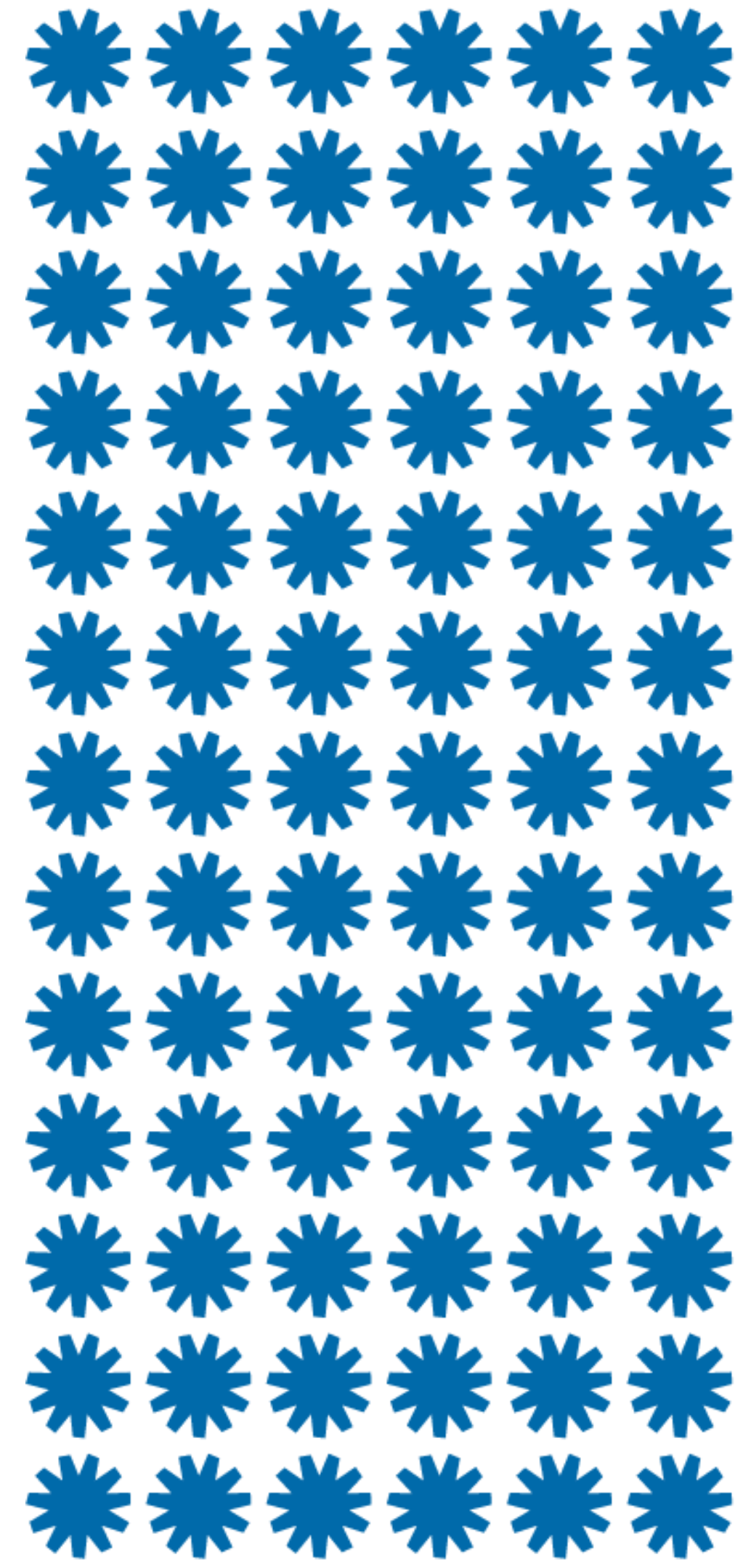




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# MIGRATION WORLDWIDE

## PUSH AND PULL FACTORS

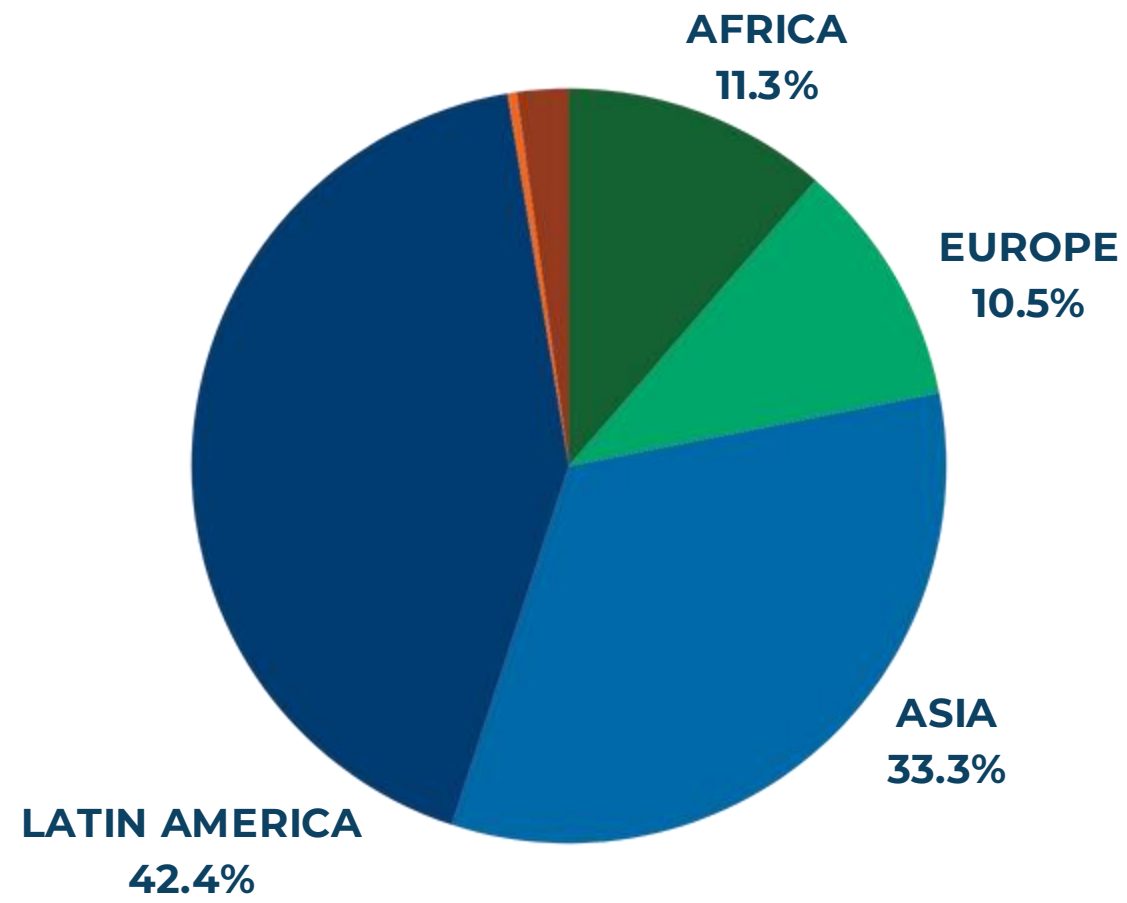
- Armed conflict, disaster exposure, gender inequality, lack of job opportunities, political corruption, and lack of access to competent healthcare and education
- Better work opportunities, greater security, and access to adequate healthcare and education



