US Government Websites (rev. 5/18/2018)

US Customs and Border Protection: [https://www.cbp.gov/](https://www.cbp.gov/)


US Immigration and Customs Enforcement: [https://www.ice.gov](https://www.ice.gov)

United States Citizenship and Immigration Services: [https://www.uscis.gov](https://www.uscis.gov)
This is the most basic and important site for immigration-related information
FORMS: [https://www.uscis.gov/forms](https://www.uscis.gov/forms)
There are (as of 5/18/2018) over 100 forms. If you are applying for anything immigration-related, or are helping someone to apply, be sure to go over all the forms to make sure that all the forms relevant to the applicant’s situation are filled out. For example, if you are an applicant seeking help with a naturalization application, the person representing you must fill out a G-28 form (Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Accredited Representative), and there are requirements that must be met for being an accredited representative.
TOOLS AND RESOURCES: [https://www.uscis.gov/resources](https://www.uscis.gov/resources)
MULTILINGUAL TOOLS: [https://www.uscis.gov/tools/multilingual-resource-center](https://www.uscis.gov/tools/multilingual-resource-center)
GREEN CARD INFORMATION: [https://www.uscis.gov/greencard](https://www.uscis.gov/greencard)

United States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service:
Information on SNAP eligibility and how to apply.

Policy Manual of the US Citizenship and Immigration services:
Published by the Department of Homeland Security, this manual covers all aspects of non-citizen coming to and residing in the US, including visitors, refugees, asylees, undocumented persons, and legal permanent residents.

Non-(US)Governmental Organizations and Other Websites (rev. 8/08/2018)

American Immigration Council: [https://www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org](https://www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org)
“The American Immigration Council, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, is a powerful voice in promoting laws, policies, and attitudes that honor our proud history as a nation of immigrants. Through research and policy analysis, litigation and communications, and international exchange, the Council seeks to shape a twenty-first century vision of the American immigrant experience.”
The Website has 34 (as of 2/18/2018) articles/fact sheets/background papers of various aspects of US immigration.

Immigrant Legal Resource Center: [https://www.ilrc.org/](https://www.ilrc.org/)
“The ILRC trains attorneys, paralegals, and community-based advocates who work with immigrants around the country. We inform the media, elected officials, and public to shape
effective and just immigration policy and law. Our staff works with grassroots immigrant organizations to promote civic engagement and social change.”

Online training is offered.

The ILRC also has many publications supporting advocates and legal representatives of potential immigrants. For example, they publish Essentials of Asylum Law (4th edition, 2018), which is available for purchase ($195) at https://www.ilrc.org/essentials-of-asylum-law.

Catholic Immigration Network: https://cliniclegal.org
“In 1988, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) established CLINIC as a legally distinct 501(c)(3) organization to support a rapidly growing network of community-based immigration programs. CLINIC’s network originally was comprised of 17 programs. It has since increased to 300 diocesan and other affiliated immigration programs with 400 offices in 47 states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia. The network employs roughly 1,200 BIA accredited representatives and attorneys who, in turn, serve hundreds of thousands of low-income immigrants each year. CLINIC and its affiliate agencies represent low-income immigrants without reference to their race, religion, gender, ethnic group, or other distinguishing characteristics.”

Online training is offered.

Catholic Charities: https://catholiccharitiesusa.org
There are over 160 Catholic Charities agencies in the US that provide immigration and refugee services in their local areas. The agency closest to Champaign is in Springfield, IL
Catholic Charities Dioceses of Springfield, IL
1625 W. Washington Street
Springfield, IL  62702
217-523-9201
https://catholiccharitiesusa.org/members/catholic-charities-diocese-of-springfield-il

This NGO coordinates refugee cultural orientation for all refugees accepted into the US. It has many online resources for both refugees and people who want to support refugees.

Immigrant Legal Resource Center: https://www.ilrc.org/technical-assistance
Provides legal advice through individual consultations, webinars and resources on their website.

Immigration Advocates Network: https://www.immigrationadvocates.org/
“The Immigration Advocates Network (IAN) is a collaborative effort of leading immigrants' rights organizations designed to increase access to justice for immigrants and strengthen the capacity of organizations serving them. IAN promotes more effective and efficient communication, collaboration, and services among immigration advocates and organizations by providing free, easily accessible and comprehensive online resources and tools.”

Online training is offered.

