



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)

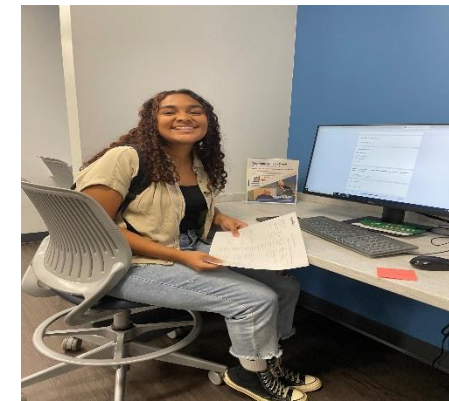
This is a program from the U.S. Department of Agriculture through which we can provide a one time \$600 relief payments to eligible farm and food workers who incurred expenses preparing for, preventing exposure to, and responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. Agricultural and meatpacking workers, as well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



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health trust

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 Cornejo Villavicencio, *Solito* by Javier Zamora

Websites:

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

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.







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 !!!