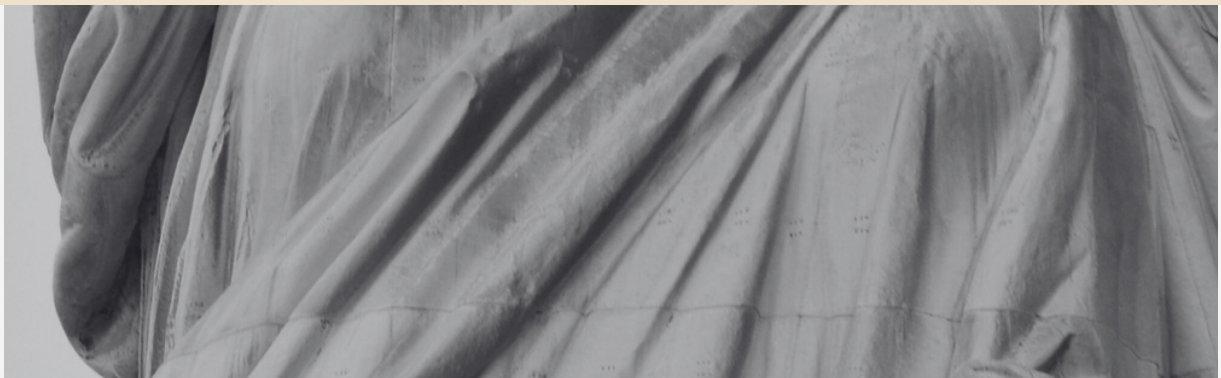


MIAMI VALLEY IMMIGRATION COALITION



Local Resources for Immigrants and Folks Who Host and/or Accompany Them

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OUR PURPOSE

As a coalition of faith communities and other organizations and individuals committed to immigrant justice, the Miami Valley Immigration Coalition is committed to promoting comprehensive, humane immigration reform and radical systemic change by working with and on behalf of those who are affected by unjust immigration laws, policies and practices that do not reflect these higher values:

- Dignity of the person
- Unity of the family
- Richness in diversity
- Equitable treatment
- Freedom in the pursuit of purpose
- Democratic process

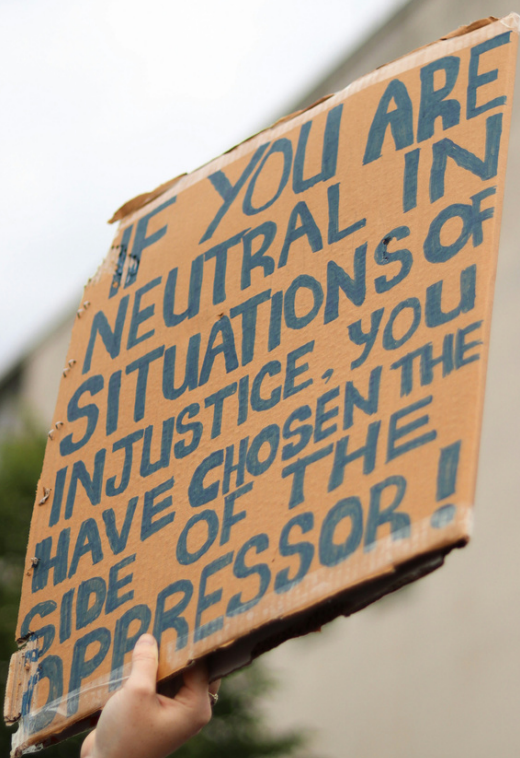


JOIN US!

If you are interested in volunteering or if you have questions, email immigrationdayton@gmail.com or call Jan Futrell at (859) 358-8152. You can also join our Facebook group: facebook.com/groups/MVImmigrantCoalition/ or like our Facebook page: facebook.com/mvicdayton/

We want to extend this invitation to you to become a leader in MVIC, an organization dedicated to empowering immigrants by immigrants.

