

Resource Center

The links below will help to give you a better understanding of past and current immigration policies in the US and what is happening on the southern border. There are many organizations doing incredible work, but this is just to get you started.

Read about the [ACLU's Border Humanity Project](#) and learn about ways to get involved in rebuilding a better, more humane asylum system.

Learn how you can take action to advocate for justice for separated and detained families through [Families Belong Together](#), and check out the [#WelcomeWithDignity](#) campaign to learn how we can welcome those crossing the border in a more humane way.

Read about the [Myths and Facts About Immigrants and Immigration](#) and learn how to approach the issue with a better understanding of the facts.

Watch and read the San Diego Tribune's [Returned Series](#) to better learn about the asylum system in the US and the recent changes in it.

Read about [how the U.S. Immigration System Works](#).

[What are the Migrant Protection Protocols \(MPP\)?](#) Check out the American Immigration Council for up-to-date information about MPP.

Learn about what's happening on the southern border from [National Immigration Forum](#).

Read [Sister Norma Pimentel's Letter to President Biden in the Washington Post](#), published in August 2021.

Watch ["US Immigration – The Basics"](#) for an overview of US immigration history, laws, and current immigration procedures and issues.

Explore [TRAC](#) for reports and data analyses of federal immigration data about immigration courts, ICE enforcement, etc. (some data available by state and local jurisdictions).

Search [Migration Policy Institute](#) for a surplus of information on a variety of topics within immigration.

Read or listen to ["The Shameful History of US Intervention in Latin America."](#)

Explore this [list of organizations](#) (and their websites) that focus on immigration to get a feel for the range of work that's being done around the country

Familiarize yourself with [International Rescue Committee \(IRC\)](#) and their humanitarian mission.

State-Specific Resources

Search each of these websites, by state, to learn about what's going on around you/how you can help.

[National Council of State Legislature](#)

[American Immigration Council](#)

Search “[your state] immigrants in the economy” for more reports/articles of interest.

Community-Specific Resources

You can explore a range of local volunteer possibilities by contacting these types of organizations:

- Local city or county government.
- Immigration law firms who support immigrants in your own community.
- Pro Bono Lawyers, such as non-profit organizations offering legal support and university immigration clinics.
- Your place of worship, or others in your area, that may provide support services. Check local Catholic churches with Spanish services, as well as Interfaith Organizations. Find Sanctuary churches or initiate one in your church.
- Refugee resettlement organizations in your community.
- Provide transportation for immigrants to immigration court, ICE check-ins, ICE processing appointments, medical, legal and other appointments.
- Migrant Worker Support for immigrants who are wrongly treated in the workplace (see www.legalaidatwork.org report “Workplace Raids Employer Rights and Responsibilities”).
- English Language Training organizations that provide English as a Second Language (ESL) training in your community.
- Many Immigrant Support Organizations provide “Know Your Rights” training for unauthorized people in your community Search “NILC Know Your Rights” and “ACLU Know Your Rights”.
- Student clubs at local high, middle, elementary schools, and universities for programs that pertain to immigrants.
- Health organizations, international, or free clinics that welcome immigrants.
- Organizations that support expectant or young mothers in your community.