

## Maryland Resources for Immigrants, Refugees, and Asylees

**African Immigrant and Refugee Foundation (AIRF)** – [www.airfound.org](http://www.airfound.org) Tel: 301-593-0241 (Silver Spring, MD) or 202-234-2473 (Washington, D.C.). AIRF provides adjustment and coping programs, and referral services to help facilitate the effective transition of African immigrants to American society and support their productive, sustainable integration into their new homeland. Service area: Metropolitan Washington D.C.

**Asylee Women Enterprise (AWE)** – [www.asyleewomen.org](http://www.asyleewomen.org) Tel: 443-850-0627. AWE provides a nurturing community and comprehensive services to asylum seekers and asylees, including case management, employment training, ESL classes, wellness, and nutrition programming Monday-Thursday. Additionally, the AWE provides transitional housing to women seeking asylum. Service area: Baltimore City

**Baltimore City Community College (BCCC)** – [www.bccc.edu](http://www.bccc.edu) Tel: 410-986-5430. BCCC's Refugee Assistance Program (RAP) provides free English language training for people 16 years old or older who have refugee or political asylum status. Service area: Metropolitan Baltimore

**BCCC's Refugee Youth Project (RYP)** – <http://refugeeyouthproject.org> Tel: 410-558-3194. This program operates out of Baltimore City Community College and provides after-school programming and individual mentoring for refugee youth K-12. RYP offers academic and language skills support as well as enriching creative arts and extracurricular activities. Service area: Metropolitan Baltimore

**Baltimore Resettlement Center (BRC)** – <http://www.rescue.org/us-program/us-baltimore-md> General office: Tel: (410) 327-1885, Immigration and Citizenship Services: (410) 558-3191 or (410) 558-3260. BRC provides refugee resettlement and case management services, including orientation, housing, health and social services support, employment and legal assistance, and language instruction. It is operated in collaboration with the International Rescue Committee, Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area, the Maryland Department of Social Services, and Baltimore City Community College (BCCC). Service area: Central Maryland

**Boat People SOS (BPSOS)** – [www.bpsos.org](http://www.bpsos.org) Tel: 301.439.0505 (Silver Spring office). 703-538-2190 (Falls Church, VA office). BPSOS is a national Vietnamese American community organization serving Vietnamese immigrant individuals, families, and communities both in America and abroad. The organization provides direct assistance, including case management and legal representation, for immigrant victims of domestic violence, human trafficking, and exploitation; works to meet the needs of seniors, low-income persons or families, and disadvantaged youth. Service area: Nationwide

**CASA de Maryland** – [www.casademaryland.org](http://www.casademaryland.org) Tel: 301-431-4185. CASA de Maryland provides direct services in employment placement, workforce development and training, financial literacy, adult ESOL and Spanish literacy instruction, citizenship and legal services, health education, and human services navigation to low-income Latino and immigrant women, workers, and tenants. Service area: Maryland

**Catholic Charities - Esperanza Center** – [www.catholiccharities-md.org/immigrants](http://www.catholiccharities-md.org/immigrants) Tel: (410) 522-2668 (430 S. Broadway Street Baltimore, MD 21231). Esperanza Center of Catholic Charities-MD provides immigrants and uninsured individuals with access to medical and mental health care, social services, referrals, language classes, and legal services. English language, computer literacy, and citizenship classes are available. Service area: Baltimore City

**Central American Resource Center (CARECEN)** – [www.carecendc.org](http://www.carecendc.org) Tel: 202-328-9799. CARECEN offers direct service programs in immigration, housing and citizenship, and promotes empowerment, civil rights advocacy, and civic training for Latinos. Service area: Metropolitan Washington D.C.

**Centro de la Comunidad** - Tel: (410) 675-8606. Centro de la Comunidad is a community-based Latino organization which serves as an accessible gateway into programs such as: health, education, advocacy, employment, job bank referral database, housing, immigration, and other social services.

**Education Based Latino Outreach (EBLO)** - [www.eblo.org/](http://www.eblo.org/) Tel: (410) 563-3160. EBLO is a community organization that offers various educational and culturally sensitive programs to the Latino community and the general public. It provides back to school supplies, computer classes, ESOL classes, and Spanish classes, among other things.

