

RESOURCES FOR IMMIGRANTS IN SF

This packet contains a collection of services and resources to support the San Francisco immigrant community:

- City websites to help navigate community resources (Slides 2-4)
- City workshops and trainings (Slides 5-7)
- Resources provided by local community based-organizations (Slides 8-14)

This packet is for informational purposes only and includes resources provided by local community-based organizations. This packet does not constitute an endorsement or guarantee by the City and County of San Francisco of any resource or service provided by a community-based organization. Individuals are encouraged to contact the listed organizations directly for more information.



Q – How do I find services & resources?

A - The SF Immigrant Forum Website: (sf.gov/immigrants)

The SF Immigrant Forum website provides information on trusted, low-barrier resources available to immigrants, asylees, and refugees in San Francisco.

Resources include:

- Immigration legal support
- Health
- Housing and shelter
- Food
- Know your rights
- Financial and cash assistance
- Identification
- English language learning
- Child care and family
- Economic and workforce development
- Transportation
- Community coalitions
- State and regional resources *and more!*



Q – How do I find immigration legal services?

A - The SF Immigrant Support Hub: (immigrants.sf.gov)

The organizations listed can help immigrants find access to trusted immigration legal help.

- Consultations are generally low-cost or free and the application cost may be covered for San Franciscans.
- Filter by immigration type and language need
- Full site is available to use in English, Spanish, Chinese and Filipino.
- Rapid Response Hotline information available

**Do you
know your
immigration
options?**

Get a free
immigration
check up with
a trusted expert
in San Francisco.

Get started:
immigrants.sf.gov



Regular Immigration Workshops in SF

Free Citizenship Workshops

The **San Francisco Pathways to Citizenship Initiative** hosts free, regular workshops that assist eligible immigrant green card holders with their naturalization application.

Workshops occur in various locations across San Francisco every 2-4 months. Support is available in multiple languages, and help with the low-income fee waiver is also provided.

▷ **For information on upcoming workshops, visit: sfcitizenship.org**

Free Work Permit Clinics

Recently, OCEIA has hosted free Work Permit Application Clinics with support from community partners.

These clinics are support for **Asylum Seekers** and **Humanitarian Parolees** that apply for their Employment Authorization Document (EAD).

▷ **For information on upcoming workshops, visit: sf.gov/oceia**

Free Training: Helping Immigrants Navigate Online Immigration Tools

In this **free recorded online training**, you will learn how to manage digital administrative tasks for immigrant community members. This training is for community support staff such as shelter workers, social workers, case workers, frontline non-profit staff, and more.

[Watch the recorded training](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hctMC-27XPI)

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The training covers how to:

- Create and manage online United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (USCIS) accounts for clients
- Access immigration court records, arrival records, case status updates, and more
- Navigate and support with other immigration-related digital platforms

[Access supporting training materials](https://tinyurl.com/td3yjcvt)

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About OCEIA

The San Francisco Office of Civic Engagement & Immigrant Affairs (OCEIA) is a policy, compliance, direct services and grantmaking City department.

OCEIA's mission is to promote inclusive policies and foster immigrant assistance programs that lead to full civic, economic and linguistic integration.

Questions?

- Email civic.engagement@sfgov.org
- Call OCEIA at 415-554-0600

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- Bluesky: [@oceiasf.bsky.social](https://bsky.app/profile/oceiasf.bsky.social)

Website: sf.gov/oceia



Community Resource: San Francisco Rapid Response Network

SF Rapid Response hotline: **415-200-1548**

Call to get emergency legal help for you or someone detained by federal agents in San Francisco.

- If you see Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in San Francisco, call this same-day hotline to connect the people affected to legal assistance.
- This number is only for someone who was just detained today in San Francisco. The Rapid Response hotline usually has just one person answering the phone. So if the line is busy, please call back.

The [SF Rapid Response Network](https://sfilen.org/resources/sf-rapid-response-network) is run by a group of community non-profit organizations from SFILen and SFILDC. Learn more: sfilen.org/resources/sf-rapid-response-network.

Community Resource: Immigrant Legal Services

About SFILDC

The San Francisco Immigrant Legal Defense Collaborative (SFILDC) is a collaboration of 16 San Francisco-based legal service organizations that provide legal representation and support to adults, families, and children residing in San Francisco who are facing removal proceedings at the San Francisco Immigration Court or have been detained within its jurisdiction. SFILDC represents detained and non-detained individuals.

Learn more: sfildc.org

Attorney of the Day Program

The Attorney of the Day program (AOD) of the Justice & Diversity Center of the Bar Association of San Francisco offers FREE phone consultations for unrepresented immigrant community members in the immigration court. The AOD provides full legal consultation over the phone by an immigration attorney and advice about different forms of relief.

Phone Number: (408) 461-8795

Hours: Monday to Friday, 9am to 2pm; 3pm to 5pm

Community Resource: Know Your Rights Trainings

The [San Francisco Immigrant Legal & Education Network \(SFILEN\)](#) partners with schools, City agencies, community centers, and grassroots organizations to offer rights-based education to immigrant communities throughout San Francisco.

SFILEN provides trainings on the following topics:

- Know Your Rights
- Rapid Response
- Emergency Family Plan
- and more



To request a training or presentation, email sfilenetwork@gmail.com, or complete the application to request a workshop for your organization available on their website: sfilen.org/about/our-network-2/request-a-workshop

Community Resource: Know Your Rights Toolkits

The [Immigrant Legal Resource Center](#) has created a variety of materials to educate the community and prepare individuals for possible encounters with immigration authorities.

Visit their website for in-depth information on community rights and how to prepare in case of emergencies:

- Printable [red cards](#) in eight languages to distribute to community members.
- A [know-your-rights handout](#) in eight languages to help families prepare for a possible interaction with ICE.
- A [train-the-trainer toolkit](#) on holding a Know-Your-Rights presentation in your community.



Community Resource: Family Preparedness Plan

Every family should have a Family Preparedness Plan in case of an emergency. It is critical for immigrant families to think ahead and set more concrete plans for immigration emergencies that can arise.

Family Preparedness Plans should include:

- Making a child care plan
- Informing family and emergency contacts about how to find and what to do if you are detained by ICE
- Information about your rights when encountering police, immigration/customs agents

[ILRC: Downloadable Family Preparedness Plan](#) (English, Spanish)

[SFILEN: Downloadable Emergency Toolkit](#) (English, Spanish, Chinese, Tagalog, Arabic)

Community Resource: Financial Emergency Action Plan

The [Mission Asset Fund Financial Emergency Action Plan](#) for Immigrants is a downloadable tool with concrete tips to help families plan ahead and keep their money and belongings safe in the case of an immigration emergency.

Topics include:

- Protecting your money
- Protecting your belongings
- Preparing for an emergency
- Creating an action plan



Community Resource: Immigration Fee Assistance

Get a zero-interest loan to pay your USCIS application fee. If you live, work, or study in San Francisco, you can receive a 50% grant to cover half the cost.

Available for the following immigration petitions:

- DACA
- TPS
- Citizenship
- Family Petitions
- Green Card
- Advance Parole

Benefits of Loan Participation:

- Build credit history
- Online financial education

Visit their website: missionassetfund.org/immigration-programs



A photograph of the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, viewed from a low angle looking down the length of the bridge. The bridge's red-orange towers and suspension cables are prominent against a hazy, blue sky. The water below is a pale blue, and distant hills are visible in the background. The overall atmosphere is serene and slightly misty.

We hope this packet helps connect you to the support you need.