

RESOURCE GUIDE FOR IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES



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The Office of Community Support is a division of the Agency for Human Rights and Community Relations (HR/CR) at the City and County of Denver.

- HR/CR strives to empower and serve the communities of Denver by advocating for the rights of all people, fostering diversity and encouraging participation in City government.
- The Denver Office of Community Support strives to promote productive and positive collaborations between Denver communities, organizations and individuals with the appropriate City government agencies and/or departments.

The purpose of this guide is to provide information on programs and services in the City and County of Denver for immigrants and refugees to better assist individuals and organizations. Listing an agency in this guide does not signify an endorsement by the Office of Community Support nor does the inclusion of the agency signify an endorsement of us.

Organizations and programs are dynamic and always changing. We have tried to provide the most accurate information, but it is important to contact an agency to obtain the most current details. The Office of Community Support will maintain the most current version of this guide on its web-site at www.denvergov.org/Community_Support. If you would like to update any information in this guide and/or know of an agency that would like to be included, please contact Jamie Torres, Director of the Office of Community Support, at (720) 913-8471.

Additional resources can be found through the Mile High United Way's 2-1-1 program or the City and County of Denver's 3-1-1 program.

- 2-1-1 can be accessed by dialing these three numbers or through their web-site at www.unitedwaydenver.org. They maintain the largest database for health and human services in the Rocky Mountain Region.
- Denver's 3-1-1 can be accessed by dialing these three numbers and can assist you with all City and County of Denver non-emergency service requests, questions, problems, and concerns.

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Descriptions of Organizations

9to5 National Association of Working Women: www.9to5colorado.org; www.9to5.org

655 Broadway, Suite 400

Denver, CO 80203

(303) 628-0925

Colorado Job Survival Hotline (303) 628-0925

National Job Survival Hotline 1-800-522-0935

Job survival hotline providing information and referrals about job problems and rights. Offers “know your rights” trainings on sexual harassment and discrimination. Trainings available in Spanish with advance notice.

ACORN – Colorado: <http://acorn.org/index.php?id=7883>

125 W. 10th Ave

Denver, CO 80204

303-534-1948

Offers free citizenship packets and periodic citizenship drives with free trainings. Also offers English classes, counseling regarding housing and loans, free IRS income tax preparation, and citizenship classes in conjunction with the Latina Initiative. Spanish speaking staff are available.

African Community Center: www.africancommunitycenter.net

850 Holly Street

Denver, CO 80220

(303) 399-4500

Provides resettlement services for refugees including case management, cultural adjustment services, employment assistance, computer training, and youth programming. Languages spoken include American Sign Language, Amharic, Arabic, Bari, Bosnian, Dinka, Farsi, French, Kiswahili, Nuer, Oromo, Pashtu, Russian, Serbian, Somali, and Tigrinya.

African Community Center’s Safari Seconds Thrift Store:

www.africancommunitycenter.net/safari_seconds.html

410 Broadway

Denver, CO 80203

(303) 722-4500

Provides job training including on the job experience, employment readiness and life skills workshops, employment search and placement assistance, and ESL classes for all refugees and those immigrants receiving TANF. Volunteers are always needed who do not have to meet these requirements. Languages spoken include Amharic, Arabic, Dinka, Farsi, French, Maay Maay, Somali, Spanish, and Tigrinya.

American Friends Service Committee: <http://www.afsc.org/central/ImmigrantRights/default.htm>

901 W. 14th Street, Suite 7

Denver, CO 80204

(303) 623-3464

Organizes a group of non-immigrants who educate other citizens about the human rights of immigrants and mobilizes them to take action to support immigrant rights. They offer speaking engagements to faith and community groups about the moral imperative of welcoming newcomers. Spanish speaking staff are available.

Asian Pacific Development Center:

1825 York St
Denver, CO 80206
(303) 393-0304

Offers mental health services, victim assistance, and case management primarily to people from Asia and the Pacific Islands. Conducts community outreach and education including health promotion and youth programs. Staff speak Spanish, Eastern European, and Asian languages. Has an interpreter bank with 35 languages including 21 Asian dialects.

Catholic Charities of and Community Services of the Archdioceses of Denver, Inc.: www.ccdenver.org

4045 Pecos St.
Denver, CO 80211
(303) 742-0828

ESL info line: (303) 742-0823 ext. 748

Offers a variety of services including youth programming and GED and ESL classes in various sites throughout Colorado.

