

Supporting Immigrant & Refugee Students & Families

WELCOME

“The experiences of immigrant and refugee children are often fraught with trauma. Many arrive after harrowing journeys involving weeks – if not months or years – of violence, upheaval, and marginalization.- Gonzales”



Education

- Educate for diversity. School leaders and counselors can address discrimination
- Listen to immigrant children.
- Help build empathy and bridge divides.
- Provide college and career planning that fits with the realities migrant families face. Most will need significant financial aid in order to attend college. Undocumented students will need special assistance navigating the application process
- Be curious- to learn about students culture and family, celebrating diversity and differences!

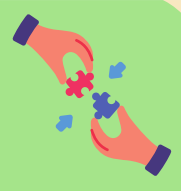
Being Mindful



- Many immigrant & refugee families have experienced layers of trauma
 - The journey alone is often long and stressful
 - Many students have only had limited schooling.
- (In 2015, only 50 percent of refugees had access to primary school compared to 93 percent globally)

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What can we do?



- Information in preferred language
- Connect families to resources
- Stay informed of current policy impacts
- Share information about rights
- Making family support a priority!
- Refugee children’s success partially depends on their families being connected to basic necessities such as clothing and food.



Shafer, L., Walsh, B., & Gonzales, R. (2018) Harvard Graduate School of Education



Resources

Legal Support & Resources



<https://miracoalition.org/>

Referral support & housing assistance
Community Counseling



<https://www.riacboston.org/>

Clothing, Essentials & English Classes



<https://www.gbfb.org/>



<https://thehome.org/frc>

Food Resources



<https://www.ccab.org/>



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