At MVIC, we believe in the power of collective voice and community-driven initiatives to create meaningful change. As a leader within our organization, you will have the opportunity to shape policies, advocate for immigrant rights, and foster a supportive network that amplifies the voices of immigrants in our community. Contact us if you are interested!



Resource List Index

This list is clickable. Each section has various local resources listed. Most resources include contact info. If you find something wrong with any of the resources listed, please contact us at immigrationdayton@gmail.com.

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Legal Assistance For Citizenship and Asylum Cases

Although there are many organizations and individuals who offer legal assistance to immigrants, not all can be trusted to provide honest work or reasonable prices. MVIC has had experience with and would recommend the following trusted local sources.

ADVOCATES FOR BASIC LEGAL EQUALITY (ABLE)

Address: 130 W 2nd St STE 700, Dayton, OH 45402

Hours: Monday-Friday 8am to 5pm

Saturday & Sunday CLOSED

Phone: (937) 228-8104 (in English, Spanish, and other languages)

Website: www.ablelaw.org

OCSILIO: THE OHIO CENTER FOR STRATEGIC IMMIGRATION LITIGATION & OUTREACH

Address: Cleveland Heights, OH 44118

Phone : 330-539-3932 | Fax: 330-362-2134 |

Email: brian@ocsilio.org. Best way to contact for legal assistance is text.

Website: www.ocsilio.org/about-brian

IMMIGRANT CONNECTION – DAYTON

Address: 3634 Watertower Ln Dayton, OH 45449

Phone : 937-802-2012

Email: ic.daytonohio@gmail.com

Website: icdayton.org/

AMERICAN IMMIGRATION LAWYERS' ASSOCIATION

Look for an immigration lawyer in this **national database**: www.aialawyer.com/

Food Support

When it comes to local food banks, calling in advance is a good idea as things change frequently. Sometimes food will be given even without requested documentation or residency, especially on a first visit, but we recommend you still bring the following documents: photo ID and recent proof of address. ***Your information is confidential at most if not all locations***

THEFOODBANKDAYTON.ORG

Go to this website to find a variety of pantry options! www.thefoodbankdayton.org/locate-pantry/

HALL HUNGER INITIATIVE NEWSLETTER

Sign up with your first name and email address to receive the Hall Hunger Initiative Newsletter by scrolling down at www.hallhunger.org. This frequent newsletter often includes times and locations for one-time food giveaways and provides information for new pantry pop ups!

ST. MARY FOOD PANTRY IN ST. MARY CENTER

Address: 310 Allen St.

Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 am to 11:30 am

Phone: (937)-256-5633,

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES FOOD PANTRY

Address: 922 Riverview Ave

Phone: 937-223-7217, extension 1101

Hours: Mon-Thurs 9:30-11:30am.

Must reside in zip codes: 45402, 45405, 45406, 45417, or 45428

*Present photo ID and recent proof of address.

Website: cssmv.org/services/poverty-alleviation/choice-food-pantry/

ST PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH,

Address: 101 Huffman Ave

Hours: Mon., Wed., Thurs., 10 am -1:00 pm

Phone: Phone:(937) 252-4467

Must reside in zip code 45403

Present photo ID and recent proof of address.

Website: www.stpauldayton.org/pantry

GOOD NEIGHBOR HOUSE

Address: 627 E. 1st Street

Phone: 937-224-3003

Hours: Mon-Thurs, 9 am to 1 pm.

Present photo ID's and social security cards, and 211 Card.

Pickup allowed once every 15 days.

MVIC Leadership Team member Lynn Buffington (937-657-0426) may be able to help with access if you do not have requested forms of ID.

Website: goodneighborhouse.org/services/food-nutrition/

ACCESS TO EXCESS

The donations they receive are unpredictable so they operate our free food stands on a pop-up, first come first serve basis. They do not have the ability to advertise days or times of food stands. Distributions are subject to availability and weather conditions.

