and adults with severe mental illness and other serious emotional disturbances. Services and amenities include an outpatient clinic, a community center, a crisis line, and support groups.

<u>Access to Care:</u>	3800 Hulen Street, Suite 150, Fort Worth, TX 76107
<u>Arlington Clinic:</u>	601 W. Sanford, Suite 11, Arlington, TX 76011
<u>Youth Center Arlington:</u>	501 W. Sanford, Suite 2700, Arlington, TX 76011
<u>Circle Drive Clinic:</u>	1200 Circle Drive, Suite 400B, Fort Worth, TX 76119
<u>Homeless Clinic:</u>	1350 E. Lancaster, Fort Worth, TX 76102
<u>Mid Cities Clinic:</u>	4525 City Point Drive, North Richland Hills, TX 76180
<u>Northwest Clinic:</u>	2400 NW 24 th Street, Fort Worth, TX 76106
<u>Penn Square:</u>	300 Pennsylvania Ave., Fort Worth, TX 76104
<u>Western Hills:</u>	8808 W. Camp Bowie, Fort Worth, TX 76116
<u>Youth Center Fort Worth:</u>	1527 Hemphill St., Fort Worth, TX 76104

(817) 569-4300

Crisis line and appointments: (817) 335-3022

<http://www.mhmrtarrant.org/Services/Mental-Health-Services/>

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1723 Hemphill St, Fort Worth, TX 76110

(817) 927-4040

Helpline: (817) 927-4000

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

Immigration Legal Services

Catholic Charities of Fort Worth

Catholic Charities of Fort Worth assists with immigration services, dental care, transportation, and translation and interpretation.

249 West Thornhill Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76115

(817) 534-0814

<http://www.catholiccharitiesfortworth.org/help/>

Texas A&M Law School Clinics

The Texas A&M Legal Clinics are a teaching law firm that offers the community a limited range of legal services free of charge. Legal services are delivered by Texas A&M law students who are supervised by experienced lawyers.

(817) 212-4123

<http://law.tamu.edu/legal-assistance>

Immigration Legal Services: Work Authorization

Catholic Charities of Fort Worth

Assists with immigration services, dental care, transportation, and translation and interpretation.

249 West Thornhill Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76115

(817) 534-0814

<http://www.catholiccharitiesfortworth.org/help/>

Human Rights Initiative

Provides assistance with adjustment of status, employment authorization, removal hearings, SIJS, T and U visas, TPS), T and VAWA petitions.

2801 Swiss Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75204

(214) 855-0520

Fax: (214) 396-2030

<http://hrionline.org/>

Justice for Our Neighbors, Fort Worth

Offers free and affordable, high-quality immigration legal services, including work authorization services. They serve the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex.

Forbes House, 421 Church St, Grapevine, TX 76051

(817) 310-3820

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

Proyecto Inmigrante ICS, Inc.

Provides immigration counseling and legal representation services, including work authorization services.

6850 Manhattan Blvd., Suite 200, Fort Worth, TX 76120

1 (888) 793-2182

<http://proyectoimmigrante.org/>

RAICES Texas (Fort Worth)

RAICES' low-cost and fee-waivable legal services extend from residency and citizenship services to pro-bono representation for families and children in detention, with service offerings for residency and citizenship services, asylum seekers, removal defense, and legal representation for family and children.

4200 South Freeway, Suite 704, Fort Worth, TX 76115

(817) 717-9377

<https://www.raicestexas.org/contact-us/locations/>

General Legal Services

Dallas County Bar Association LegalLine

Volunteer attorneys answer questions for free over the phone, from 4:00pm to 8:00 pm on Wednesdays. Spanish-speaking attorneys are available. Online registration required; registration closes each Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.

Online Registration: <http://tinyurl.com/DBALegalLine>

<http://www.dallasbar.org/index.cfm?pg=legalline>

Legal Aid of Northwest Texas (LANWT)

LANWT offers free civil legal assistance to low-income Texans who wouldn't otherwise be able to secure such legal representation.

600 E Weatherford Street, Fort Worth TX 76102

(800) 955-3959

Alternative phone: (817) 336-3943

<http://internet.lanwt.org/en-us>

Tarrant County Bar Association Lawyer Referral & Information Service (LRIS)

LRIS provides free referrals to callers 8:30 am to 4:30 pm during the workweek. If referred, the attorney will provide a half-hour consultation for \$20.

(817) 336-4101

<http://www.tarrantbar.org/index.cfm?pg=LRIS>

Tarrant County Bar Association LegalLine

Volunteer attorneys answer callers' questions for free from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm on the second and fourth Thursday of every month.

(817) 335-1239

<https://www.tarrantbar.org/index.cfm?pg=LegalLine>

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1723 Hemphill St., Fort Worth, TX 76110

(817) 927-4040

Helpline: (817) 927-4000

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

Local Community Groups

Mission Central Texas

Mission Central Texas provides services such as a food pantry, career counseling, tutoring, thrift clothing, and connections to community resources.

740 East Pipeline Road, Hurst, TX 76053

(817) 595-0011

<http://missioncentraltx.org/>

Northside Inter-Community Agency (NICA)

NICA provides emergency assistance, ESL classes, job training, and professional social work services for low-income individuals, families, youth, homeless, elderly, and disabled clients, in addition to educational programs and mentorship for at-risk youth.

1600 Circle Park Blvd, Fort Worth, TX 76164

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

Houston | Irving, Texas

General Social Services

Alliance for Multicultural Community Services

Provides refugee settlement, social-educational, legal, employment, financial, and wellness services to refugees, immigrants, and underserved residents. Job readiness training and interpretation/translation services are also available.