Immigration Services

(303) 742-4971

Services include consultations regarding immigration, attorney representation, translations, and help with visas and other documents. Operates on a drop-in basis on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9am and 1pm. The cost is \$35 for an initial consultation. Staff speak Spanish.

Center for Work Education and Employment (CWEE): www.cwee.org

1175 Osage St. Suite 300
Denver, CO 80204
(303) 892-8444

Offers a full-time job readiness program, evening computer classes, and GED preparation for low-income individuals who are ready to find a job and change their lives for the better. Job readiness program includes self-assessments to determine career goals and the development and implementation of an individualized training plan. Participants must be fluent in English.

Centro San Juan Diego: www.centrosanjuandiego.org

2830 Lawrence St.
Denver, CO 80206
(303) 295-9470

Bienestar Servicios Familiares: (303) 297-8696

Offers a variety of health and health education including parenting classes and support services, family and individual counseling, a support group for Spanish speaking widows, a domestic violence support group, home healthcare education, case management, advocacy, referrals, and outreach for immigrant families. Also offers adult education services including GED preparation, ESL, and computer skills training. Provides assistance for newly arrived immigrant families who are experiencing isolation, anxiety, and cultural challenges. Offers homebuyer and fair housing education, free IRS income tax assistance, financial literacy and banking services training, legal nights, and citizenship preparation classes. Partners with neighborhood organizations to provide ESL classes. Spanish speaking staff are available.

Child Health Plan Plus, CHP+: www.chpplus.org

1-800-359-1991

Low-cost health insurance program for children whose families earn too much to qualify for Medicaid but cannot afford private insurance. Free pre-natal program for low-income pregnant women without health insurance who meet income requirements. Spanish speaking staff are available.

Church in the City: www.churchinthecity.org

1530 Josephine St.

Denver, CO 80206

(303) 322-5733

Provides a food bank and meals for the hungry and homeless. Runs a health resource center which is open Wednesday afternoons from 2:30 to 4:30 PM with a nurse practitioner available on a first come, first served basis for minor illness, medical follow-up, and referral for people 15 years and older. No gender specific or reproductive management is available. Offers ESL, Spanish, and computer classes. Also offers assistance with rent and utilities for its members. Spanish speaking staff are available.

Clínica Tepeyac: www.clinicatepeyac.org

5075 Lincoln St.

Denver, CO 80216

(303) 458-5302; (303) 583-0150

Provides basic healthcare services for men, women, youth, and children who do not have medical insurance or access to healthcare services. Services include physical exams, immunizations, diabetes management, and breast, cervical, and colorectal cancer screenings. Staff speak Spanish.

Colorado African Organization: www.coloradoafricanorganization.org

1582 S. Parker Rd., #309

Denver, Co 80231

(303) 751-2290

Works to foster greater unity among the African communities in Colorado. Seeks access to city and council policy committees to speak out on issues affecting the African community issues, seeks access to the District Attorney's office to champion against any form of unwarranted harassment directed against the community in any manner by any government law enforcement agencies, and educates members on their right and the need to vote. Seeks to provide access to small business financial resources by inviting financial trainers from within and outside the organization to give lessons. Members speak a variety of African languages and dialects.

Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition (CIRC):

3131 W. 14th Street

Denver, CO 80204

(303) 893-3500

A statewide alliance of immigrant, interfaith, labor, youth, community and ally organizations working to defend and advance justice for all immigrants and refugees in Colorado. CIRC achieves this mission through capacity building for member organizations, broad-based strategic alliances, civic participation and winning public policies that improve the lives of immigrants. Can provide referrals to a variety of service providers serving immigrants. Staff speak Spanish.

Colorado Legal Services: www.coloradolegalservices.org

(303) 837-1313

Provides legal services regarding civil matters, especially for cases concerning domestic violence, seniors, clients with disabilities or other special vulnerabilities, individuals facing evictions and foreclosure, and regarding legal assistance for access to healthcare and other public benefits. Clients must meet certain low income requirements, generally 125% of the federal poverty guidelines. Also conducts “know your rights” trainings. Spanish speaking staff are available.

Colorado Organization for Latina Opportunity & Reproductive Rights (COLOR):

www.colorlatina.org

P.O. Box 201061

Denver, CO 80220

(303) 393-0382

Provides education and advocacy for Latinas and their families about reproductive rights and healthcare access. Programs are offered for Latinas 12-24 years old and their families. All staff are bilingual in Spanish.