**281 million**  
International Migrants  
globally in 2020



# IMMIGRANTS IN INDIANA AND CENTRAL INDIANA



INDIANA FOREIGN-BORN  
POPULATION

6.1%



of **Indiana** is  
foreign-born

12.1%



of **Marion County**  
is foreign-born

17.6%



speak another  
language at home  
in Marion County



# COMPARING ORIGINS



*Top 5 countries of origin for U.S., Indiana, and Central Indiana Immigrants*



1. Mexico 24%
2. India 6%
3. China 5%
4. Philippines 4.5%
5. El Salvador 3%



1. Mexico 23.9%
2. India 9.2%
3. Nigeria 3.9%
4. China 3.8%
5. Myanmar (Burma) 3.2%

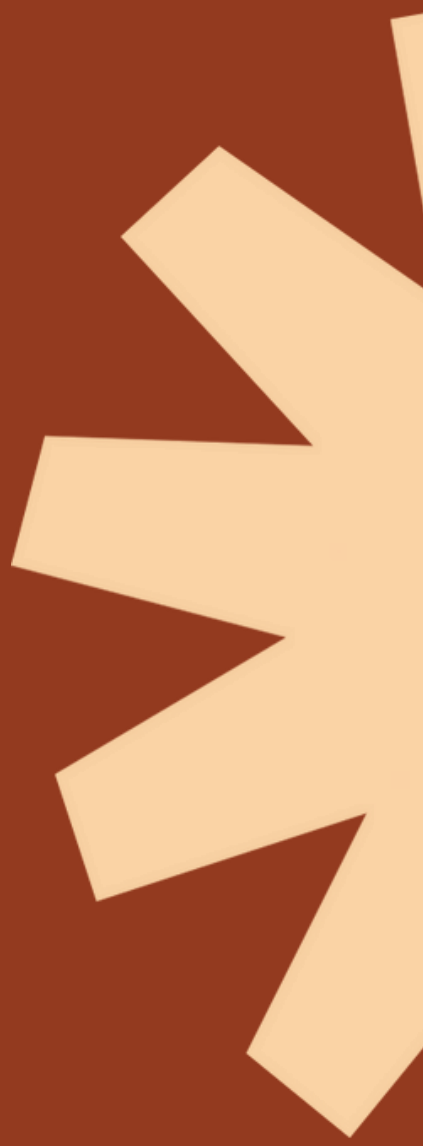


1. Mexico 24.4%
2. India 10%
3. Myanmar (Burma) 6.4%
4. China 4.9%
5. Nigeria 4.5%



# LET'S CHAT!

What data surprised you  
and why?



# WHO WE ARE



## OUR MISSION

**TO BE A TRUSTED  
ADVOCATE AND  
PARTNER FOR ALL  
IMMIGRANTS**

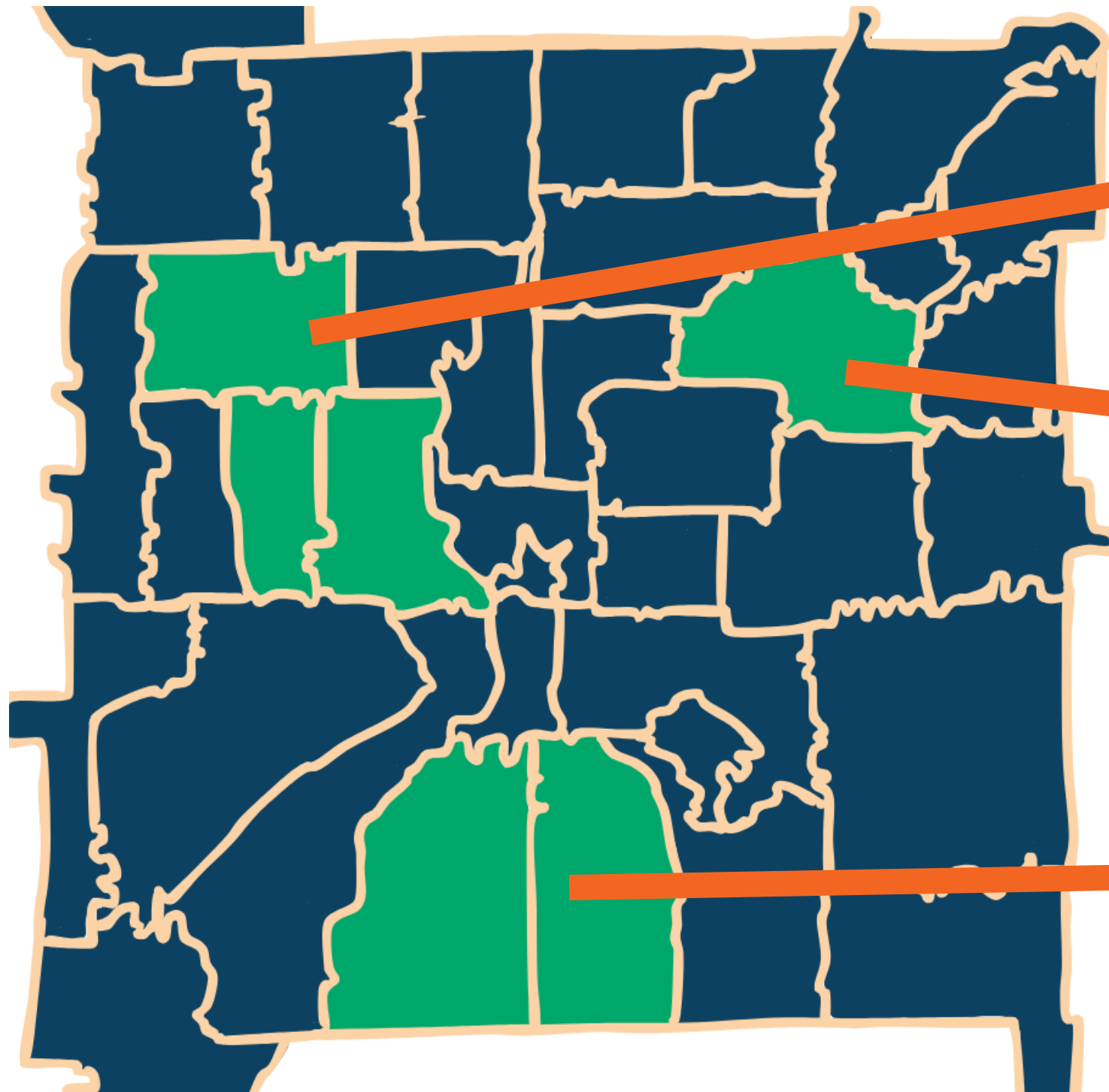
## OUR VISION

**EVERY IMMIGRANT  
IN INDIANA IS  
THRIVING**

## OUR VALUES

**EQUITY  
ACCOUNTABILITY  
COLLABORATION  
TRUST**

# MARION COUNTY



## WESTSIDE

24% of all foreign-born population and 51% of Western African population lives in 46224, 46222 & 46254