Address: PRODUCE STAND (978 Olive Rd, Dayton) & SOUP STAND (405 Xenia Ave, Dayton)
& NEIGHBORHOOD SHARE 405 Xenia Ave, Dayton

Text: 937-931-3278

Email: accesstoexcessfood@gmail.com

Website: www.accesstoexcessfood.org/

DAILY FREE LUNCH AT HOUSE OF BREAD

Address: 9 Orth Ave, Dayton

Phone: 937-226-1520.

Hours: 11 am to 1 pm. Due to covid, currently takeout for adults; families with children can dine in or out.

No ID requirements.

Website: houseofbread.org/programs

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

Website: www.jfs.ohio.gov

Start application process to establish if one is eligible.

Medical Services

Regardless of your immigration status, you have the right to emergency medical care under the [Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act](#) (EMTALA). Some health care providers may ask for your immigration status to find out if you qualify for public health insurance, but you cannot be denied treatment based on your immigration status. To check whether you are eligible for federal health benefits such as Medicaid, please visit [HealthCare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov)

FIVE RIVERS HEALTH CENTER - EDMONT CAMPUS

Address: 721 Miami Chapel Rd., Dayton, OH 45417.

Phone: 937-281-6800

A full range of services, including dental care, women's care, pharmacy, and pediatrics are available regardless of immigration status and regardless of the ability to pay. They will work out payment on a sliding scale and may have more flexibility when they understand asylum seekers' situations.

*Translation available.

Website (with various locations): www.fiverivershealthcenters.org/contact

GOOD NEIGHBOR HOUSE DENTAL SERVICES

Address: 627 East First Street, Dayton, 45402.

Phone: 937-224-3442.

Website: goodneighborhouse.org/services/dental/

Accepts: Good Neighbor House's Dental Services accepts CareSource, Molina, Buckeye and Just4Me, Medicaid Managed Care Plans.

NEW CARLISLE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

Address: 106 North Main St, New Carlisle, OH 45344,

Phone: 937-667-1122

Website: hpwohio.org/location/new-carlisle-community-health-center & hpwohio.org/service/dental

Services: Dental, behavioral, substance abuse, pharmacy, eye care.

Accepts: Medicare, Medicaid, Medicaid Managed-Care like Buckeye, Paramount, Molina, CareSource, and most commercial insurance + Low Payment Plans.

HEALTH RESOURCES & SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Search for health centers by location and language.

Website: findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov/

EL PUENTE: LATINO WELLNESS CLINICS

Website: www.elpuentedayton.org

Free vaccinations and screening services to the Latino population in Dayton, OH. Clinics are run on a Saturday once a month in the basement of Our Lady of the Rosary church and the services are free of charge.

EL PUENTE: MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CONNECTIONS

Website: www.elpuentedayton.org

A bilingual Mental Health Navigator line to connect you with mental health services in the area.

English Classes

The USCIS Naturalization Test includes an English language proficiency portion that tests an applicants ability to read, write, and speak in English. If you are over 50 years of age or have a medical disability, you may be exempt from taking the test in English. [Click here](#) to read the list of exemptions for taking the English and Civics portion of the Naturalization Test.

MIAMI VALLEY CAREER TECHNOLOGY CENTER’S (MVCTC) ASPIRE PROGRAM

Address: 6801 Hoke Road, Clayton, OH 45315

Offers English classes of all levels. MVCTC also offers language certification courses for certain professions (i.e. doctors, tailors, and hospitality workers). Classes are given in person or remotely.

Phone: (937) 854-6297

Website: www.mvctc.com/ae/programs/aspire-esol

BRUNNER LITERACY CENTER

BLC Shiloh Springs

Address: 1995 Shiloh Springs Rd, Dayton, OH 45426

Telephone: (937) 567-9600. Call this number to start the process of enrolling.