Community College of Denver: www.ccd.edu; <http://www.ccd.edu/main.aspx?CID=37> (Spanish)

1111 West Colfax Ave.

P.O. Box 173363

Denver, CO 80217

(303) 556-2600; (303) 556-3805

Offers ESL classes. Students must enroll at CCD and take a placement test for ESL classes. Classes begin at the intermediate level. Also offers GED and pre-GED instruction at a number of sites in Denver.

Cross Community Coalition Family Resource Centers: www.cccfrc.org

2501 East 48th Ave.

Denver, CO 80216

(303) 292-3203

Operates 2 family resource centers in north central Denver. Offers variety of services including ESL classes, GED test preparation, parenting classes, after-school homework help, assistance with applications for government programs such as Medicaid, Child Health Plan *Plus* (CHP+), Food Stamps, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). Also offers a free health clinic every Monday afternoon for children birth to sixteen years old, an employment center, and computer education center for community use. Spanish speaking staff are available.

Del Norte Neighborhood Development Corporation: www.delnortendc.org

2926 Zuni St. #202

Denver, CO 80211

(303) 477-4774

Foreclosure prevention: Mercedes at x14

Homebuyer counseling: Rosa at x18

Provides pre-purchasing and down payment assistance for first time homebuyers, post-purchasing counseling, mortgage early delinquency and foreclosure prevention counseling, financial literacy programs, and home buyer education classes. Spanish speaking staff are available.

Denver Asset Building Coalition: www.denverabc.org

670 Santa Fe Dr.
Denver, CO 80204
(303) 388-7030

Walk-in office that provides tax education classes and assistance with tax preparation. Assistance available in Spanish throughout tax season (February 1 through April 15) and with advance notice during the rest of the year.

Denver Center for Crime Victims: www.denvervictims.org

P.O. Box 18975
Denver, CO 80218
(303) 860-0660

24-Hour Hotline Numbers: (303) 894-8000 (English) and (303) 718-8289 (Spanish)

Offers Legal Immigration Clinic to assist victims of domestic violence and sexual assault with obtaining legal permanent residence in the United States based on the following: their victimization, their good faith marriage or immediate family relationship to a U.S. Citizen or Legal Permanent Resident, and their own good character. Also provides crime victim assistance, 24-hour crisis intervention, crisis counseling, emergency financial assistance concerning victimization, and interpreter/translator services.

Denver Health Family Health Centers: www.denverhealth.org

<i>Gipson Eastside</i> 501 28 th St. (303) 436-4600	<i>La Casa/Quigg Newton</i> 4545 Navajo St. (303) 436-8700	<i>Montbello</i> 4685 Peoria St. (720) 956-2730	<i>Park Hill</i> 3900 Grape St. (720) 956-2820
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<i>Sandos Westside</i> 1100 Federal Blvd. (303) 436-4200	<i>Westwood</i> 4320 W. Alaska Pl. (720) 956-2900	<i>Wellington E. Webb Center for Primary Care</i> Bannock St. (303) 602-8070
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Provides general healthcare services for men, women, and children including immunizations and disease prevention programs and services. Spanish speaking providers are available. A language line is utilized for other languages.

Refugee Preventive Health Clinic at Lowry Family Health Center

1001 Yosemite
Denver, CO 80230
(720) 956-2067

Provides physical exams, lab work, dental screenings, and referrals for refugees. Also provides immunization, mental health screening and referrals, health education, initial orientation to primary healthcare systems in CO, and INS immunization forms. Services are for refugees, asylees, or victims of severe forms of trafficking. Must receive services within 90 days of date of entry or status being granted. Spanish and French speaking staff are available. Interpreters are used for other languages.

Denver Public Library: <http://denverlibrary.org> <http://espanol.denverlibrary.org>

Various locations throughout Denver
(720) 865-1111

Offers adult education classes, GED and ESL classes, and children's activities. Spanish speaking staff are available.

