Appendix A: Additional Resources

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Access DuPage
Partnership of hospitals, physicians, local governments, human services agencies, and community groups to provide medical services to low-income and uninsured residents.
http://accessdupage.org/

Accion Chicago
Alternative lending organization providing credit and other business services to small business owners who do not have access to traditional sources of financing.
http://www.accionchicago.org/

Active Transportation Alliance
Chicago-based organization that provides advocacy, data, consulting and planning services to communities and officials to improve the use, availability, and safety of alternative transportation.
http://activetrans.org/

Annie E. Casey Foundation
Private charity dedicated to helping disadvantaged children.
http://www.aecf.org/.

Alivio Medical Center
Bilingual, bicultural organization that provides access to quality cost-effective health care to the Latino community, the uninsured and underinsured, and all other cultures and races.
http://www.aliviomedicalcenter.org/.

Asian Americans Advancing Justice
Asian American Advancing Justice empowers the Asian American community through advocacy by utilizing education, research, and coalition-building.
http://www.advancingjustice-chicago.org/

B

Bensenville Code Red Emergency Notification System
Provides alerts to residents and businesses about emergencies in multiple languages.

Bensenville Community Oriented Police Division
Crime prevention efforts including Neighborhood Watch, Business Watch, ORD Airport Watch, Crime Free Multi-Housing, the Student Watch Program and the Organizations Watch Program.

Bank on Cities Campaign
Organized by the National League of Cities’ Institute for Youth Education and Families, the Campaign helps communities access resources and form partnerships to connect under-banked individuals with financial services like checking and savings accounts.

Boys & Girls Club
Illinois Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs offers a variety of after school programs and activities for kids aged 6-18. Programming focuses on health and fitness, leadership and character development.
http://www.bgcilinoisalliance.org/

Carpentersville Youth Prevention Program
Carpentersville Police Department’s Social Worker partnered with the Boys and Girls Club on a United Way grant to fund a youth intervention program. The program engages youth and parents in dialogues that address topics such as problem solving techniques, risk management, goal setting, and good behavior.
http://vil.carpentersville.il.us/Services/Police/OverviewPolice.asp

Carol Stream Youth Council
The Village of Carol Stream, in partnership with other municipal government departments, sponsors the Carol Stream Youth Council to engage local youth in community oriented activities.
http://www.carolstream.org/index.php?option=com_qcontacts&view=contact&id=3%3Amatt-mccarthy&catid=60%3Avillage-board&Itemid=93
Centro de Información
Non-profit Hispanic social service agency serving the greater Fox Valley area. Counseling, bilingual advocacy, information and referral, immigration and naturalization services, parenting skills training, community education, and youth programs.
http://www.centrodeinformacion.org/

Chicago Transit Authority (CTA)
Chicago's bus and rail rapid transit. Web site available in Polish, Spanish, and Chinese.
http://www.transitchicago.com/

Cities of Migration
Cities of Migration seeks to improve local integration practice in major immigrant receiving cities worldwide through information sharing and learning exchange. The Municipal page has a number of best practices sortable by city, country, and theme.
http://citiesofmigration.ca/good-ideas-in-integration/municipal/

Community Partners for Affordable Housing (CPAH)
Formerly the Highland Park Community Land Trust, CPAH is a non-profit dedicated to the preservation and development of permanently affordable housing. One of CPAH's most important programs is its community land trust.
http://www.cpahousing.org/

Compañeros en Salud
A non-profit organization that helps to identify issues facing the Hispanic community and works to provide access to health care. Volunteer-driven coalition comprised of individuals representing social and health care agencies of the Fox Valley area.
http://companerosensalud.org

Chicago Area Ethnic Resources
CAER provides information on the Chicago area's diverse groups to help stakeholders better know and access the communities that define our region. CAER's Ethnic Handbook: A Guide to the Cultures and Traditions of Chicago's Diverse Communities, offers user-friendly profiles of the region's most prominent new and established ethnic, immigrant, and cultural groups.
http://www.chicagoethnic.org/our-projects.php

Chicago Community Trust
For 98 years, the Chicago Community Trust has connected the generosity of donors with community needs by making grants to organizations working to improve metropolitan Chicago. The Trust provides civic leadership bringing all stakeholders to the common table to leverage collective knowledge, creativity and resources for a greater impact.
http://www.cct.org/

Community Health
Community Health is the leader in delivering comprehensive, high-quality, patient-centered health care at no cost to low-income, uninsured individuals in need of a medical home.
http://www.communityhealth.org/

Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives (CNI)
Neighborhood-based community development organization focusing on large-scale commercial real estate development, residential neighborhood preservation, New Markets Tax Credits deployment, and microlending.
http://www.cnigroup.org/
DuPage Federation on Human Services Reform
The DuPage Federation provides cultural competency training and funds the Language Access Resource Center (LARC) program to offer an array of services, including interpretation, translation, interpreter training, and consultation with health and human services organizations. http://www.dupagefederation.org/

DuPage United
An interfaith group that works with organizations nationwide to examine workforce development issues. Connects skilled workers with available positions that employers are struggling to fill. http://www.dupageunited.org/

