

WHAT WE DO



- Face-to-Face & Virtual Professional Development
 - EL/immigrant family & community engagement, cultural proficiency, equity, language access, refugee resettlement, child development, cross-cultural parenting, mental health, unaccompanied minors, & more!
- Online Courses (Graduate Credit Available)

We partner with English Learner Portal to provide online courses relevant to teachers, administrators, school counselors, social workers, family engagement professionals, and more.

Consulting

We work with school districts, refugee resettlement agencies, and other organizations on various projects related to family engagement, equity, language access, partnerships between school districts and community-based organizations, and more.

Immigrant Connections improves the lives of immigrant children and families by helping educators, social workers, and other professionals better serve this population through training, coaching, and consultative services.





Think about what is lost when you think about immigrant-origin students [families] simply as kids [people] who need to learn English?

Adam Strom,Re-imaginingMigration





STRATEGY #1

Understand families' backgrounds:

- Immigrant families (not EL families, ML families, etc.)
- Cultural piece
- Systems involved with



TERMINOLOGY DEFINED

- An immigrant voluntarily leaves his/her country of origin to permanently live in the U.S.
- A refugee is *forced* to flee due to persecution (based on politics, religion, race, nationality, or membership in a particular social group).
- An asylum-seeker is *forced* to flee, but doesn't ask for protection until already in the U.S. If granted protection, they are then an asylee.
- ☐ Migrants move around looking for work, usually in the agricultural or fishing industries.
- Undocumented refers to foreign-born individuals who do not possess immigration documentation. It includes people who entered the U.S. without inspection and those who entered with a visa that is no longer valid.
- Humanitarian Parole allows one to stay and work in the U.S. but it does not provide a direct pathway to permanent residency or citizenship.





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TOP 5 COUNTRIES AND LANGUAGES IN OHIO (2022)

	% of
Country	Immigrants
India	11.0%
Mexico	7.7%
China	5.1%
Philippines	3.1%
Canada	2.5%

	# of People 5
Language	yrs+
Spanish	271,951
Yiddish, PA Dutch	64,915
German	42,926
Nepali, Marathi, or	
other Indic lang.	41,505
Arabic	40,769

<u>Source</u> <u>Source</u>



TOP COUNTRIES REFUGEES RESETTLED IN OHIO ARE FROM (FY16-FY23)

	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	Totals
DRC	789	571	392	870	142	255	522	1,304	4845
Afghanistan	226	171	126	89	144	112	* 2,020	382	3270
Bhutan	1186	815	560	25	5	0	2	7	2600
Syria	526	360	2	15	15	58	227	403	1606
Somalia	688	422	14	14	10	15	58	110	1331
Ukraine **		142	147	241	65	27	63	72	757
Iraq	344	240	28	14	31	12	23	57	749
Eritrea			65	104	24	13	20	82	308
Burma			44	53	37	2	39	69	244
Sudan				13	3	28	64	123	231

<u>Data from Ohio Refugee Services</u>

* This includes those resettled through Operation Allies Welcome

** This data does not reflect the Ukrainians coming in on Humanitarian Parole



OHIO REFUGEE DATA BY CITY (FY15-FY23)

	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	Totals
Columbus	1,373	1,688	1,175	520	470	204	185	1,075	902	7,592
Cleveland	666	1,097	756	408	466	200	191	1,147	825	5,756
Akron	541	809	575	313	189	53	59	331	407	3,277
Dayton	202	280	184	117	301	68	104	320	493	2,069
Cincinnati	201	328	257	139	79	27	20	156	186	1,393





STRATEGY #2

Language access

- Apps that translate are not enough!
- Need infrastructure for interpretation (oral) & translation (written) services
- Major equity issue



https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/frontpage/pro-students/issues/roi-issue03.html

SPECTRUM OF OPTIONS:

Most- to least-meaningful communication practices when there is a language barrier with parents.



Trained interpreter, face-to-face or remote + Personal + Accurate

- Cost

- Time to request

interpreter, by phone (OPI)

Trained

- + Accurate
- Not as personal

Partner with a bilingual colleague to deliver message

- + Personal
- Not accurate
- Pulling away from job
- Not building own relationship

Using a translation app

- + Quick and free
- Not accurate
- Likely has little meaning
- May not satisfy federal requirements

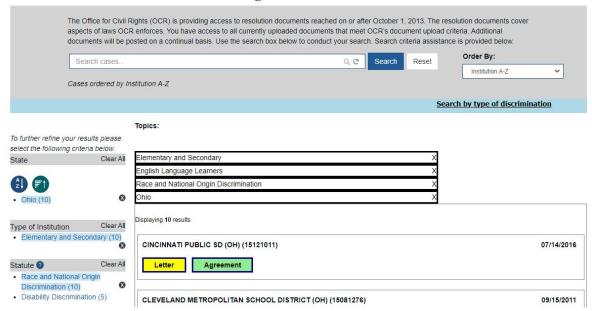






OCR Search

Office for Civil Rights Recent Resolution Search



Replicate my search here

STRATEGY #3

Partner with your local immigrant and refugee community-based organizations as well as faith-based institutions that serve this population. (And remember all communities, not just Hispanic or Latino.)







- 1:1 mentoring with a volunteer + group activities and field trips, etc.
- Family Engagement
 - Home Visits
 - Check-in Phone Calls
 - Home Language Interaction
 - Wraparound Support
- School Interactions
 - Parent Teacher Conference Support
 - Progress reports
 - Supportive Intervention
 - Advocacy



REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT ORGS IN OH

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OTHER AGENCIES SUPPORTING IMMIGRANTS IN OH

- Asian Services in Action (Cleveland and Akron)
- □ Comité Mexicano (Cleveland)
- ☐ El Centro (Lorain County)
- □ Esperanza (Cleveland)
- □ HOLA (Painesville area)
- OCCHA (Mahoning, Trumbull, and Columbiana Counties)
- □ Ohio Hispanic Coalition (Columbus)
- Ohio Latino Affairs Commission (statewide)
- Our Lady of Guadalupe / Catholic Social Services (Columbus)
- □ Refugee Connect (Cincinnati)
- □ Re:Source Cleveland (Cleveland)
- □ Spanish American Committee (Cleveland)
- □ Su Casa Hispanic Center of Catholic Charities (Cincinnati)
- □ US Together (Cleveland, Columbus, Toledo)



STRATEGY #4

Create welcoming schools through policies, high expectations, and staff training.

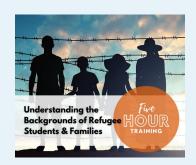








ONLINE SELF-PACED COURSES



















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