

## Immigration Resources

### Worcester Area:

**Worcester Alliance for Refugee Ministry (WARM)**  
PO Box 20252 Worcester, MA 01602 (508) 369-8988

**Catholic Charities** (508) 860-2261  
10 Hammond Street Worcester, MA 01610

**Ascentria Care Alliance** (508) 754-1121  
11 Shattuck Street Worcester, MA 01605 X440

### Statewide:

**MA Office for Refugees & Immigrants** (617) 727-7888  
<http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/ori/>

**MA Immigrant & Refugee Advocacy** (617) 350-5480  
<https://www.miracoalition.org/>

### Civil & Legal:

**Community Legal Aid** (413) 781-7814  
<http://www.communitylegal.org/>

**Immigrant Defense Project**  
<http://www.immdefense.org/category/resources-for-communities/>

**Immigrant Defense Project:  
Criminal-Immigration Hotline** (212) 725-6422

**Know Your Rights: ICE Home Raids & Community Arrests**  
<http://www.immdefense.org/ice-home-and-community-arrests/>

**Civil Rights Complaint Form**  
<http://bit.ly/2g1h60R>

## Definitions

<b>Undocumented Immigrant</b>	An individual who entered a country without legal permission.
<b>Refugee</b>	Someone who has been forced to leave a country because of war, religious, or political reasons
<b>Asylum</b>	Protection given by a government to someone who has left another country in order to escape being harmed.
<b>Citizen</b>	A person who legally belongs to a country and has the rights and protections of that country.
<b>Lawful Permanent Resident</b> (often referred to as Legal Resident)	See green card.
<b>Green Card</b>	Serves as proof that its holder (LPR), has been officially granted immigration benefits, including permission to reside and take employment in the US.
<b>Visa</b> (HB-1 has been in the news)	An endorsement on a passport indicating that the holder is allowed to enter, leave, or stay for a specified period of time in a country.
<b>Diversity Immigrant Visa Program</b> (A.K.A. "Green Card Lottery")	Makes up to 50,000 immigrant visas available annually. Drawn from a selection among all entries to individuals who are from countries with low rates of immigration to the US.
<b>DACA</b> (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals)	An American immigration policy founded by the Obama Administration in June 2012. DACA allows certain undocumented immigrants who entered the country as minors, to receive a renewable two-year period of deferred action from deportation and eligibility for a work permit.
<b>Executive Order</b>	An order that comes from the US President or a government agency and must be obeyed like a law.

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