

Community Resources for Immigrants



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Allston/Brighton

Brazilian Women's Group: 617-202-5775; 569 Cambridge St. Allston, MA 02134;
<http://www.verdeamarelo.org/>

Hours: Monday – Friday, 7:30am - 9pm; Saturday, 9:30am – 4pm

Languages spoken: English, Portuguese, Spanish

Types of legal assistance: Free Immigration Clinics

Non-legal services: ESL, Computer Literacy Classes and Community Meetings on immigration and how to protect yourself and your family against immigration raids.

Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers (MAPS): 617-787-0557, Toll-free: 800-232-7725; 697 Cambridge St. Suite 203 Brighton, MA 02135; <http://www.maps-inc.org/>
Hours: Mondays – Wednesday, 9am – 5pm; Thursday-Friday, 10am – 6pm
Languages spoken: English, Portuguese, Cape Verdean Creole

Citizenship Services: Citizenship course and application assistance
Non-legal services: English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Courses and Immigrant Integration Services.

Gardner Adult Education Program: 617-635-8365; 30 Athol St. Boston, MA 02134; <http://gpaesol.com/>
Hours: Tuesday and Thursday, 6pm – 8:30pm
Languages spoken: Spanish, English

Citizenship Services: Citizenship course
Non-legal services: English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Courses

Chinatown

Chinese Progressive Association: 617-357-4499; 28 Ash St. Boston, MA 02111; <http://cpaboston.org/>
Hours: Monday – Wednesday, 9am – 5pm; Thursday and Friday by appointment; Saturday 10am – 12pm
Languages spoken: Cantonese, Mandarin, Taishanese, English

Citizenship Services: English and Citizenship Classes
Non-legal services: Support services and tutoring to immigrant adults, with an emphasis on promoting participation in the social, cultural, economic, and political mainstream of U.S. society.



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Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center: 617-635-5129; 38 Ash St. Boston, MA 02111; <http://bcnc.net/>
Hours: Monday – Friday, 7:30am – 9pm; Saturday, 9:30 am – 4pm
Languages spoken: English, Mandarin, Cantonese

Citizenship Services: Citizenship application assistance

Areas of legal assistance: Adjustment of Status, Consular Processing, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Employment authorization, Employment-based immigrant and nonimmigrant petitions, and Family-based petitions

Types of legal assistance: Help completing forms, Filing with USCIS. Immigration Counseling includes: counseling on initial entry into the U.S., immigrant visa processing and change of status from immigrant or refugee to permanent resident, application procedure for citizenship; other immigration related issues. The program also assists clients in petitioning to bring immediate family members – spouses, children, parents and siblings – into the United States.

Asian American Civic Association: 617-426-9492 ext. 200; 87 Tyler St. 5th Floor Boston, MA 02111; <http://aaca-boston.org/>

Hours: Monday – Friday, 9am – 5pm

Languages: Chinese, English, Spanish

Citizenship Services: Citizenship application assistance

Areas of legal assistance: Adjustment of Status, Consular Processing, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Employment authorization, Employment-based immigrant and non-immigrant petitions, Family-based petitions, Naturalization/Citizenship

Types of legal assistance: Help completing forms, Filings with USCIS

Dorchester

Association for Haitian Women: 617-287-0096; 330 Fuller St. Dorchester, MA 02124; <http://www.afab-kafanm.org/index.html>

Hours: Monday – Thursday, 9:30am – 4pm; Friday, 9:30am – 12pm

Languages spoken: English, Haitian Creole, French

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Types of legal assistance: Advocacy clinics on general legal immigration issues

CVC Unido: 617-506-8150; 268 Bowdoin St. Dorchester, MA 02122; <http://www.cvcunido.org/>

Hours: Monday – Saturday, 10am – 6pm

Languages spoken: English, Cape Verdean Creole

Citizenship services: Citizenship classes

Non-legal services: Weekly orientation and ESOL classes, workshops and voter registration efforts, Creole classes

Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers (MAPS): 617- 825-5897//TTY: 617- 825-5897; 1 Stoughton St. Dorchester, MA 02125; <http://www.maps-inc.org/>

Hours: Monday – Friday, 9am – 5pm

Languages spoken: Portuguese, Cape Verdean Creole, Spanish, English

Citizenship services: Citizenship application assistance

Non-legal services: English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Courses and Immigrant Integration Services.