**Foreign Born Information & Referral Network (FIRN)** – [www.firnonline.org](http://www.firnonline.org) Tel: 410-992-1923. FIRN offers guidance and assistance on immigration laws and regulations, information and referrals, after-school literacy programs, language connections and interpreting. Service area: Central Maryland

**Hajar's Hope Women's Center (HHWC)** – [www.hajarshope.org](http://www.hajarshope.org) HHWC helps address the needs of homeless Muslim women and children by providing shelter, food and clothing, as well as helping residents gain access to counseling, education, job training, employment, child care, nutrition and health care, and Islamic education. Service area: Metropolitan Baltimore, Metropolitan Washington D.C., New York, and New Jersey

**Healthcare for the Homeless** – [www.hchmd.org](http://www.hchmd.org) Tel: 410-837-5533. Healthcare for the Homeless provides medical and dental services, social work and case management, mental health treatment, and supportive housing for individuals experiencing chronic homelessness, mental and physical illness. Service area: Baltimore City

**House of Ruth / Adelante Familia** – [www.hruth.org](http://www.hruth.org) Tel: 410-732-2176. Twenty-four hour Helpline: (410) 889-RUTH (7884). House of Ruth provides prevention, intervention, legal aid and advocacy services for victims of domestic violence. The agency operates a shelter for women and children in immediate danger, individual and group counseling victims/survivors, and drop-in Crisis Support Groups. Service area: Metropolitan Baltimore

**ICDS (Iraqi Community Development Services)** -- [www.icdsus.org](http://www.icdsus.org) Tel: 443-470-2728. ICDS provides a variety of human and social services to those in need in Baltimore, including

refugees and immigrants. It seeks to strengthen communities by strengthening families. Service area: Baltimore City

**Intercultural Counseling Center** -- [www.interculturalcounseling.org](http://www.interculturalcounseling.org) Tel: (410) 235-2465. Intercultural Counseling Center is a mental health referral network that provides pro bono culturally responsive counseling and therapeutic services for refugees and asylees. Service area: Metropolitan Baltimore

**International Cultural Center (ICC)** – <http://www.theicc.net> Tel: 240-396-5350. ICC's Crossroads Program promotes peace, social harmony, and plurality through community outreach, assistance and empowerment. Crossroads uses a holistic, integrative approach to assist clients (individuals, families, and youth) from the Middle East, South Asia, and North/East/West Africa in accessing social services and support while providing case management, advocacy, mentoring and other wellness services. Youth development initiatives provide young people with community service opportunities, youth groups and individual mentoring/support. Service area: Montgomery County

**International Rescue Committee - Baltimore** – <http://www.rescue.org/us-program/us-baltimore-md> General office: Tel: (410) 327-1885; Immigration and Citizenship Services: (410) 558-3191 or (410) 558-3260. IRC Baltimore is a non-profit, non-sectarian refugee resettlement agency dedicated to working together with legally admitted refugees and asylees to assist them in rebuilding lives and reuniting families. Staff members and volunteers provide essential resettlement services to refugee families including basic necessities, education, employment, health care access, social services, and legal services toward residency and citizenship. Service area: Central Maryland

**Kennedy Krieger Center for Child and Traumatic Stress** - [www.kennedykrieger.org/patient-care/patient-care-centers/traumatic-stress-center](http://www.kennedykrieger.org/patient-care/patient-care-centers/traumatic-stress-center) Tel: (443) 923-5980 (Intake line). Kennedy Krieger Center for Child and Traumatic Stress is an outpatient mental health center that provides free trauma-informed Spanish-speaking mental health counseling for children ages 0-18 years and families exposed to domestic violence, abuse, community violence, persecution, and immigration stress. Service area: Baltimore City

**KIND Kids in Need of Defense** – <https://supportkind.org/> Tel: (202) 824-8680. KIND is a legal organization that provides pro bono legal representation for unaccompanied immigrant/refugee children in deportation proceedings, legal screenings, and Know Your Rights presentations. Service area: Baltimore City and Washington, D.C.

**Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services (LIRS)** – [www.lirs.org](http://www.lirs.org) Tel: 410-230-2700. LIRS is a national organization for migrant and refugee advocacy and programming that coordinates with a large network of partners throughout the U.S. specializing in refugee resettlement and community integration, alternatives to detention for asylum seekers, and family reunification and foster care for unaccompanied migrant youth. Service area: Nationwide

**Maryland Office for Refugees and Asylees (MORA)** – [www.dhr.state.md.us](http://www.dhr.state.md.us) Tel: 410-767-7514. MORA works through a network of public and private service providers throughout Maryland to coordinate transitional services aimed at helping refugees attain self-sufficiency.

Partner groups provide resettlement support and services to federally-recognized refugees and asylees, including medical, employment, and social services, health screenings, language instruction, and youth programs. Service area: Maryland

**National Human Trafficking Resource Hotline** – [www.polarisproject.org](http://www.polarisproject.org) Tel: 1-888-373-7888 or text “HELP” or “INFO” to BeFree (233733). A national, toll-free hotline that connects trafficking victims, professionals, and community members to information and referrals, as well as resources for training and technical assistance. Service area: Nationwide

**Soccer Without Borders, Baltimore** – <http://www.soccerwithoutborders.org/baltimore> Tel: 410-205-9792. Soccer Without Borders Baltimore uses soccer to promote positive change by providing refugee, asylee, and immigrant youth with tools and skills that help them attain growth, inclusion, and success. Program areas include soccer play and instruction, off-field lessons and academic tutoring, civic engagement, team building, and cultural exchange for middle and high school students. Service area: Metropolitan Baltimore

**Tahirih Justice Center** – [www.tahirih.org](http://www.tahirih.org) Tel: 410-999-1900 (Baltimore office); 571-282-6161 (Falls Church, VA office). Tahirih Justice Center works to protect immigrant women and girls seeking justice from gender-based violence through pro bono (free) legal and social services, referrals, advocacy, and public education programs. Service area: Nationwide

**TurnAround** – [www.turnaroundinc.org](http://www.turnaroundinc.org) Tel: 410-377-8111. **Twenty-four hour Helpline: 443-279-0379**. TurnAround provides services for victims of domestic violence, rape, sexual abuse, and sexual trafficking. Services include individual and group counseling (Spanish-speaking), support groups, shelter services, transitional housing, legal consultation, victim advocacy, case management, and hospital accompaniment. Services include advocacy, and an Abuser Intervention Program. Service area: Baltimore City and Baltimore County

**University of Maryland Immigration Carey School of Law Immigration Clinic** – <http://www.law.umaryland.edu/programs/clinic/initiatives/immigration> Tel: 410-706-3295. The University of Maryland Immigration Carey School of law Immigration Clinic provides free legal consultation, advice and referrals to individuals in removal proceedings in the Baltimore Immigration Court. Consultations are held every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month. Individuals must arrive by 9:30 a.m. to be seen. Clinic also provides free representation in removal proceedings for a limited number of clients seeking asylum and other immigration relief. Service area: Maryland

**Welcome Back Center of Suburban Maryland** – [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/HHS-Program/Program.aspx?id=OCA/OCAWelcomeB-p482](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/HHS-Program/Program.aspx?id=OCA/OCAWelcomeB-p482) Tel: 240-777-3168. Welcome Back Center of Suburban Maryland provides professional support and training to engage and integrate immigrants trained in medical professions into healthcare professions within the United States. Service area: Maryland

**Women’s Law Center of Maryland/ Multi-Ethnic Domestic Violence Project** – [www.wlcmd.org](http://www.wlcmd.org) Tel: 410-396-3294. The Women’s Law Center of Maryland – Multi Ethnic

Domestic Violence Project provides pro bono legal services to foreign-born victims of domestic violence, human trafficking, and sexual assault. Service area: Maryland

**World Relief Baltimore Immigration Legal Clinic –**

<http://worldrelief.org/Page.aspx?pid=2896> Tel: 410-244-0002. World Relieve Baltimore Immigration Legal Clinic provides assistance to immigrants, refugees, asylum seekers or their family members. The clinic partners with the University of Maryland School of Law to provide consultations to individuals in deportation proceedings on a biweekly basis with the collaboration of volunteer pro bono attorneys. Initial consultations are provided at the World Relief office in downtown Baltimore (7 East Baltimore Street) every Wednesday starting at 9:30 on a first-come, first-served basis; cost is \$70 for employed individuals, free to those who are not working. Service area: Maryland