6440 Hillcroft Ave., Houston, TX 77081

(713) 776-4700

<http://thealliancetxt.org/>

BakerRipley

Provides a wide range of community-based programs that for immigrants and underserved residents in Houston and the Texas Gulf Coast. Provides children- and youth-oriented classes as well as ESL, GED, citizenship test preparation, and computer literacy classes for adults. A full list of locations can be found on the website; the central location is given below.

4450 Harrisburg Boulevard, Houston, TX 77011

(713) 667-9400

<http://www.bakerripley.org/services>

Memorial Assistance Ministries

MAM offers programs enabling long-term financial self-sufficiency for their clients, assisting families facing financial crisis and facilitating client access to other support networks. Services include ESL, GED, and citizenship test preparation classes, benefits assistance, free tax preparation, mental health and counseling services, employment services and certifications, and immigration legal services.

1625 Blalock Road, Houston, TX 77080

(713) 468-4516

<http://www.mamhouston.org/services>

Refugee Services of Texas, Houston

Serves newly arrived migrants with resettlement into the local community. They provide several services such as: job readiness training and placement, legal services, medical case management, social adjustment services, refugee cash assistance, and ESL classes.

7211 Regency Square Blvd., Suite 203, Houston, TX 77036

(713) 644-6224

English Language Programs

Emerson Unitarian Universalist Church

Emerson hosts free English classes in Houston three days a week.

1900 Bering Drive, Houston, TX 77057

(713) 782-8250

<http://emersonhouston.org/social-action/english-classes-esl-for-adults/>

Houston Public Library

Offers a beginner ESL classes targeting speaking, listening, and reading skills.

500 McKinney Street, Houston, Texas 77002

(832) 393-1313

<http://houstonlibrary.org/taxonomy/tags/esl>

Job Training & Career Counseling Programs

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

Family Houston

Family Houston's Employment Coaching program offers one-on-one support to help individuals develop and plan career goals, connect with employers, and advance in their careers. Services include resume preparation, job search skills, financial coaching, mental health counseling, and on-the-job conflict resolution.

4625 Lillian St., Houston, TX 77007

(713) 861-4849

<https://www.familyhouston.org/employmentcoaching/>

Workforce Solutions at BakerRipley

Workforce Solutions provides job search assistance, career planning, financial assistance, and job training. A full list of locations can be found on their website.

Central 4450 Harrisburg, Suite 200, Houston, TX 77011

(817) 413-4000

Mobile Community Center: (713) 667-9400

https://www.bakerripley.org/services#career_office

Assistance with Public School Enrollment & English/Special Ed Services

Texas Education Agency

The Texas Education Agency is the state agency that oversees primary and secondary public education. Children can be enrolled online; eligibility information can be found on the website.

1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas, 78701

(512) 463-9290

Special Education: 1 (800) 252-9668

<http://tea.texas.gov/texas-schools/general-information/enroll-your-child>

Mental Health Services

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Services include school counselling, individual counselling, family counselling, adult counselling, and child counselling. Full list of locations is on their website.

Main Office: 2900 Louisiana Street, Houston Texas 77006

(713) 526-4611

<http://catholiccharities.org/>

Jewish Family Service

Jewish Family Service provides clients counselling services (adult and children) and employment assistance.

4131 S. Braeswood, Houston, Texas 77025

(713) 667-9336

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

Immigration Legal Services

Catholic Charities' St. Frances Cabrini Center for Immigrant Legal Assistance

Provides legal services to victims of human trafficking, asylum seekers, refugees, and those separated from their families and eager to be reunited.

2900 Louisiana Street, Houston Texas 77006

(713) 526-4611

Immigrant Rights Hotline: 1 (833) 468-4664

<http://catholiccharities.org/supporting-refugees-immigrants/st-frances-cabrini-center-for-immigration-legal-assistance/>

Justice for Our Neighbors, Houston

Justice for Our Neighbors offers free and affordable, high-quality immigration legal services.

2220 Broadway Street, Houston, TX 77012

(713) 454-6470

<http://jfonhouston.org>

YMCA of Greater Houston, International Services

Provides refugee resettlement and employment, human trafficking victims services, and immigration legal services.

6671 Southwest Freeway, Suite 250, 2nd Fl., Houston, TX, 77074

(713) 758-9280

<http://ymcahouston.org/locations/ymca-international-services>

Immigration Legal Services: Work Authorization

BakerRipley Immigration and Citizenship Program

Offers quality immigration services at free to low cost to families living in the Houston area for processes such as naturalization, renewal of permanent residence cards, adjustment of status, removal defense, and crime victim visas.

6535 Rookin Street, Houston, TX 77074

(713) 273-3707

<http://www.bakerripley.org/services/bakerripley-citizenship-and-immigration-program-gulfton-sharpstown-campus>

General Legal Services

Houston Volunteer Lawyers

Houston Volunteer Lawyers provides free civil legal services to low-income people in Harris County by connecting them with volunteer lawyers who agree to handle their matters free of charge.

1111 Bagby, Suite FLB300, Houston, TX 77002

(713) 228-0735

Intake: (713) 228-0732

<http://makejusticehappen.org/>

Lone Star Legal Aid

Lone Star Legal Aid protects and advances the civil legal rights of people living in poverty by providing free advocacy, legal representation, and community education that ensures equal access to justice.

500 Jefferson Street, 17th Fl., Houston, TX 77002

(713) 652-0077

<http://lonestarlegal.org/>

Local Community Groups

YMCA of Greater Houston, International Services

Provides refugee resettlement and employment, human trafficking victims services, and immigration legal services.

6300 Westpark, Suite 600, Houston, TX

(713) 339-9015

<http://ymcahouston.org/locations/ymca-international-services>