Government Sources by Subject: Immigration: http://guides.lib.uw.edu/c.php?g=341739&p=2304968
provided by the University of Washington University Libraries

compiled by the Migration Policy Institute and the Population Reference Bureau.
Compiles some of the most credible, accessible, and user-friendly government and non-governmental immigration-related data sources. The data sources are organized into two categories—those which deal with U.S. immigration and those dealing with international migration. While the guide is not intended to be comprehensive of all relevant websites, its collection of resources spans across a wide range of topics, including: immigrant population estimates, migration figures and trends, refugees and asylees, naturalization, education and language attainment, labor force performance and unemployment, income and poverty rates, remittance size and flow, physical health and health care coverage status, and immigration law enforcement actions.

Immigration Law: Primary Resources: [https://guides.law.fsu.edu/c.php?g=84898&p=546805](https://guides.law.fsu.edu/c.php?g=84898&p=546805) provided by Florida State University, College of Law, Research Center

Immigration Law Research: [http://libguides.law.umn.edu/c.php?g=125774&p=823551](http://libguides.law.umn.edu/c.php?g=125774&p=823551) provided by University of Minnesota Law School


Immigration in U.S. History: Primary Sources on the Web: [http://libguides.law.ucla.edu/c.php?g=183356&p=1208822](http://libguides.law.ucla.edu/c.php?g=183356&p=1208822) provided by the UCLA School of Law Hugh and Hazel Darling Law Library


The National Immigration Law Center: [https://www.nilc.org/](https://www.nilc.org/)

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR): The UN Refugee Agency [http://www.unhcr.org/](http://www.unhcr.org/) This agency provides most of the refugee referrals that the US Department of State evaluates for approval.

Protecting Immigrant Families: [https://www.protectingimmigrantfamilies.org/](https://www.protectingimmigrantfamilies.org/) This website is sponsored by the Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP) and the National Immigration Law Center (NILC). It’s purpose is to provide resources and background information regarding the potential “public charge” charges that may be formally proposed in the immediate or short term by the Office of Management and Budget of the Federal Government, which would greatly expand the types of benefits that can be taken into account in green card applications made abroad or from within the US.

Resources Related to Trump Immigration/Refugee Orders: Resources & Tools: [http://wcl.american.libguides.com/trumpadmin](http://wcl.american.libguides.com/trumpadmin) provided by American University Washington College of Law Pence Law Library

Resources 101: Important Info for Immigrants and Allies
Whether you are an immigrant or an ally, stay informed and find crucial and carefully curated information on advocacy campaigns, mental health, your rights, and more. Select one or multiple categories below to customize your own list of resources.

Sexual Violence Against Farmworkers: A Guidebook for Criminal Justice Professionals
This guide was produced by the Farmworker Sexual Violence Technical Assistance Project, a partnership of California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.; Esperanza: The Immigrant Women’s Legal Initiative of the Southern Poverty Law Center; Líderes Campesinas; and the Victim Rights Law Center. It was launched in September 2008 through a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice on Violence Against Women. The guide is useful for any immigrant worker, not just farm workers, and for any type of violence and intimidation directed against immigrants, not just sexual violence.

State Laws Related to Immigration and Immigrants:
provided by the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL)

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the UN Refugee Agency, is the agency that typically refers refugees to a US Department of State Resettlement Support Center:
https://www.state.gov/j/prm/ra/admissions/

UIUC College of Law Library: Immigration Law LibGuide
https://law-illinois.libguides.com/c.php?g=776175&p=5567931
Contains a broad range of resources related to Immigration law.

Web Resources: http://www.aila.org/infonet/web-resources
provided by the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA)
Links to assist in the research and analysis of immigration law and trends in immigration.

Champaign County and Illinois Organizations and Resources (rev. 4/3/2019)

211 Champaign County Services
2-1-1 is an easy-to-remember, non-emergency telephone number that connects people with the help they need. 2-1-1 saves time and frustration through specialists who match callers to the right agency based on each caller's need.

The 24-hour, 365 days a year line makes it easy for the public to navigate the maze of human service providers and help lines. All calls are free, anonymous and confidential.