Downtown

Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition: 617-350-5480; 105 Chauncy St. Suite 901 Boston, MA 02111; <http://www.miracoalition.org/>

Hours: Monday – Friday, 9am – 5pm

Languages spoken: English, Portuguese, Spanish

Citizenship services: Citizenship and application clinics

Types of legal services: Help completing forms, Filings with USCIS



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Political Asylum/Immigration Representation Project: 617-742-9296; 98 N. Washington St. Suite 106 Boston, MA 02114; <http://www.pairproject.org/index.php>
Hours: Monday – Friday, 8am – 4pm
Languages spoken: English, French, Hindi, Punjabi, Spanish

Areas of legal assistance: Adjustment of Status, Asylum applications, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Employment authorization, Habeas Corpus, NACARA, Removal hearings, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, Temporary Protected Status (TPS), U visas, Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) petitions
Types of legal services: Filings with USCIS, Representation at Asylum Interviews (Credible Fear Interviews, Reasonable Fear Interviews), Representation before the Immigration Court, Representation before the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA), Federal courts appeal

International Institute of New England: 617-695-9990; 1 Milk St. 4th Floor Boston, MA 02109; <http://iine.us>
Hours: Monday – Friday, 9am – 5pm
Languages spoken: Romanian, Bosnian, Spanish, French, Italian, English, sometimes interns speak Arabic, Portuguese, Creole, and Chinese (but interpretation services not available to walk-in clients. The languages listed are those the staffs speak)

Citizenship services: IINE’s citizenship education promotes the rights and responsibilities of U.S. citizenship, and helps to foster civic participation through the orientation and preparation of its newest members.

Non-legal assistance: Refugee resettlement, community orientation, case management, family reunification, youth leadership training and more.

Irish International Immigrant Center: 617-542-7654; 100 Franklin St, LL-1 Boston, MA 02110; <http://www.iiicenter.org/>
Hours: Monday – Friday, 9am – 5pm (but that doesn’t mean that legal help can be offered right away). The suggestion is for clients to call beforehand and learn about the times that clinics are being offered that week. Clinic times change, so client should not expect to be able to walk-in and receive assistance
Languages spoken: Albanian, English, French, Haitian Creole, Spanish, Irish



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Citizenship services: Citizenship classes

Areas of legal assistance: Adjustment of Status, Consular Processing, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents (DAPA), Employment authorization, Family-based petitions, Temporary Protected Status.

Types of legal assistance: Representation at Asylum Interviews (Credible Fear Interviews, Reasonable Fear Interviews), Representation before the Immigration Court, Representation before the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA), Federal Courts appeals

Non-legal services: ESOL Classes, Basic Computer Literacy Course, and C.A.R.E. course to prepare caregivers to train to become Home Health Aides or Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs), Employment services, Health services, Legislative advocacy (state or national), Psychological or psychiatric services, Referrals to other services, Social services

Jewish Vocational Services: ESOL Tel - 617-423-8660, Tel -617-399-3131; 75 Federal Street Boston, MA 02110; <http://www.jvs-boston.org/index.php>

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:30am – 5pm

Languages spoken: English

Citizenship services: Citizenship classes

Non-legal services: Admission Department, Skills Training, Job Readiness Training, English for Speakers of Other Languages, Adult Literacy, JVS Employer Services, Refugee Services, Neighborhood Business Builders.

Greater Boston Legal Services: 617-371-1234, 800-323-3205 (toll-free), 617-371-1228 (TDD); 197 Friend St. Boston, MA 02114; <http://www.gbls.org/>

Hours: Hotline – Monday - Friday, 9am – 1pm; Walk in – Monday - Friday, 9am – 12pm; Office Hours – Monday – Friday, 9am – 5pm

Languages spoken: English, Haitian Creole, Portuguese, Spanish

Areas of legal assistance: Asylum applications, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, T visas, U visas, Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) petitions.



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Types of legal assistance: Filings with USCIS, Representation at Asylum Interviews (Credible Fear Interviews, Reasonable Fear Interviews), Representation before the Immigration Court, Representation before the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA), Federal court appeals.