Denver Public Schools English Language Acquisition (DPS ELA): <http://ela.dpsk12.org/>
(720) 423-8155

Merrill Middle School Newcomer Center

<http://merrill.dpsk12.org/pages/new.htm>

1551 S. Monroe St.

Denver, CO 80210

(720) 424-0600, (720) 424-0602

South High School Newcomer Center

<http://south.dpsk12.org/Newcomer/newcomer2>

1600 E. Louisiana Ave.

Denver, CO 80210

(303) 405-6674, (303) 405-6675, (720) 423-6000

DPS ELA is responsible for ELA services for all Denver Public School students. English language learners are provided services through either a transitional native language instruction (TNLI) model or an English as a Second Language (ESL) model. Components of the transitional native language instruction model include native language instruction in Spanish, supported English content instruction, and English language development. Components of the ESL model include supported English content instruction and English language development. The kind of services provided at each school is determined by the number of English language learners at the school.

As a part of the ELA, there are 2 newcomer centers, located at Merrill Middle School and South High School, that provide instruction for limited English proficient middle school and high school students who are new to Denver Public Schools and have had limited or interrupted education. They offer intensive instruction in reading, writing, and understanding English for one or two semesters to prepare students for participation in an ESL or a transitional native language instruction model. Initial screening occurs in the home school, and those deemed appropriate are referred to the Newcomer Center for further evaluation.

Interpretation and translation services are provided in Arabic, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

Denver Urban Ministries: www.denum.org

1717 E. Colfax Ave.

Denver, CO 80218

(303) 355-4896

Spanish speaking case manager: (303) 350-5075

Provides a variety of services including emergency and stabilization services for people in need, housing rental and utility assistance, a legal clinic every other Tuesday, and job assistance services. Also makes referrals to other agencies that provide additional employment resources. Spanish speaking staff are available.

Denver's Great Kids Head Start:

(720) 913-0880

Offers early childhood education and development services (nutrition, medical services, etc.) for children 3 to 5 years old from low-income families. Spanish speaking staff are available.

Ecumenical Refugee and Immigration Services: www.ersden.org

1600 Downing St, #400
Denver, CO 80218
(303) 860-0128

Provides resettlement services including case management and employment assistance. Also offers legal assistance. Languages spoken include Albanian, Amharic, Arabic, Burmese, Farsi, Karen, Oromo, Serbian-Croatian, Somali, Spanish, Swahili, Tigrinya, and Turkish.

El Centro Esperanza:

881 Federal Blvd.
Denver, CO 80204
(303) 480-1920

Provides community mental health services including support groups, counseling, and therapy (including play therapy program for children) and HIV testing. Also offers health prevention and education programs for the Latino GLBT community. Spanish speaking staff are available.

El Centro Humanitario: www.centrohumanitario.org

2260 California Street
Denver, CO 80205
(303) 292-4115

Employment program for men and women seeking daily jobs Monday to Saturday 6am – 1pm. Runs 8-week women’s education of micro enterprises and job readiness program that meets Fridays at 9am and co-op for food making and cleaning groups. Provides legal advice and representation if work problems arise; legal clinic Mondays at 6pm. Financial education program offered. Staff speak Spanish.

Emily Griffith Opportunity School: www.egos-school.com

1250 Welton St. Room 248
Denver, Co 80204
(720) 423-4753
ESL office: (720) 423-4750

Offers ESL classes. Students must come in between 8am-6pm Monday through Thursday or between 8am-3pm on Friday for a placement test. Schedule and cost depend on level of class. Also offers Work-intensive Skills Camp (WISC), an intensive 4-week program that provides hands-on learning of entry-level job skills, workplace expectations, job retention “soft” skills, and job shadowing. Also has GED classes as well as vocational classes in more than 350 areas and certification in over 45 areas. Staff speak Spanish, Russian, and Serbo-Croatian.

Energy Outreach Colorado: www.energyoutreach.org

1-866-HEAT-HELP (1-800-432-8435)

Provides referrals to energy assistance agencies that help clients pay their utility bills and information line for agency assistance, weatherization, and Low-Income Energy Assistance (LEAP) questions. May qualify for assistance if home heating costs are paid to an energy provider or as part of rent and energy bill is at least 1 day past due. Spanish speaking staff are available.

Family Medicaid: www.chcpf.state.co.us

(303) 866-3513
1-800-211-3943

Health insurance program for pregnant women and families with children who meet Medicaid income limits and are U.S. citizens, legal permanent residents of at least 5 years, asylees, refugees, or non-citizens with a qualifying emergency. Spanish speaking staff are available.

Focus Points Family Resource Center:

3532 Franklin St.
Denver, CO 80205
(303) 292-0770

Open Book Adult Literacy Program: (303) 573-5169

Offers programs and classes designed to strengthen familial and community ties, reduce isolation and family violence, and enhance the employability and independence of adult family members. Classes are intended to increase children's school preparedness, parents' participation in their children's education, and parents' awareness of the stages of child development. Also offers GED classes in Spanish, ESL classes, and adult literacy classes.