Callers can get live assistance with needs such as:

- Food and shelter
- Counseling and mental health services
- Income and employment support
• Help for the elderly and people with disabilities
• Resources for children and families
• Domestic Abuse
• Drug/Alcohol Rehabilitation
• Disaster Recovery

*How does it work?* Simply dial **2-1-1** from any telephone in Champaign County. Cell phones with **any** area code will reach the Champaign County **2-1-1** service when calling from a location within Champaign County. You can also access the online directory at any time by visiting [www.findhelp211.org](http://www.findhelp211.org)

See also United Way Below

A free medical clinic serving the uninsured and underinsured. All immigrants are welcome, including undocumented immigrants.
819 Bloomington Road | Champaign, IL 61820
Patient & appt line: 217-418-5888
Clinic hours: most Sundays from 1 – 4 pm

Champaign Public Library
The library will help all residents meet their information needs in confidence and regardless of citizenship or immigration status, including undocumented foreign residents and people who do not speak English.

Champaign-Urbana Immigration Forum ([http://immigration-forum.blogspot.com](http://immigration-forum.blogspot.com))(217-979-0255)
“a group of immigrants, students, clergy, service providers, labor union representatives, residents and community organizations concerned about the progress and plight of immigrants in the Champaign County community (Central Illinois). Since December 2009, the C-U Immigration Forum meets regularly (on the second Tuesday of each month) to discuss immigration-related issues and events in our community and works to:
• celebrate the diversity and culture that immigrants contribute to our community;
• educate the public about issues that affect local immigrant communities;
• advocate for the rights of immigrants and encourage their full participation in civic, cultural, social and political life in our community;
• promote permanent and positive changes that will improve the quality of life for immigrants in our community; and
• organize for policies that lead to just and humane treatment to all immigrants that are part of our community.”

President Tom Garza President@culImmigrationForum.org
Vice-President Claire Szoke VicePresident@culImmigrationForum.org
Treasurer Mike Doyle Treasurer@culImmigrationForum.org
Secretary Ben Joselyn Secretary@culImmigrationForum.org
Media Contact Ricardo Diaz Press@culImmigrationForum.org

CU FAIR (Friends Assisting Immigrants and Refuges)
A local community group providing a broad range of resettlement services to local immigrants, refugees, and asylees. It has offices and a storage area for household goods in the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District Building at 201 W. Kenyon Road, Champaign, IL 61820
https://www.cufair-us.com
CUFAIR2Day@gmail.com
Ben Mueller, President: cell: 217-621-7841 bmueller819@gmail.com

Cultivadores Latino Center
This center is allied with Avicenna Community Health Center and offer drug and alcohol counseling to the local Spanish speaking community. They also offer other support services to Spanish speaking community, and particularly to migrant workers. Services are available only from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday by appointment.
555 S. Maplewood Ave.
Rantoul, Illinois
217-369-9155
Director: Rev. Nelson Cuevas

East Central Illinois Refugee Mutual Assistance Center (http://ecirmac.weebly.com/)
“ECIRMAC (also known as the Refugee Center) exists to provide services essential to refugee and immigrant resettlement in East-Central Illinois and to aid in the exchange and preservation of their respective cultures.”
Champaign Urbana Public Health District Building
201 West Kenyon Rd., Suite 2D
Champaign, IL 61820
(217) 344-8455
admin@ecirmac.org
John Muirhead, Board President: cell: 217-840-7768 j.muirhead@comcast.net
Languages supported: Spanish, Vietnamese, Russian, Chinese, Lao, Cambodian, French, Somali

Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (http://www.icirr.org/)
This organization offers workshops and other resources for immigrants and their supporters. One of their services is an emergency family hotline for immigrants who need legal help or other kinds of support: 1-855-435-7693.

Illinois Legal Aid Online (https://www.illinoislegalaid.org)
Information on services for immigrants, including VAWA (Violence Against Women’s Act) under which an immigrant without legal status can apply for a U-Visa; as well as information on SNAP (Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program) services and the right of immigrant children to attend public school.
This site also lists immigrant family support organization throughout Illinois.

Immigration Project (http://www.immigrationproject.org/) (309-829-8703) (info@immigrationproject.org)
“The Immigration Project is a nonprofit organization providing immigration legal assistance to the 100,000 immigrants residing in Central and Southern Illinois.”
Normal Office
211 Landmark Drive, Suite B3A
Normal, IL 61761-9680
PO Box 1503
Bloomington, IL 61702-1503
Mi Raza Community Center (http://miraza-arcola.com/) (217-268-3555)
113 Collins Street (behind City Hall)
Arcola, Illinois
A resource center for the Hispanic/Latino population of Douglas County where individuals can go to get information about health issues, jobs, WIC, LINC, translation, vehicle safety, child care and is also a place where those individuals who have newly arrived to the Douglas County Area can go for necessary information needed for setting up a household. Free Internet access, ESL classes for adults and homework help for students are offered. It is open most evenings from 4 pm to 8 pm.