Elgin Hispanic Network
Promotes relationships among Hispanic businesses and organizations and awards scholarships to high school graduates for higher education. http://www.elginhispanicnetwork.org/

Evanston en Español

Evanston Public Library
Evanston Public Library’s Latino Outreach Librarian partners with City of Evanston’s engagement coordinator to conduct programs for immigrants at the Library. http://www.epl.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=133&Itemid=459
F

Federación Del Medio Oeste De Los Estados Unidos (FEDEJAL)
A non-profit that assists with integration of Mexicans who move to the American Midwest. http://fedejal.org/

Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Clinics
Facilities serving an underserved area or population and charge based on a sliding scale. Type an address to generate a list or map of different types of health centers. http://findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov/Search_HCC.aspx

G

Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees (GCIR)
Provides data, analyses and reports about immigration. Connects people to funding opportunities and other resources. Generates regional and national strategies. https://www.gcir.org/

Governor’s Office of New Americans (GONA) Policy and Advocacy
Re-established in 2010 by an executive order of Governor Quinn. The office coordinates Illinois policies, actions, planning, and programs with respect to immigrant integration and the impact of immigration policy on Illinois and Illinoisans. http://www2.illinois.gov/gov/newamericans/Pages/default.aspx

H

Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society of Chicago
Assists Jewish people worldwide in coming to America. Provides immigration and citizenship processing assistance. http://hiaschicago.org/

I

Illinois Business Immigration Coalition

Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (ICIRR)
Educates and organizes immigrant and refugee communities; promotes citizenship and civic participation; monitors, analyzes, and advocates on immigrant-related issues; and informs the general public. http://icirr.org/

Healthcare Access Initiative:
http://icirr.org/content/immigrant-healthcare-access-initiative

Illinois Department of Employment Services (IDES)
Provides unemployment insurance, employment services and guidance to workers, job seekers, and employers. IDES combines federally-funded job training programs into a “workforce development” system where people can conduct a job search or train for a new career. Web resources available in several languages. http://www.ides.illinois.gov/

Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR)
Partners with local nonprofits to provide free financial literacy education to under-banked communities in the Chicago region. http://www.idfpr.com/

Illinois Department of Insurance

Illinois Dream Fund
The Illinois Dream Fund Scholarship seeks to create access to financial resources to further the growth and development of tomorrow’s immigrant leaders. http://www.illinoisdreamfund.org/

Students and families seeking assistance may wish to visit the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights web page for a resource guide for undocumented students in Illinois, including a list of available scholarships. http://icirr.org/es/illinoisdream

Illinois Green Industry Association
Nonprofit representing nurseries, garden centers, landscape contractors, design firms, maintenance, irrigation, lawn care, golf course management, parks and recreation and other green industry businesses. http://www.ina-online.org/
Illinois Hospital Association
Advocates for and helps develop policies and products for the state’s hospital industry. [https://www.ihatoday.org/](https://www.ihatoday.org/)

Illinois Rescue & Restore
Illinois Rescue & Restore is a coalition between the Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS) and the federal government to combat labor and sex trafficking in Illinois. In partnership with law enforcement, social service organizations, healthcare, and advocacy groups across the state, DHS seeks to fight what has been dubbed a modern day form of slavery. [http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=31332](http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=31332)

Illinois Restaurant Association
Industry association for Illinois food service—the state’s largest private sector employer. [http://www.illinoisrestaurants.org](http://www.illinoisrestaurants.org)

Illinois Workers Compensation Commission (IWCC)
Operates a state court system for workers’ compensation cases. Benefits are paid by employers for workers who experience job-related injuries or diseases. Offers interpretation services for limited English proficiency workers. [http://www.iwcc.il.gov/](http://www.iwcc.il.gov/)

Illinois WorkNet

Immigrant Family Resource Program
Promotes access to public benefits. [http://icirr.org/content/immigrant-family-resource-program](http://icirr.org/content/immigrant-family-resource-program)

Immigration Policy Center

Immigration and Refugees of DuPage – World Relief DuPage/Aurora
Christian organization seeking to holistically serve immigrants and refugees and foster relationships between newcomers and their neighbors. [http://worldreliefdupage.org/](http://worldreliefdupage.org/)

Institute for Local Government

Instituto del Progresso Latino, Chicago
Assists in education, training, and employment in a way that is mindful of cultural identity. Partners with neighborhood groups and vocational organizations and offers different levels of enrollment to students for 16-week programs. [http://www.idpl.org/](http://www.idpl.org/)

Korean Cultural Center of Chicago (in Wheeling)
A center of cooperation among Korean-Americans and affiliated organizations in the region. [http://www.kccoc.org/home/Q_eng_kccoc_mainpage](http://www.kccoc.org/home/Q_eng_kccoc_mainpage)

Latino Policy Forum
The Latino Policy Forum is the only organization in the Chicago area that facilitates the involvement of Latinos at all levels of public decision-making. It does this by conducting analysis to inform, influence, and lead, all with an understanding that advancing Latinos advances a shared future. The Forum offers trainings on fair housing, housing rights, immigration, and parenting education. [http://www.latinopolicyforum.org](http://www.latinopolicyforum.org)