Food Stamp Nutrition Education Program:

(720) 913-5282
(303) 464-5558 (Spanish)

Provides interactive nutrition education classes for low-income individuals and families who are receiving or are eligible to receive Food Stamps. Spanish speaking staff are available.

Gathering Place: www.the-gatheringplace.org

1535 High St.
Denver, CO 80218
(303) 321-4198

Daytime drop-in center for women and children experiencing homelessness or poverty. Spanish speaking staff are available.

Glendale Public Library:

<http://www.arapahoelibraries.org/go2.cfm?pid=1423>
999 S. Clermont St.
Glendale, CO 80246
(303) 691-0331

Holds ESL classes for a small registration fee. Fee covers placement testing, class materials, and progress tests. Participants must register and take a placement test before taking class.

Institute for Consensus Action:

1385 S. Colorado Blvd. Suite A-300
Denver, CO 80222
(303) 333-1984

Provides resident leadership, personal safety, and community safety training in affordable and subsidized housing properties. Uses participatory methods to ensure all programs are resident-focused and resident-driven. Offers facilitation and strategic planning services to organizations that serve immigrant and refugee populations.

Interfaith Hospitality Network: www.interfaithhospitality.org

P.O. Box 40550
Denver, CO 80204
(303) 675-0713

An interfaith and community response to families who become homeless: provides shelter, meals, comprehensive assistance, and encouragement toward self-reliance in an atmosphere of warmth and hospitality. Preliminary screening is done to determine family's eligibility. Family must have a minimum of a guardian with a child under the age of 18. Documentation is necessary.

Jewish Family Service: www.jewishfamilyservice.org

3201 Tamarac Dr.
Denver, CO 80231
(303) 597-5000

Offers mental health services, school-based program for immigrant and refugee children and youth, citizenship classes, and food pantry. Refugee Mental Health Program provides individual, family, and group mental health services as well as psychiatric services to refugees in the U.S. for less than 5 years. Services covered by Medicaid or other non-refugee funding sources are not limited to five years. Also offers the Russian Mental Health program to help address mental health and adjustment issues for Russian-speaking new Americans. Staff speak Farsi, German, Russian, Spanish, Ukranian, and Yiddish. Interpreters are used for other languages.

Latin American Research and Service Agency (LARASA): www.larasa.org

309 W. 1st Ave.
Denver, CO 80223
(303) 722-5150 x110

Offers a wide range of services. Provides contemporary, culturally and linguistically competent online education for middle and high school youth as well as GED preparation, basic reading, writing and math instruction, and ESL instruction. Hosts a series of cultural events that promote Latino heritage and builds cross cultural relationships. Offers citizenship preparation classes and individual tutoring, community and family advocacy, leadership development, and civic engagement education for Latinos. Staff speak Spanish.

Latina Initiative: www.latinainitiative.org

1536 Wynkoop, 4B
Denver, CO 80202
(303) 572-0013

Offers free citizenship classes in Spanish, periodic citizenship drives, and educates and inspires Latinas to register to vote and engage in the political process. Conducts leadership programs for young Latinas and links Latinas with other resources in the community.

The Learning Source: <http://coloradoliteracy.org>

455 S. Pierce St.
Lakewood, CO 80226
(303) 922-4683

Email: info@coloradoliteracy.org

Offers ESL classes throughout the Denver area. Cost and times vary.

Lutheran Family Services: www.lfsco.org

1600 Downing St. #600
Denver, CO 80216
(303) 980-5400

Provides resettlement services for refugees including case management, youth services, employment assistance, and family reunification. Also offers a summer language arts camp which includes a week of soccer training.

Also offers immigration legal services including adjustment to permanent residential status, employment authorization documents, naturalization, and immigrant visas/visitor visas. Languages spoken include Af-May, Amharic, Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian, Burmese, English, French, Grebo, Kikongo, Kituba, Krio, Mende, Pular (Fulani), Russian, Slovene, Somali (Af-Maxaa), Spanish, Swahili, Temne, Thai, Tshiluba, Ukrainian, and Wolof.

Mercy Housing:

Manages various properties with low-cost housing. Properties offer a variety of services including youth programs, adult education programs, ESL classes, financial education, leadership training, and healthcare assistance. Languages spoken include Amharic, English, Maay Maay, Somali, and Spanish.