## LAWRENCE

5.4% of all foreign-born population lives in 46226

## SOUTHSIDE

87% of Burmese population lives in 46227 & 46217

Source: U.S. Census, ACS2020, IWC CRM Data



# IMPACTS IN PERSPECTIVE



## [Read IWC Success Stories](#)

## Understand the economic impact:

- [Migration Policy Institute](#)
- [Council on Foreign Relations](#)

### MYTH

It's easy to become a U.S. citizen, and anyone can do it

Immigrants negatively impact the U.S. economy

### FACT

Obtaining citizenship is costly, complicated, and lengthy with limited options

Immigrants contributed \$1.6T in economic activity and \$780B in taxes

## TOP COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN



TOP LANGUAGES SPOKEN\*



\*Other than English

# 2024 TOP SERVICES SEARCHED



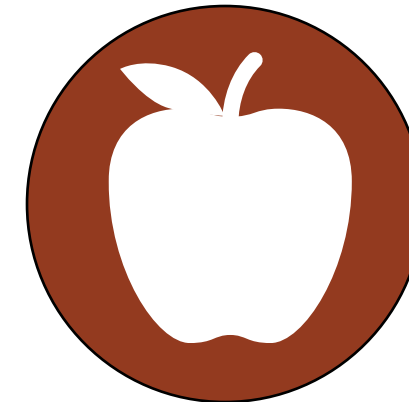
**1. ENGLISH CLASSES**



**2. HOUSING**



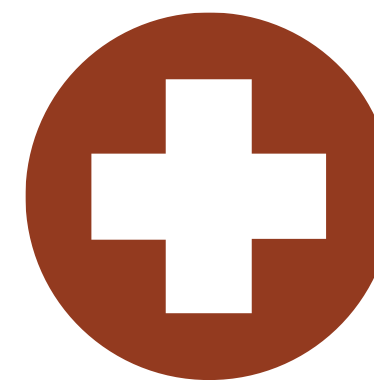
**3. LEGAL**



**4. FOOD & CLOTHING**



**5. EMPLOYMENT**



**6. HEALTH**

## DIRECT SERVICES

### IMMIGRANT & REFUGEE SUPPORT

#### IWC Connect Resource Database & Helpline

- Available 24/7 online (see QR code)
- Or by phone during working hours:

**317-808-2326**



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Navigator

#### Natural Helpers Program

- Natural Helpers are volunteers who assist immigrants and refugees transition to life in Indianapolis.

#### Community Navigators

- Community Navigators provide holistic and comprehensive case management services including intakes and referrals.



#### **SERGIO ROLDAN**

Natural Helpers  
and Immigrant  
Support Manager



## DIRECT SERVICES

## CITIZENSHIP & LEGAL SUPPORT

### Citizenship Classes

- Citizenship classes to help prepare Lawful Permanent Residents for the next step in becoming a naturalized U.S. citizen

### Citizenship Support

- Free assistance with N-400 application

### Legal Referrals

- Provide trusted legal resources to immigrants looking for legal assistance in Indiana



**GIOVANNI RIVERA**

Immigrant  
Specialist

## DIRECT SERVICES

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE LITERACY (ELL)

#### Adult ELL Pathway to Literacy

- Creating, providing, and sustaining English classes for those immigrants who are beginning learners



**GINGER KOSOBUCKI**

ELL Director

#### English in the Workplace

- Creating opportunities for employers to offer English classes to employees whose first language is not English

**CECILIA MEH**

BELL Program  
Coordinator



## DIRECT SERVICES

## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP SUPPORT

### Agency Consultations

- One-on-one consultations to local agencies to increase their capacity to assist immigrants and refugees