BLC Reibold Building

Address: 14 W. Fourth St, Floor 10, Group Room 3, Dayton, OH 45426

Telephone: (937) 369-0872

Website: www.brunnerliteracy.org

Provides individualized and free tutoring for adults – in person and online. There are four programs: basic education for adults, advanced education for adults, GED/high school diploma and English as a Second Language (ESL)

CROSSOVER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Address: Ahiska Turkish American Community Center (Ground Floor),

1306 E 5th St, Dayton, OH, 45402

Has education programs (GED, ESOL, College Readiness, Naturalization Classes) , family mentoring, housing assistance, urban planning,

Email- info@crossovercd.org

Website: crossovercd.org/

ESOL AT ST. JOHN'S UCC—MVCTC (MIAMI VALLEY CAREER TECHNOLOGY CENTER)

Address: 515 E 937-461-3332 3rd St, Dayton, OH 45402

Telephone: 937-461-3332

Website: stjohnsuccdayton.org/esol/

The ESOL Program at St. John's UCC, formerly known as the International School, provides adults with a warm, caring place in which to increase their English language skills. Their goal is to help students increase the skills needed to live and work in their community. The program teaches reading, writing, listening, and speaking. ESOL classes meet from 9-12 am Monday through Friday. They have 5 levels of English classes: Level 0-Level 4. Next orientation, April 28 and 30, 2025. After April 30, telephone for dates.

Transportation

For ICE check-ins and hearings:

Email us at ImmigrationDayton@gmail.com and we will try to arrange transportation as needed. Email must include the following information: the number of neighbors who need a ride, date and time of appointment, and location of the appointment. If you are able, we suggest that you or the neighbors offer to pay for gas and parking fees.

RTA

Adult (13+) \$2.00, Reduced \$1.00 Paratransit \$3.50, Children (12 and under) FREE

Website: www.iritarta.org/

View [RTA Map](#)

THE FLYER

Free but limited stops.

Website: www.iritarta.org/flyer

PERSONAL DRIVER'S LICENSES

A home country license is valid in Ohio as long as it's unexpired and from one of the countries covered by the [United Nations Convention on Road Traffic](#), but usually only for up to your first six months in the U.S. (The idea is that if you're a tourist you can just come here on vacation and drive with your home country license - but most tourists cannot legally stay longer than six months). Whether you will actually get a ticket if you've been driving for years on an expired home-country license is a question of probability.

The Ohio BVM Knowledge Test "is available in the following languages in both text, and audio: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Haitian Creole, Japanese, Russian, Somali, and Spanish. In text, and video: American Sign Language."

"If testing in another language is needed, you may schedule a proctored test with your interpreter by visiting a driver exam station. Customers must be able to understand directions and read traffic signs printed in English." (www.bmv.ohio.gov)

We recommend going to the [Huber BMV location](#) if you need to get your driver's license. In our experience, they have been the most welcoming!

Support for Parents & Basic Needs

"The Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA)

The Migrant Education Program (MEP)

Ohio Public Benefits Screening Chart for Immigrant Survivors and Refugees

HANNAH'S TREASURE CHEST

Address: Located in The Kacie Hausfeld Center for Children's Basic Needs, 2490 Technical Dr.

Miamisburg, OH 45342

Phone: 937-438-5039

Email: info@htcd Dayton.org

Website: www.hannahstreasure.org/

MVIC can assist with the application. (We can also facilitate access to other sources of diapers, formula, baby food, and gently used clothes.)

THREADS OF THE MIAMI VALLEY

Address: 33 Lawrence Avenue, Miamisburg, OH

Phone: (937) 503-2841

Email: help@threadsoutreach.org

Website/Make Appointment: www.threadsoutreach.org/appointments.html

Provides free clothing. Must make an appointment online and have a photo ID. Eligible for 3 visits.