Non-legal services: Administrative advocacy (CIS/ICE/CBP), Legal Orientation Programs (LOP) / Know Your Rights Presentations (KYR), Legislative advocacy (state or national), Referrals to other services.

Kids in Need of Defense (Boston Office): 617-207-4138; Nutter McClennen & Fish LLP, Seaport West, 155 Seaport Boulevard, Boston, MA 02210; <https://supportkind.org/>

Languages Spoken: English, Spanish

Areas of legal assistance: Adjustment of Status, Asylum applications, Removal hearings, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, T visas, U visas

Types of legal assistance: Representation at Asylum Interviews (Credible Fear Interviews, Reasonable Fear Interviews), Representation before the Immigration Court

Non-legal services: Legal Orientation Programs (LOP) / Know Your Rights Presentations (KYR)

Project Citizenship: 617-694-5949; 4 Faneuil Hall, South Market Building, Boston, MA 02109;

<http://projectcitizenship.org/>

Hours: Monday – Friday, 9am -5pm, appointments only Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

Languages Spoken: English, Spanish

Areas of legal assistance: Naturalization/Citizenship

Types of legal assistance: Help completing forms, Filings with USCIS

Non-legal services: Referrals to other services

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East Boston Ecumenical Community Council: 617-567-2750; 50 Meridian St, Suite B1 East Boston, MA 02128; <http://www.ebecc.org/>

Hours: Monday – Friday, 9am – 5pm

Languages spoken: English, Spanish

Areas of legal assistance: Adjustment of Status, Asylum applications, Consular Processing, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Deferred Action for Parents of American and Lawful Permanent Residents (DAPA), Employment authorization, Family-based petitions, NACARA, Naturalization/Citizenship, Temporary Protected Status (TPS).

Types of legal assistance: Help completing forms, Filing USCIS, Representation before the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA).

Non-legal services: Adult Education Program, ESL, Language services, Legal Orientation Programs (LOP) / Know Your Rights Presentations (KYR), Legislative advocacy (state or national), Referrals to other services, Social services.

Centro Presente: 857-256-2981; 12 Bennington St. Suite 202 East Boston, MA 02128;

<http://www.cpresente.org/>

Hours: Tuesday – Saturday, 9am – 5pm

Languages spoken: English, Spanish

Types of legal assistance: Renewal of work permits for members of the ABC program of political asylum (Salvadorans and Guatemalans), Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Salvadorans and Hondurans, NACARA (Nicaraguan Adjustment and Central American Relief Act) applications, Family petitions, residence renewals, and citizenship petitions, Help completing forms, Filing with USCIS.

Non-legal services: Support services such as change of address, FOIA requests, copies, CORI requests, photos, etc.; translation services, and Community orientation sessions regarding current migratory laws.

ABCD - East Boston APAC: 617-567-8857; 21 Meridian St. East Boston, MA 02128

<http://bostonabcd.org/east-boston-apac.aspx>

Hours: Monday – Friday, 11am-5pm; Tuesday – Friday, 9am – 5pm

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Languages spoken: English, Spanish, Haitian Creole

Citizenship services: Civics Class – U.S. Citizenship exam preparation and instruction course.

Types of legal assistance: Green card and other renewals, fee waivers, and citizenship workshops.

East Boston Adult Educational Center: 617-567-7873; 119 London St. East Boston, MA 02128;
<https://sites.google.com/site/ebaecc/Home>

Hours: Monday – Thursday, 6:30pm - 9pm; Saturday 9am – 4pm; Monday - Friday Sessions 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Languages spoken: English, Spanish

Citizenship services: U.S. Citizenship exam preparation and instruction course.

Jamaica Plain

Dominican Development Center: 617-524-4029; 42 Seaverns Ave. Boston, MA 02130;

<http://www.dominicandevlopmentcenter.org/>

Languages spoken: English, Spanish

Citizenship Services: Citizenship classes

Areas of legal assistance: Employment authorization, Employment-based immigrant and nonimmigrant petitions, Naturalization/Citizenship, Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) petitions.