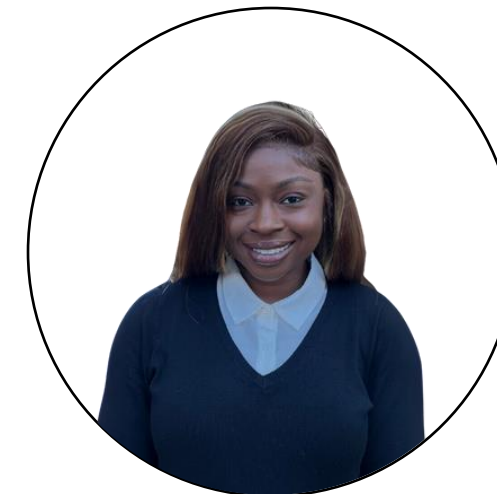
### Trainings and Workshops

- On-demand and tailored trainings to local organizations to help them work effectively with immigrants and refugees



**BEKAH JOSLIN**

Manager of Training  
and Resources



**ROCHENIDE ST.  
PREUX**

Project Liaison  
Manager



# RESOURCES



## IWC CONNECT

- Navigate to IWC Website Resources Page or scan QR code
- Enter ZIP Code
- Search for free or low cost programs by category

## TIPS









- Translate the page into 100+ languages
- Save and send programs with a free account
- Each program will list eligibility, availability, next steps, and more!



# RESOURCES

[What We Do](#) ▾[Who We Are](#)[Get Involved](#) ▾[Explore More](#) ▾[Contact](#)[Donate](#)

## IMMIGRANT SUPPORT RESOURCES

-  [Red Cards / Tarjetas Rojas | Immigrant Legal Resource Center](#)
-  [Know Your Rights | National Immigrant Justice Center](#)
-  [Immigrants' Rights | American Civil Liberties Union](#)
-  [Step-by-Step Family Preparedness Plan | Immigration Legal Resource Center](#)
-  [Emergency Preparedness for Immigrant Families A 50 State Resource | Catholic Legal Immigration Network INC \( CLINIC\) |](#)
-  [Immigration & Schools 101 | National Education Association](#)
-  [Resources & Support for Undocumented Students & Families | Indianapolis Public Schools](#)
-  [FAQ for Families of Indiana Residents Who Are Detained in Immigration \(ICE\) Custody | Mariposa Legal](#)

# RESOURCES

## *RESOURCES*



## Faith & facts: Immigration in the united states

### More Resources

“When a stranger sojourns with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong. You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.”

Leviticus 19:33-34

“Why have I found such favor in your eyes that you notice me—a foreigner?”

Boaz replied, “I’ve been told all about what you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband—how you left your father and mother and your homeland and came to live with a people you did not know before. May the Lord repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge.”

Ruth 2: 11-12

# SUPPORT OUR WORK

## *VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES*



### English Language Learning

Assist students enrolled in virtual or in-person classes to learn English:

- Classroom assistance
- 1:1 conversation practice with students

### Citizenship Services

Assist clients in their journey to become a naturalized citizen:

- Tutor to prepare for exam to become a naturalized citizen
- Provide support during citizenship workshops

### Natural Helpers

Assist immigrants with integration in communities they live and work in:

- Engagement and referrals for clients
- First or second generation immigrants preferred

**Time commitment is variable**

**For more information, please follow [this link](#)**

## SUPPORT OUR WORK

*DONATE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE*



**St. Luke's UMC is  
partnering with Immigrant  
Welcome Center to  
financially support clients  
who are in need of  
resources!**



QUESTIONS?



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Find us online!



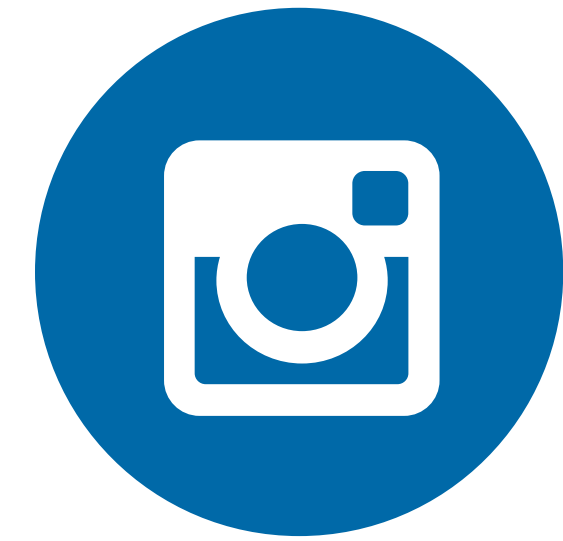
FACEBOOK

Immigrant Welcome  
Center



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Center



INSTAGRAM

@iwcindy

# LET'S CONNECT



## Contact Details

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Indianapolis, IN 46202

#### HOURS

M/T/TH/F: 9am-4pm

W: By appointment only

OFFICE NUMBER

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