HELP ME GROW

Phone: 1-800-755-GROW

Email: info@helpmegrow.org

Website: www.helpmegrow.org/

For Pregnant women and families with young children. Home-based service offered at no cost to families. Trained professionals, such as nurses and teachers, offer information and support during pregnancy and empower parents with skills, tools, and confidence to nurture the healthy growth of their child. They continue to work with the child through their 3rd birthday.

HEAD START

Phone: (937) 236-7655

Email: info@mvcdc.org

Website: www.mvcdc.org/enrollment-form

Works with families and children providing family support from pregnancy through preschool, including home visits and more than 50 childcare centers in a three county area. Free for qualifying families.

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

Website: www.jfs.ohio.gov

Start application process to establish if one is eligible.

EL PUENTE: AFTER-SCHOOL TUTORING PROGRAM

Website: www.elpuentedayton.org

Tutoring for first- and second-generation Latino children in 1st through 6th grade

EL PUENTE: PARENT WORKSHOPS

Website: www.elpuentedayton.org

Workshops and seminars available to parents of students enrolled in the After-school Tutoring Program (listed above).

EL PUENTE: COATS FOR KIDS

Website: www.elpuentedayton.org

Names are collected at the beginning of September. Check out El Puente's PROGRAM page on their website to learn how to sign up your child to receive a coat.

LEGAL AID LINE

Problems With Your Child's School? Help May Be Available

- Is your child getting the services needed to succeed in school?
- Do you think your child may have a disability?
- Is the school saying no to testing for special education services?
- Has your child been wrongly punished at school? Suspended a lot? Expelled? Arrested?
- Is English your child's second language?
- Is your child getting help to learn English?
- Is English your second language?
- Are you having trouble talking with your child's school?
- Do you have trouble reading papers that come home from school?

If Any of These Apply to You, Apply for Free Legal Help Today.

Phone: TOLL-FREE (888) 534-1432

Website: www.LegalAidLine.org

Legal Aid of Western Ohio, Inc. (LAWO) and Advocates for Basic Legal Equality, Inc. (ABLE) are non-profit law firms serving the civil legal needs of western Ohio's low-income individuals and families. Applying for help from LAWO or ABLE begins with Legal Aid Line

Housing Assistance

“Every person in the United States is protected by the Fair Housing Act to have to right to live, rent, buy, or obtain a dwelling regardless of his/her protected classes if he or she is able to meet the financial and other eligibility requirements. If a housing-provider refuses to rent or sell to you because of your race, color, national origin, religion, sex (gender), disability, familial status (children in the family), you should contact your local fair housing agency to get help. Fair housing agencies do not require a person’s immigration or refugee status when people file fair housing complaints and their services are free.” ([Refugees, Immigrants, & Fair Housing Related Issues](#))

RENTAL HOUSING RESOURCES (MONTGOMERY COUNTY)

Extensive list of programs to help with housing assistance.

Website: www.mcoho.org/368/Rental-Housing-Resources

MVCAP FINANCIAL, UTILITY, AND LEGAL SERVICES

Address: 719 S Main Street Dayton, OH 45402

Miami Valley Community Action Partnership will provide free counseling for those that need assistance with credit repair, budgeting, foreclosure prevention, and more.

Phone: 937-341-5000

Hours: Monday through Friday 8 am to 4:30 pm

TENANT / LANDLORD MEDIATION

Address: 371 W Second Street 3rd Floor, Dayton, OH 45402

Dayton Mediation Center - Provides free conflict mediation services between landlords and tenants or between neighbors

Phone Number: 937-333-2345

Hours: Monday through Friday 8 am to 5 pm & Saturday: 9 am to 12:30 pm (Sunday: Closed)

MIAMI VALLEY FAIR HOUSING CENTER

Phone: 937-223-6035

Provides assistance for those facing housing discrimination - denial of housing or being treated differently because of race, religion, color, sex, disability, familial status or national origin. Can provide referrals to other housing resources.