Properties include but are not limited to

Grace Apartments:

8888 E. 13th Ave.
Denver, CO 80220
(303) 320-7763

Holly Park Apartments:

5520 E. 60th Ave
Commerce City, CO 80022
(303) 287-9087

Mercy Housing's Refugee Housing Program also provides technical assistance to agencies within the national refugee resettlement network on issues related to refugee housing. Program is designed to help resettlement agencies, refugees, and ethnic community-based organizations on topic including finding a home, owning a home, dealing with discrimination in housing, collaborating with other organizations to maximize the use of resources for refugees and asylum-seekers, and disseminating information about exemplary refugee housing resources and strategies. For more information about the Refugee Housing Program, contact Scott Robbins at (303) 830-3449.

Metro Denver Bright Beginnings: www.brightbeginningsco.org

730 Colorado Blvd. Suite 202
Denver, CO 80206
(303) 321-1214

Provides in-home and in-community education, supportive services, and free books/materials regarding child development for children pre-natal to 3 years old. Spanish speaking staff are available.

Mi Casa Women's Resource Center: www.micasadenver.org

360 Acoma St.
Denver, CO 80223
(303) 573-1302

Offers educational enrichment and tutoring for youth as well as free GED classes to individuals at least 17 years old who have a valid Colorado ID and are able to read at a 7th grade level or above. Also holds ESL classes at Lake Middle School.

Holds a Legal Night the 3rd Tuesday of every month from 5:30-7:30pm. Attendees can get information regarding immigration, credit, housing, landlords, employment issues and family law. Information available in both English and Spanish. No appointments are needed.

Holds entrepreneurial and small business trainings as well as makes business loans. Provides Career Development Training in Hospitality, Construction Readiness, and Commercial Driver's Permits. Provides Job Search assistance to all participants enrolled in Career Development training. Services include resume updating, mock interviewing, job referrals, filling out applications, and online job search. Some services offered in Spanish.

Mile High Montessori Early Learning Centers: www.milehighmontessori.org; (303) 962-2602

Good Beginnings
1200 Federal Blvd.
(720) 944-2812

Child Court Care
270 W. 14th St.
(720) 865-9930

Operates nine early learning centers in Denver providing early education and childcare. Two Denver Human Services Offices *Good Beginnings* and *Court Child Care* open for drop-in services. Spanish speaking staff are available.

Office of Economic Development, Division of Workforce Development, City and County of Denver:

Speer center:

1391 North Speer Blvd. Suite 500
(720) 865-5619

Westside center:

1200 Federal Blvd.
(720) 944-1615

DIA Center:

8500 Peña Blvd.
(303) 342-2590

Quigg Newton center:

4440 Navajo St .
(720) 865-0100

Stapleton Plaza center:

3401 Quebec St. Suite 7700
(720) 865-0060

Five workforce centers offering job seeking services. Speer office has classes in Spanish. Computer classes offered at the Westside, Quigg Newton, and Speer offices. Some programs require citizenship or refugee documentation.

Refugee Employment Program

1200 Federal Blvd
Denver, CO 80204
(720) 944-3131

Works with refugees and asylees after their first 8 months in the U.S. or date of asylum to assess their work skills and create an employment plan. Also helps with upgrading employment.

Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains: www.pprm.org

Various locations throughout Denver
1-800-230-PLAN

Offers affordable and confidential reproductive healthcare services for women and men including birth control, annual exams, cancer screenings, STD testing and treatment, HIV testing, and abortion services. Spanish speaking staff are available.

Rights for All People/Derechos Para Todos (RAP): www.rap-dpt.org

3131 W. 14th Ave.
Denver, CO 80204
(303) 893-3500

Offers workshops around the state of Colorado that help immigrants, particularly those without documents, know their rights. Brings immigrant voices to the struggles for immigrant and human rights in the Denver Metro Area and the State of Colorado. Offers citizenship classes and will be starting ESL classes soon. Staff speak Spanish.

Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network (RMIAN): www.rmian.org

3489 W. 72nd Ave Suite 211
Westminster, CO 80030
Office: (303) 433-2812

Hotline for Individuals in Immigration Detention: (303) 866-9308

RMIAN provides free immigration legal services to men and women in immigration detention and to immigrant children in Colorado. RMIAN provides "know your rights" presentations to individuals in immigration detention, trains volunteer attorneys, coordinates referrals for individuals without resources for private attorneys, and provides attorneys and clients with mentoring and other resources. Spanish speaking staff are available.

