



## Ohio Is Home: A Guide to the Website

The Ohio Immigrant Alliance, in collaboration with partners, has created the Ohio is Home this guide to provide immigrants, service providers, and community members with a streamlined overview of the content available on the [OhioIsHome.org](https://ohioishome.org) website. The guide is designed to enhance accessibility, allowing users to quickly access useful links without having to navigate through each section of the site.

The website is available in [English](#), [French](#), [Spanish](#), and [Simplified Chinese](#), with many resources available in additional languages. Check them all out!

If you have a resource you'd like to see on the site, or want to request a speaker or training, [contact us](#).

## Categories and Resources

### Home

Migration is as old as time, as basic as breathing. It's a simple part of being human. The Ohio Immigrant Alliance is a group of immigrants and allies working together to protect the dignity and rights of all individuals who choose to make Ohio their home — regardless of race, religion, gender expression, age, ability, and citizenship status.

### Be Well

[Mental Health](#). Explore resources and support for mental health tailored to immigrants and their families, available in multiple languages, including resources from the [Refugee Immigrant and Mental Health Coalition of Ohio](#) and others.

[Art](#). Art gives us access to new worlds, and helps us see our world in new ways. Discover how the arts are being used to celebrate and uplift immigrant stories and contributions in Ohio, with projects like [The Fulani Project](#); [Ohio Migration Anthology](#); [Immigrant Youth In Cincinnati Illustrate Their Lives](#); [Black Immigrants in Ohio](#); [You Belong Here](#); and [The Griot Tradition With Tam-Tam Magic](#).

### Stay Safe

[Family Guide and Know Your Rights](#). Access comprehensive guides for families, including detailed information on immigrant rights, written by [Advocates for Basic Legal Equality \(ABLE\)](#). This [set of videos and guides](#) for individuals at risk of detention and deportation equips them to learn their rights, and prepare for the best possible outcome. The [videos](#) and family guides are [available in](#) English, Spanish, Arabic, French, Kinyarwanda, Somali, and Swahili.

[Pocket Cards](#). Find printable "red cards" and artwork from the Immigrant Legal Resource Center, in multiple languages, to educate and empower immigrants in your communities.

- ★ Print Your Own: The Artwork for printing your own cards is available at the bottom of [this](#) page.
- ★ Non-profits can request printed copies by using [this order form](#).
- ★ Businesses, private attorneys, and people placing orders of 1000 or more, order [here](#).

**Find a Lawyer.** Learn how to find immigration lawyers and navigate immigration legal cases and processes. This resource includes:

- ★ [Where To Look For A Good Lawyer](#)
- ★ [Directories Of Low-Cost Or Free Legal Services](#)
- ★ [Find a Service Organization Near You](#)
- ★ [American Bar Association Lawyer Referral Directory](#)
- ★ [AILA Private Immigration Lawyer Search Tool](#)
- ★ [National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild: Find An Attorney Tool](#)
- ★ [DOJ Recognized Organizations And Accredited Representatives](#)
- ★ [How To Get Good Legal help by IMMI.org](#)

After searching and creating a list of potential lawyers, it is important to know how to pick the best match for you. Follow the steps below to ensure you find the right lawyer:

- ★ [How To Look For a Good Lawyer](#)
- ★ [Gather Important Documents](#)
- ★ [Immigration History](#)
- ★ [It's Confidential, Be Honest!](#)
- ★ [Prepare Questions!](#)
- ★ [Check Legal Advisor Credentials](#)
- ★ [Notarios & Fraud Prevention](#)
  - Visit [stopnotariofraud.org](#) to see options for reporting fraud
  - Contact the [Bureau of Consumer Protection](#) to file an official complaint
  - Seek help from [lawyers helping victims of fraud](#)
  - [Working with a Different Lawyer](#)

**Prepping Your Case.** Akron attorney Farhad Sethna created a [free worksheet](#) for individuals to use to organize information about their immigration and personal history, before meeting with an immigration lawyer. [Access the tool](#) and learn more at [saveimmigrantfamiliesusa.com](#).

**News.** Read about the latest immigration news on the [Ohio Immigrant Alliance](#) website, [sign up](#) for emails, and [get in touch](#).

## Build The Nest

**What is the "Nest"?** We are all part of building the nest of protection in our community. Know your role, enforce your rights and stay focused on your core mission. The following resources come from sources nationwide, but are relevant in Ohio.

- ★ [Healthcare Systems](#) (National Immigration Law Center)
- ★ [K-12 Educators](#) (California Attorney General's Office)
- ★ [Social Workers](#) (National Association of Social Workers)
- ★ [Businesses](#) (National Employment Law Project and National Immigration Law Center)
- ★ [Police](#) (The Policing Institute)
- ★ [Find Local Groups](#): Resources and experts in your local community

## Engage

**Report Abuses.** Everyone has rights. Report abuses [here](#).

## **[Find Local Groups.](#)**

### **Northwest Ohio**

- ★ [Northwest Ohio Peace Coalition](#)
- ★ [People for Peace & Justice Sandusky County](#)
- ★ [Welcome Toledo-Lucas County \(TLC\)](#)

### **Northeast Ohio**

- ★ [Immigration Working Group CLE](#)

### **Southwest Ohio**

- ★ [Haitian Community Help & Support Center](#)
- ★ [Immigrant Dignity Coalition](#)
- ★ [Miami Valley Immigration Coalition](#)

### **Statewide and Multi-Region Organizations**

- ★ [Advocates for Basic Legal Equality](#)
- ★ [Ohio Immigrant Alliance](#)
- ★ [OPAWL - Building AAPI Feminist Leadership](#)

**[Contact OHIA.](#)** Need a resource or a speaker for your group or community? Want to help build the community protection nest across Ohio? Want to join our email list and stay updated on the latest news affecting immigrants and others across Ohio? [Contact](#) the Ohio Immigrant Alliance. Please fill out this [short form](#) to ask us a question or join our email list.

**[Donate to OHIA.](#)** We can't build the nest of protection without you! Make a tax-deductible financial donation to the Ohio Immigrant Alliance today. Can't donate? Don't worry. You can still join us by volunteering your time and skills. Email us [here](#).

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