Promise Health Care (https://www.promisehealth.org/)
A not-for profit organization that offers reduced cost medical and dental services at six locations in the Champaign and Urbana. The website has locations, hours and contact information for all clinic locations.

Rantoul Health Screening Clinic (217-893-3052)
520 E. Wabash St.
Rantoul, IL 61866
Spanish spoken

Refuge Center
see East Central Illinois Refugee Mutual Assistance Center

Southern Illinois Healthcare Foundation (http://www.sihf.org/)
SIHF provides services throughout southern Illinois. They have a location in Arthur, Illinois, at 525 North Vine that offers confidential Family Medicine services free to low income people, including undocumented foreign residents. An appointment can be made by calling 217-543-2446

Three Spinners (https://www.threespinners.org/) ((217) 866-0800) contact@threespinners.org
PO Box 8453, Champaign, IL 61826
“Dedicated to welcoming refugees and immigrants to Champaign-Urbana with immediate support for basic needs. Through the generosity of the Illinois community, we provide safe and comfortable housing, educational support, and essential services as these newcomers integrate into the community.”

United Way of Champaign County (http://www.uwayhelps.org/)
United Way provides funding for many local non-profit organizations and they operate 211 Services in Champaign County.

University YMCA, La Línea (http://lalinea.weebly.com/) (217-417-5897)
“Based in the University Y, La Línea is a free and confidential community helpline that works to bridge the gap in social services in Champaign County by offering over-the-phone community resource referrals and in-person advocacy counseling. We strive to provide referrals to free or affordable options that match the caller's budget. Services are offered in Spanish,
French, and English (other languages may be available on request). Services include, but are not limited to:

- Referrals to service providers.
- Translation and interpretation services.
- Ongoing support through advocacy and limited case management.”

University YMCA, The New Americans Initiative (https://universityymca.org/welcome-center-services/) (217-337-1500) (nai@universityymca.org)

“The New Americans Initiative is a non-profit partnership between the State of Illinois and the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights to help you through the process of becoming a U.S. citizen, with FREE assistance. The New Americans Initiative also assists Illinois residents in applying for Deferred Action (DACA).”

Urbana Free Library
The library will help all residents meet their information needs in confidence and regardless of citizenship or immigration status, including undocumented foreign residents and people who do not speak English.

Local Citizenship Instruction Resources (2018-03-08)

**Urbana Adult Education**
211 North Race Street
Urbana, IL 61801
217/384-3530
uae@usd116.org
https://urbanaadulteducation.org/

The Urbana Adult Education Center offers English as a Second Language (ESL) courses, a High School completion program; Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) Courses; and the Odyssey Project, a free college-accredited course in the Humanities, offered to low-income adults in the Champaign-Urbana area. Classes are taught by some of the University of Illinois’ top professors, and subjects include Art History, Literature, Philosophy, and Writing.

One of the ESL teachers is Kathy Maniates, who won the University YMCA’s 2018 Achievement Award in Education (http://www.news-gazette.com/news/local/2018-03-08/compassion-language-education-award-winner.html)

For additional information, see https://urbanaadulteducation.org/basic-education/

**Parkland College Adult Education**
2400 West Bradley Ave.
Champaign, IL 61821
217/351-2580 or 800/346-8089
web contact form: http://www.parkland.edu/contactUs.aspx
http://www.parkland.edu/resources/adulted
For email addresses of staff connected to the program, go to http://www.parkland.edu/about/directory/adultEd.aspx
Parkland Adult Education offers free services and instruction to adults who
 need to improve their basic literacy skills
do not have their high school diploma
do not speak English as their first language
need assistance with career preparation

Project Read offers free tutoring for adults in reading, math and English four locations in Champaign and Urbana. For more information call 217-353-2662, email projectread@parkland.edu or inquire at the Champaign Public Library or the Urbana Free Library

Classes and literacy services including free tutoring for adults in reading, math and English are available on Parkland’s campus and at other locations throughout the Parkland College service area. (see http://www.jameslayers.org/DistrictMap.htm for service area.)