Rocky Mountain Survivors Center: www.rmscdenver.org

1547 Gaylord St.
Denver, CO 80206
(303) 321-3221

Provides healthcare (including mental health), psychosocial (including case management, support services, work readiness preparation, and community needs assessment and follow-up), and legal services for survivors of torture and war trauma. Uses an interpreter bank with a wide variety of languages for in-house services.

Servicios de la Raza: www.serviciosdelaraza.org

4055 Tejon St.
Denver, CO 80211
(303) 458-5851

Offers adult mental health services, basic emergency services, assistance for victims of domestic violence, HIV/AIDS case management, and youth programs. Spanish speaking staff are available.

Sheridan Public Library:

<http://www.arapahoelibraries.org/go2.cfm?pid=1484>

3201 W. Oxford Ave.
Sheridan, CO 80236
(303) 789-5422

Offers ESL classes that meet twice a week for 2 and a half hours on Tuesday/Thursday evenings at the Sheridan Library. A \$20 registration fee covers placement testing, class materials, and progress tests. Group registration and placement testing at the Sheridan Library is held before each new term.

Sisters of Color United for Education: www.sistersofcolorunited.org

2895 W. 8th Ave.
Denver, CO 80204
(303) 446-8800

Provides mental health counseling, advocacy, and case management for HIV positive individuals. Offers an 18 week health promotora/educator training, diabetes management program, HIV and STD testing, and support groups to drug users. Spanish speaking staff are available.

Spring Institute for Intercultural Learning: www.springinstitute.org

1610 Emerson St.
Denver, CO 80218
(303) 863-0188

Offers two-week intensive, pre-employability courses which uses language to empower work opportunities and acts as a form of pre-employment training. Collaborates with the Emily Griffith Opportunity School to build on the students' English language skills and prepare them for the workplace. Courses are for refugees and asylees, but periodically scholarships are offered for other immigrants to participate. Languages spoken include Amharic, Arabic, English, French, Russian, Somali, and Spanish.

Provides Diversity and Inclusive Training to help organizations and employees raise cultural diversity awareness and develop skills that enable them to meet the challenges inherent in a culturally diverse workplace.

Offers ESL classes at numerous locations throughout the city (for more information about these, contact Christine Deines at (303) 863-0188). Also operates the Interpreter Network of Colorado (INoC) which provides interpretation and translation services in 80 languages.

Summer Scholars: <http://www.summerscholars.org>

3401 Quebec St., Suite 5010
Denver, CO 80207
(303) 355-0290

Offers after-school program and summer tutoring program for children who are performing below grade level. Programs are held in specific schools (contact Summer Scholars for list of schools). Spaces are first available to students at those schools. If spaces are open, students from other schools can attend. Students must be performing below grade level in either reading or writing and be recommended by a teacher. Spanish speaking staff are available. Also offers ESL classes which are open to all adults.

Unite Here: www.unitehere.org

2525 W Alameda Ave
Denver, CO 80219
(303) 727-1022

Represents union workers in the hotel, food and concessions, airport, and industrial laundry industries. Provides information regarding forming workers' unions, job rights, and political action. Spanish speaking staff are available.

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC): www.cdphe.state.co.us/ps/wic

Eastside WIC Clinic
501 East 28th St.
Denver, CO 80205
(303) 436-4881

Montbello WIC Clinic
4685 Peoria St., Office 241
Denver, CO 80239
(303) 436-4881

Westside WIC Clinic
1100 Federal Blvd., MC 3000
Denver, CO 80204
(303) 436-4881

Offers nutrition education as well as screening and referrals for medical, dental, health insurance, and childcare for women who meet WIC's income guidelines and who are pregnant or have a child under the age of 5. Spanish speaking staff are available.

Work Options for Women (WOW): www.workoptions.org

1200 Federal Blvd.
Denver, CO 80204
(720) 944-3393

Job training program for low-income women and those receiving TANF. Offers job training in the culinary arts, case management that addresses personal barriers to employment, job readiness and life skills training, and job placement and retentions skills. Participants must be low-income women who are at least 18 years, able to legally work in the U.S., able to work 40 hours a week, and have been drug free for at least 90 days. Prospective participants must attend an orientation prior to starting the program. Orientations are held every Monday from 9:30am-11am.