

PARTNER TOOLKIT



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PURPOSE OF PARTNERSHIP TOOLKIT

The goal of this Partner Toolkit is to serve as a resource manual for our partners. While this Toolkit will not contain every single resource available, it will summarize a handful of good, reliable resources in the Birmingham area. It will also include general cultural orientation about life in the US. The first page will contain a short list of key partners in Birmingham for basic foundational resources: food, clothes, furniture, healthcare, and attorneys. The following pages will contain more in-depth and specific resources with QR codes leading to updated information. Scan the QR codes either through a QR app or with your phone camera. Many resources from here can be translated into different languages but the ones that cannot with have an “E” symbol next to them indicating that these resources are in English only. We suggest using “Google Translate” to translate these resources.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to ALIRP at info@alirp.org. Please contact us Monday-Friday between 8 am-5 pm. For emergencies you should call 911 (or 988 for mental health emergencies). You should expect us to return your messages within 3 days.



ENCOURAGING WORDS

“Be proud of where you come from. Respect your culture and remember your heritage. Then take all of that pride and respect and use it to move forward in this great country.”(Primeros Pasos pg. 7)

You have such amazing stories and wisdom from where you come from and it is important to share those with others, and keep them for yourself. Your culture is what makes you different and it is something to be proud of. While it might be tempting to assimilate into the US culture, it is important to remember where you came from, your culture and your heritage.

The journey of an asylum seeker or refugee is not an easy path, however our aim is to make this transition as easy and smooth as possible by giving easy access to different, helpful resources. The United States immigration system is constantly changing and evolving so it is important to stay up to date on new policies concerning immigration: through news, government websites, lawyers or phone calls with the government. We encourage you to use these resources provided but do not hesitate to reach out to ALIRP with any additional questions or needs.



OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IN BIRMINGHAM SERVING THE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY

ALIRP WORKS WITH MANY DIFFERENT COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE AS MANY RESOURCES AND AS MUCH HELP AS POSSIBLE. HERE ARE A FEW ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE GREAT RESOURCES FOR IMMIGRANTS.



"HICA IS A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION THAT CHAMPIONS ECONOMIC EQUALITY, CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, AND SOCIAL JUSTICE FOR LATINO AND IMMIGRANT FAMILIES IN ALABAMA."

HISPANIC INTEREST COALITION OF ALABAMA (HICA)

CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES



"IT IS THE MISSION OF CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES TO PROVIDE THE HIGHEST QUALITY OF COUNSELING, PSYCHIATRY AND CHILD WELFARE SERVICES TO ALL PEOPLE IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA."

CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES: HISPANIC MINISTRIES

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Guadalupe Multicultural Services
la Casita



"HELPING PEOPLE FIND SOCIAL SERVICES THROUGH THE PARISH COMMUNITY. ALL CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES ARE PROVIDED REGARDLESS OF AGE, RACE, SEX, RELIGION, OR ECONOMIC LEVEL."

LA CASITA:
GUADALUPAN
MULTICULTURAL SERVICES



"AT INSPIRITUS, WE GUIDE INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WHOSE LIVES HAVE BEEN DISRUPTED ON A PATH FROM SURVIVING TO THRIVING."

INSPIRITUS *E

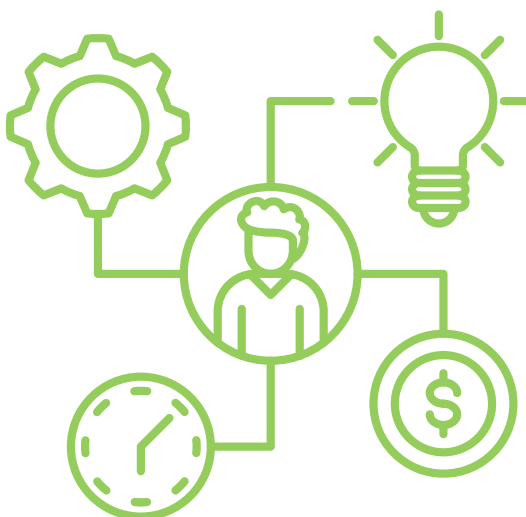
QUICK LINKS TO KEY RESOURCES

RESOURCE FINDER



FINDHELP.ORG

1. CHOOSE YOUR LANGUAGE IN THE LEFT BOTTOM UNDER "CHOOSE LANGUAGE"
2. PUT IN YOUR ZIP CODE
3. CHOOSE WHICH CATEGORY BEST FITS YOUR NEEDS (FOOD, HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION, HEALTH, ETC.)
4. BROWSE THROUGH OPTIONS



FOOD RESOURCES



FOOD SHARE: *E
TRINITY WEST
HOMEWOOD



COMMUNITY
FOODBANK OF
CENTRAL ALABAMA

- *FOR SPANISH:
 - CHOOSE THE 3 LINES IN THE TOP RIGHT CORNER
 - CLICK "ENGLISH" AT THE BOTTOM OF THE LIST
 - CHOOSE "ESPAÑOL" INSTEAD

CLOTHING RESOURCES

OTHER FREE OR LOW COST CLOTHING RESOURCES:

- GOODWILL
 - SALVATION ARMY
- (USE MAPS ON A DEVICE TO LOOK FOR A STORE NEAREST TO YOUR LOCATION)



KIDS CONNECTION:
*E FREE CLOTHING
RESOURCE

QUICK LINKS TO KEY RESOURCES

FURNITURE RESOURCES



COMMUNITY *E
FURNITURE BANK

(GO TO "CONTACT" BUTTON AND
USE PHONE OR EMAIL TO
COMMUNICATE)