Latino Union of Chicago
A worker-led community organization that addresses identified needs of members who collaborate to develop the tools necessary to improve economic and social conditions of low-income immigrant workers. [http://www.latinounion.org/](http://www.latinounion.org/)
Mano a Mano Family Resource Center
Lake County-based organization that provides programs and services and connects immigrants to resources in the area. Topics range from citizenship to education, employment connections, and health care. http://www.manoamanofamilyresourcecenter.org/family-resource-programs.html

Metra Commuter Rail

Metropolitan Planning Council

Mujeres Latinas en Acción

National Day Laborer Organizing Network (NDLON)
NDLON fosters safer, more humane environments for day laborers, both men and women, to earn a living, contribute to society, and integrate into the community. http://www.ndlon.org/en/

National League of Cities


Navigating the American Education System (NAES)
Navigating the American Educational System (NAES) aims to increase the academic achievement of Hispanic students through a series of seminars that provide Spanish-speaking parents with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to interact with the school system and to better manage the academic experiences of their children. http://http://www.dupage.k12.il.us/index.shtml

Naperville Citizens Academy
http://www.naperville.il.us/citizensacademy.aspx

Niles Township Schools’ ELL Parent Center
Resource for immigrant parents to support their children’s academic achievement. Offers English classes, access to community services, and tailored workshops. http://www.ellparentcenter.org/

Oswego Citizens Police Academy
http://www.oswegopoliceil.org/citizenspoliceacademy.html

Pace Suburban Bus

Palatine Opportunity Center
Adult education, library services, after school care, senior services, counseling and crisis intervention, health and fitness services. http://www.palatineopportunitycenter.org/

PASO – West Suburban Action Project
A community-based social organization with a mission to work for strong, vibrant communities where all community members can live dignified lives regardless of their race, socioeconomic or immigration status. Since its founding in 2009, PASO has been at the forefront of immigrant justice promoting citizenship and civic engagement. http://www.pasoaction.org/

Regional Transportation Authority (RTA)
Trip planning and other information for transportation services in the Chicago region. http://www.rtachicago.com/
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**Salvation Army**
Assistance to children, adults and seniors including emergency financial assistance, food pantries, educational and recreational programs, youth leadership training and character development, day and summer camps, fellowship. [http://www.salarmychicago.org/locations/#sthash.3WX3IIPh.dpbs](http://www.salarmychicago.org/locations/#sthash.3WX3IIPh.dpbs)

**Self-Reliance Ukrainian-American Federal Credit Union**
Member-owned and member-run cooperative providing financial services and community support to Ukrainian-Americans in Chicago’s near west side. [http://www.selfreliance.com/](http://www.selfreliance.com/)

**Sister Cities Program**
The Sister Cities Program is a valuable tool for communities with strong immigrant populations to connect with the homeland of some of their residents. The partnership allows for social and cultural exchange between countries and has the added benefits of economic development partnerships and better understanding of the two cultures, which in turn helps citizens better understand, relate to, and connect with the community’s foreign born population. [http://www.sister-cities.org/](http://www.sister-cities.org/)

**Skokie Immigrant Services**

**Small Business Administration (SBA)**
Education and support for small-business owners; grants or loans for access to capital; promotion of immigrant and minority entrepreneurship. [http://www.sba.gov/advocacy/7540/141841](http://www.sba.gov/advocacy/7540/141841)
[http://www.sba.gov/content/what-sba-offers-help-small-businesses-grow](http://www.sba.gov/content/what-sba-offers-help-small-businesses-grow)

**SBA Illinois District Office.**

**Strengthening Families**
Youth intervention program from Iowa State University, which the Village of Carpentersville offers several times a year in both English and Spanish. [http://vil.carpentersville.il.us/Services/Police/PDF/StrengtheningFamilies.pdf](http://vil.carpentersville.il.us/Services/Police/PDF/StrengtheningFamilies.pdf)

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**Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse (TRAC) Immigration**
Web portal managed by Syracuse University to track and verify information about immigration enforcement. [http://trac.syr.edu/immigration/index.html](http://trac.syr.edu/immigration/index.html)

**Transportation for Illinois Coalition**
Umbrella group of Illinois associations, businesses, and labor groups that promotes state transportation infrastructure needs, with an emphasis on funding sources and levels. [http://transportation-for-illinois-coalition.com/](http://transportation-for-illinois-coalition.com/)

**U**

**UCLA Center for Health Policy Research**

**United States Hispanic Leadership Institute (USHLI)**
USHLI is a Chicago-based national, nonprofit, nonpartisan organization recognized nationally for organizing and conducting nonpartisan voter registration and leadership development programs. [http://ushli.org/](http://ushli.org/)

**United Way of Metropolitan Chicago (UW-MC)**
Support system includes North-Northwest United Way, United Way of DuPage/West Cook, and South-Southwest Suburban United Way. UW-MC organizes, convenes, and coordinates resources across funders, service providers, government, and civic leaders across the region. [http://uw-mc.org/](http://uw-mc.org/)