Non-legal services: Help completing forms, Filings with USCIS, ESL Classes, Immigration clinics and referrals/translations, Housing referrals/Tenant rights BIWC, Legal Orientation Programs (LOP) / Know Your Rights Presentations (KYR)

Refugee & Immigrant Assistance Center: 617-238-2430; 31 Heath St. 3rd Floor Jamaica Plain, MA 02130;

<http://www.riacboston.org/>

Hours: Monday – Friday, 9am – 5pm



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Languages spoken: Somali, Arabic, Swahili, English, Farsi, Italian

Citizenship Services: Citizenship application assistance

Areas of legal assistance: Citizenship/Naturalization, Family-based visa petitions, Adjustment of status, Refugee Adjustment, Asylee adjustment, Affirmative asylum applications, Fiancée visas petitions, Consular processing assistance, Application to remove conditions on permanent residence, Temporary Protective Status (TPS) initial applications & renewals, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Employment authorization applications, Petition for refugee relatives, Petition for asylee relatives, Renewal of permanent residence, Advance parole travel permission, Refugee travel document, Visa extension, Passport Application, USCIS interview preparation, Accompany client to USCIS interview

ABCD - Boston Hispanic Center: 617-522-4250; 30 Bickford St. Jamaica Plain, MA 02130;
<http://bostonabcd.org/jamaica-plain-apac.aspx>

Hours: Monday, 10.30am – 5pm; Tuesday – Friday, 9am-5pm

Languages spoken: English, Spanish

Citizenship services: Civics Class – U.S. Citizenship exam preparation and instruction course.

Types of legal assistance: Green card and other renewals, fee waivers, and citizenship workshops.

Roxbury

ABCD - Parker Hill-Fenway NSC: 617-445-6000; 714 Parker St. Roxbury, MA 02120;
<http://bostonabcd.org/parker-hillfenway-nsc.aspx>

Hours: Monday, 11am-5pm; Tuesday – Friday, 9am-5pm

Languages spoken: English, Spanish

Citizenship services: Civics Class – U.S. Citizenship exam preparation and instruction course.

Types of legal assistance: Green card and other renewals, fee waivers, and citizenship workshops.

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Catholic Charities of Boston – Refugee and Immigration Services: 617-268-9670; 275 West Broadway South Boston, MA 02127; <http://www.ccab.org/>

Hours: Monday –Friday, 8am-6pm (reception desk is open, but specific departments vary by time)

Languages spoken: Arabic, Armenian, Cantonese Chinese, English, Haitian Creole, Russian, Spanish Vietnamese

Areas of legal assistance: Adjustment of Status, Asylum applications, Consular Processing, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Deferred Action for Parents of American Lawful Permanent Residents (DAPA), Employment Authorization, Employment-based immigrant and nonimmigrant petitions, Family-based petitions, NACARA, Naturalization/Citizenship, Removal hearings, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, T visas, Temporary Protected Status (TPS), U Visas, Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) petitions.

Types of legal assistance: Help completing forms, Filings with USCIS, Representation at Asylum Interviews (Credible Fear Interviews, Reasonable Fear Interviews), and Representation before the Immigration Court, Community Interpreter Services, Immigration Legal Services, Refugee Employment Services and Refugee Resettlement.

Non-legal services: Administrative advocacy (CIS/ICE/CBP), Employment services, ESL, Language services, Legal Orientation Programs (LOP) / Know Your Rights Presentations (KYR), Legislative advocacy (state or national), Office Of Refugee Resettlement (ORR)-funded services for trafficking victims, Psychological or psychiatric services, Referrals to other services, Social services

South End

Agencia Alpha: 617-541-4455 ext. 16; 62 Northampton St. Suite 203-204 Boston, MA 02301;

<http://www.agenciaalpha.org/>

Hours: Monday – Thursday, 9:30am – 4pm; Friday 9:30 am – 12pm

Languages spoken: English, Spanish

Citizenship services: Beginner & Intermediate Citizenship classes, Citizenship application assistance include N400, N600, N648 disability and I912 fee waiver. Interview and test preparation and support services at 2 sites: Boston and East Boston.



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Areas of legal assistance: Adjustment of Status, Asylum applications, Consular Processing, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents (DAPA), Employment authorization, Family-based petitions, NACARA, Naturalization/Citizenship, Temporary Protected Status (TPS), U Visas, Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) petitions
Types of legal assistance: Help completing forms, Filings with USCIS

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