

Low-Cost Immigration Legal Services

Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services offers pro bono services for refugees only: www.irisct.org.

The Connecticut Institute for Refugees and Immigrants offers comprehensive immigration legal services on a pro bono basis: www.cirict.org



These agencies have wait lists:

- Greater Hartford Legal Aid: www.ghla.org
- Greater New Haven Legal Assistance: www.nhlegal.org
- Connecticut Legal Services: www.ctlegal.org
- Jewish Family Services: www.jfsgreenwich.org

DCF Policy and Practice with Migrant Families

The Connecticut Department of Children and Families serves people regardless of their immigration status.

DCF does not report to federal immigration authorities based on DCF's confidentiality policy as well as Connecticut law based on confidentiality.



**Pathways Forward
PowerPoint:**



Guidance for Immigrant Children & Families



- Know Your Rights & Red Cards
- How to Enroll Your Child in School
- Where to Get Health Care, Food Pantries, Clothing, Shelter
- Apply for Low-Cost Legal Help
- DCF Policy and Practice with Migrant Families

Know Your Rights & Red Cards

The American Civil Liberties Union has detailed information about your rights as an immigrant:

aclu.org/know-your-rights/immigrants-rights



Red Cards

Red Cards summarize your legal rights: you have constitutional rights based on the 4th and 5th amendments.

You do not have to open your door, hand over documents, answer questions or go with immigration agents unless the agent shows you a judicial warrant compelling your participation.

Print Your Own Red Card:



How to Enroll Your Child in School

Plyler v. Doe, 457 U.S. 202 (1982), is a United States Supreme Court decision saying that children are entitled to a free public education, kindergarten through 12th grade, regardless of immigration status.

Schools can ask for reasonable proof of residence in the district, such as a lease or utility bill. But they cannot ask about immigration status and/or citizenship.

Bring the child's birth certificate and proof of your residence in the district to the Board of Education to register your child for school.

Your child can receive services, such as special education, and participate in school activities, such as sports, music & clubs.

Where to Get: Health Care, Food, Clothing, Shelter



Federally Qualified Health Centers in CT offer health care on a sliding scale for people who do not have health insurance. Most offer medical, mental health and dental services.

Call 211 in CT to find a Federally Qualified Health Center near you.



Call 211 to find out where local food pantries and clothing donations may be available.



Calling 211 is the way to access shelter in Connecticut.



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