



Comunidad-Cultura-Conección COMMUNITY-CULTURE-CONNECTION

Our Founders



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We are located at First United Methodist Church(FUMC)



Our Mission

We advocate on behalf of the Latino community and on behalf of other groups by providing a safe, kind, and supportive space towards self-sufficiency, resilience, healing and well-being. We educate and encourage those who remain silent in the face of injustice to speak up and be heard by providing culturally appropriate services.







Areas of Service

Advocacy:

- Protective orders
- Documentation
- Court accompaniment
- Interpretation and translations
- Case management for cases of domestic violence
- Abuse and other crimes







USDA: Farm and Food worker relieve Program (FFWR)

This is a program from the U.S. Department of Agriculture through which we can provide a one time \$600 relief payments to eligible farm and food workers who incurred expenses preparing for, preventing exposure to, and responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. Agricultural and meatpacking workers, as well as select grocery workers, may receive one relief payment.







Education:

La Promesa Program:

- Information and referrals to education resources
- RDS, and FAFSA applications and appeals
- Financial aid guidance
- College applications and Scholarships
- Support during the first year of college
- 165 students are part of this program.









Health:

Referrals to health services and transportation

Implement strategies to increase access to vaccines

- Outreach and education efforts
- Coordinating local efforts for events in trusted and accessible locations
- Help our community to schedule vaccine appointments
- Provide onsite interpretation









Immigration:

- •Family Immigration Program started January of 2023
- •Funded this year by private donors, Fernandez Pave the Way Foundation and Duke Energy
- •Staff 1 immigration attorney, bilingual paralegal and 1 bilingual intake coordinator
- •Serve clients who don't qualify for Pisgah Legal but can't afford a private immigration attorney
- •Walk-in consultations on Wednesday for \$35 and low bono legal fees

Immigration Myths

Myth 1: It is easy to immigrate here, they should apply for a green card or citizenship.

Fact: It not easy. It's very difficult to immigrate legally to the United States. Immigration law is second only to the income tax code in legal complexity.

Myth 2: Undocumented people don't pay taxes.

Fact: Undocumented people pay \$11.64 billion in state and local taxes a year (break down \$6.9 billion in sales and excise taxes, \$3.6 billion in property taxes, and just under \$1.1 billion in personal income taxes.) Source The Institute on Taxation & Economic Policy





Resources

TV: Immigration Nation on Netflix documentary limited series

Books: *Refugee* by Alan Gratz, *In the Country we Love* by Diane Guerrero, *The Undocumented Americans* by Karla Cornvejo Villavicencio, *Solito* by Javier Zamora

Websites:

Immigrant Legal Resource Center, <u>https://www.ilrc.org/</u>

Catholic Legal Immigration Network, https://cliniclegal.org/

National Immigration Law Center, https://www.nilc.org/

Challenges

- **Sustainability:** How do we advance our mission with limited funding, Nonstable budgeting.
- **Reporting**: there is so much pressure to show results and social impact
- Increase in the need of services (economic hardships)
- **Employees**: Our people drive the mission. How do we offer living wages and retain our talent?
- **Burnout** is real, we were may hats.



Somos

una organización sin fines de lucro que proporciona servicios y atencion bilingüe a miembros de la comunidad Hispana / Latinx en el Condado de Henderson y alrededores.

ABOGACIA

Trámites, documentación, acompañamiento a la Corte, interpretación, gestión y seguimiento de casos en situaciones de violencia doméstica, abuso y otros rímenes.

RUE RID

INMIGRACIÓN Gestión de casos de familias afectadas por deportación, consultas generales a bajo costo (DACA, TPS, VAIVA, Urísa) con abogado de inmigración con licencia en Carolina del Norte.

EDUCACIÓN

Información y referencia a recursos de educación, apoyo en la gestión de becas educativas, programa de pasantías y talleres de formación por demanda.

Alcance comunitario Asistencia alimentaria (Banco de Alimentos Abundancia), organización de grupos, gestión e implementación de iniciativas y colaboraciones de impacto comunitario.

INFORMACIÓN Y REFERENCIA Información y asistencia para trámites generales, traducciones e información y referencia sobre otros recursos disponibles en la comunidad.















Questions







"Non-Profits serve as the great equalizer, when individuals come together to amplified the voice of those who truly have no voice"

Thank you !!!