

Immigration Resources

These organizations offer free or low-cost help for immigrants, refugees, and families. Support may include legal assistance, community services, and help accessing healthcare when leaving home feels difficult.

Minnesota Council of Churches (MCC) – Mankato Area Refugee Services

Location: Mankato, MN

Website: <https://mnchurches.org/what-we-do/refugee-services>

Provides support for immigrants and refugees, including:

- Community navigation and orientation
- Immigration adjustment support
- Help connecting to healthcare and social services

Also offers the Tapestry Project, a six-week orientation program covering housing, public safety, and health access.

Legal Assistance

Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services (SMRLS)

Location: Mankato, MN

Website: <https://www.smrls.org/>

Provides free legal assistance for eligible individuals, including:

- Permanent residency (green card) applications
- Citizenship and naturalization
- Family-based immigration petitions
- Replacement of lost or stolen documents

Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota (ILCM)

Website: ilcm.org

Phone: 651-641-1011

Provides free immigration legal representation to low-income immigrants and refugees across Minnesota.

Catholic Charities Immigration Legal Services

Website: <https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/what-we-do/immigration-services/>

Provides immigration legal assistance, orientations, and referrals.

Helps with:

- Family-based immigration
- TPS (Temporary Protected Status)
- DACA
- Asylum

Immigration Advocates Network (IAN)

Website: <https://www.immigrationadvocates.org/nonprofit/>

A national network of nonprofit immigration legal services.

Provides a searchable directory of free or low-cost legal assistance.

National Immigration Legal Services Directory

Website: <https://www.immigrationadvocates.org/legaldirectory/>

Search for legal help based on: City, State, Income, Language needs

RAICES (Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services)

Website: <https://raicestexas.org/legal>

Provides legal services and support for immigrants and refugees, including representation and community education.

Students

Minnesota State University, Mankato – International Student Services

Location: Mankato, MN

Website: <https://mankato.mnsu.edu/academics/global-education/centers-of-global-education/international-student-services/>

Provides immigration advising for international students, including:

- Visa and status questions
- Immigration compliance

Help Accessing Healthcare & Virtual Visits

For Nicollet County Residence- Nicollet County Public Health (NCPH)

Serves: Nicollet County

Phone: 507-934-7229

Nicollet County Public Health may be able to help families who are delaying or avoiding in-person care due to immigration or safety concerns. Support may include:

- Help connecting with clinics
- Assistance exploring virtual visit options, when available
- Care coordination and community resources

ICE (Immigration & Customs Enforcement) Information

These resources provide official information only and do not offer legal advice.

ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO)

Website: ice.gov/ero

General information about ICE enforcement operations and field offices.

Children's Network

Website: childnet.org/immigration-resources

Resources on how to help kids understand ICE.

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness)

Website: namimn.org/self-care-and-mindfulness-during-times-of-fear-and-uncertainty-in-minnesota/

Article on self-care and mindfulness during uncertain times.

COPAL Resources

Website: <https://copalmn.org/resources/>