Website: www.mvfairhousing.com

Labor Rights & Assistance

Title VII of the **Civil Rights Act of 1964** prohibits discrimination in hiring, promotion, discharge, pay, fringe benefits, job training, classification, referral, and other aspects of employment, **on the basis of race, color or national origin.**

EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION

If you suspect you are being treated differently at work because of your race or national origin, had wages stolen, been harassed or had other issues, contact the agencies below for assistance.

Dayton Human Relations Council

daytonhrc.org

937-333-1403

371 West Second Street, Suite 100

Dayton, Ohio 45402

Ohio Civil Rights Commission

civ.ohio.gov

937-285-6500

055 Kettering Blvd, Suite 111

Dayton, Ohio 45439

ADVOCATES FOR BASIC LEGAL EQUALITY (ABLE)

Address: 130 W 2nd St STE 700, Dayton, OH 45402

Hours: Monday-Friday 8am to 5pm

Saturday & Sunday CLOSED

Phone: (937) 228-8104 (in English, Spanish, and other languages)

Website: www.ablelaw.org

CINCINNATI INTERFAITH WORKERS CENTER

Address: Peaslee Neighborhood Center, 215 E. 14th St, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Workers' Rights Hotline: 513-621-5991

Email: info@cworkers.org

The Cincinnati Interfaith Workers Center (CIWC) was established in 2005 to mobilize, educate and organize low wage and immigrant workers to achieve positive systemic change.

CENTRAL OHIO WORKER CENTER

Website: centralohioworkercenter.org/

Email: centralohioworkercenter@gmail.com

Address: 2800 S. High St. Columbus, OH 43207

Call or text: 614-256-7191

DR. MIRANDA HALLET (UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON)

Phone: (513)- 331-0045

Dr. Miranda Hallet is an MVIC member who has knowledge on labor rights and issues! She can refer you to more resources.

General Important Information

NOTARY

Available to notarize official paperwork. No legal advice

No charge for asylum seekers!

Phone or text: (513)-267-1091

Email: MirandaLWilson@gmail.com

ASYLUM AND SANCTUARY ACCOMPANIMENT

A community that has committed to providing housing and food support to an asylee (individual or family) who has come to the Miami Valley to join nearby family and/or to offer space to a person who is at risk of deportation and needs refuge. For those facing deportation orders, sanctuary may be possible. Contact MVIC by phone at 859-358-8152 (Jan) or by email immigrationdayton@gmail.com

MIAMI VALLEY COMMUNITY ID

Website: www.mvcid.org/

The Community ID is for ANY resident who may have limited access to government issued forms of identification, and for those who support a diverse and inclusive community.

It is not a government issued form of ID or a driver's license, but it is a verifiable form of identification that says you are a part of our community. It can be used as a tool by law enforcement, city agencies, health centers, schools, and businesses to better identify, serve, and protect you.

GUIDE FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS

Websites: help.asylumadvocacy.org/faqs (English) & www.apoyodeasilo.org/preguntas-frecuentes/ (Spanish)

The Asylum Seeker Advocacy Project (ASAP) has launched a comprehensive guide for asylum seekers that includes answers to over 100 frequently asked questions (FAQs)! These expanded FAQs are in English and Spanish and include information for asylum seekers in both affirmative and defensive proceedings.

Local Language Service Providers

MIAMI VALLEY INTERPRETERS

Address: 2390 S. Dixie Dr. Kettering, OH 45409

Phone: 937-222-8200

Email: info@mviglobal.com

Website: mviglobal.com

AFFORDABLE LANGUAGES SERVICES

Address: 4350 Glendale Milford Rd. Suite 230 Cincinnati, OH 45242

Phone: 513-745-0888

Email: info@affordablelanguages.com

Website: www.affordablelanguageservices.com

PROPIO LANGUAGE SERVICES (FORMERLY VOCALINK)

Phone: 913-381-3143

Email: clienservices@propio-ls.com

Website: propio-ls.com