**Immigration Resources**

**Worcester Area:**

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

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

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

**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**

**Undocumented Immigrant**
An individual who entered a country without legal permission.

**Refugee**
Someone who has been forced to leave a country because of war, religious, or political reasons.

**Asylum**
Protection given by a government to someone who has left another country in order to escape being harmed.

**Citizen**
A person who legally belongs to a country and has the rights and protections of that country. See green card.

**Lawful Permanent Resident**
(often referred to as Legal Resident)

**Green Card**
Serves as proof that its holder (LPR), has been officially granted immigration benefits, including permission to reside and take employment in the US.

**Visa**
(Refugee Visa Program) 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.

**DACA**
(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.

**Executive Order**
An order that comes from the US President or a government agency and must be obeyed like a law.

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