OTHER FREE OR LOW
COST FURNITURE
RESOURCES:

- GOODWILL
 - SALVATION ARMY
- (USE MAPS ON A DEVICE TO LOOK
FOR A STORE NEAREST TO YOUR
LOCATION)

ATTORNEY RESOURCES



ALIRP ATTORNEY LIST

**THIS IS A PARTIAL LIST OF
IMMIGRATION ATTORNEYS IN
THE BIRMINGHAM AREA
WHO RESPONDED TO A
SURVEY SENT BY ALIRP
ASKING IF THEIR
INFORMATION COULD BE
SHARED



HOUSING RESOURCES



ALIRP HOUSING
PAMPHLET

TRANSPORTATION RESOURCES



ALIRP TRANSPORTATION
PAMPHLET

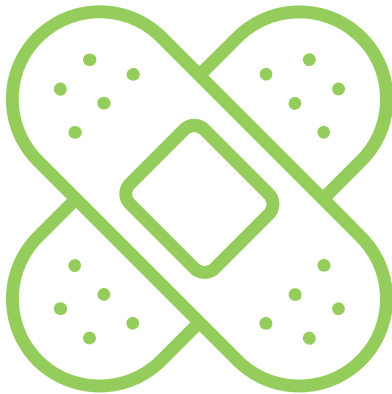
QUICK LINKS TO KEY RESOURCES

HEALTH CARE RESOURCES

****PLEASE USE EMERGENCY ROOMS FOR TRUE EMERGENCIES ONLY. WHEN NOT AN EMERGENCY USE WALK-IN CLINICS.**

**** EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT: CHEST PAIN OR PRESSURE, COMPOUND FRACTURE(BONE THAT PROTRUDES THROUGH THE SKIN), HEAD INJURIES, PNEUMONIA, SEIZURES, SEVERE ABDOMINAL PAIN, SHORTNESS OF BREATH, SUDDEN AND SEVERE HEADACHE, OR PARALYSIS OR WEAKNESS, UNCONTROLLED BLEEDING**

****THE RESOURCES LISTED HERE ARE ONLY A FEW RESOURCES IN THE BIRMINGHAM AREA THAT PROVIDE LOW OR REDUCED COST HEALTH SERVICES**



ALIRP

USE THIS RESOURCE TO LEARN ABOUT HEALTHCARE BASICS AS WELL AS A FEW RESOURCES



CHRIST HEALTH CENTER *E

- CLICK "CONTACT US" IN THE TOP RIGHT CORNER
- CHOOSE THE BEST LOCATION FOR YOU
- USE THE TELEPHONE NUMBER TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT



CAHABA MEDICAL CARE

CALL "(205) 545-7696" TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT



CLINICA HISPANA

USE THE PHONE NUMBER ON TOP RIGHT OF SCREEN TO COMMUNICATE



COMMUNITY OF HOPE CLINIC *E

CLICK "PATIENTS" AND READ ABOUT REQUIREMENTS/APPOINTMENTS



HUNTER STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

USE PHONE NUMBER TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT



RED CRESCENT FREE CLINIC *E

USE PHONE NUMBER TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT

CULTURAL ADJUSTMENT

IT IS NORMAL AND EXPECTED TO GO THROUGH DIFFERENT PHASES OF CULTURAL ADJUSTMENT. MOVING TO A NEW COUNTRY AND STARTING A NEW, SAFER LIFE HAS ITS CHALLENGES AS WELL AS REWARDS. THIS PAGE IS TO GIVE MORE INFORMATION ON ADJUSTING TO A NEW, SAFER LIFE IN THE UNITED STATES.

CULTURAL ADJUSTMENT

RESOURCE:



SETTLE-IN US

1. CHOOSE YOUR LANGUAGE
2. CHOOSE THE MIDDLE OPTION "I WANT TO LEARN ABOUT LIFE IN THE UNITED STATES"
3. CHOOSE APPROPRIATE CATEGORY



CULTURAL ADJUSTMENT

PHASES:

1. **HONEYMOON:** YOU ARE HAPPY AND EXCITED FOR A NEW, SAFER LIFE
2. **CULTURE SHOCK:** YOU ARE WORRIED AND CONFUSING ABOUT NAVIGATING LIFE IN A NEW COUNTRY
3. **ADJUSTMENT:** YOU START TO FEEL MORE STABLE AND COMFORTABLE IN YOUR SURROUNDINGS
4. **MASTERY:** YOU ARE MORE COMFORTABLE AND HAVE A SENSE OF BELONGING



MOBILE APP: SETTLE IN



QUIZZES AND LESSONS FOR CULTURAL ADJUSTMENT

1. IN APP STORE ON YOUR DEVICE, SEARCH "SETTLE IN"
2. EXPLORE APP TO FIND WHICH ACTIVITIES ARE MOST USEFUL

DIGITAL LITERACY

IN TODAY'S WORLD, DIGITAL LITERACY IS BECOMING MORE NECESSARY IN DAILY LIFE. DIGITAL LITERACY IS KNOWING HOW TO USE DIGITAL DEVICES (COMPUTERS, PHONES, PRINTERS). THESE TOOLS CAN BE HELPFUL IF YOU HAVE CHILDREN IN SCHOOL (MANY ACTIVITIES OR LESSONS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE), OR FOR JOBS (BUILDING RESUMÉS, JOB SEARCHING AND EMAILING).

HOW TO CREATE A FREE EMAIL ACCOUNT:



1. FOLLOW ON SCREEN INSTRUCTIONS AND PROVIDE NECESSARY INFORMATION
2. CREATE A USERNAME AND PASSWORD THAT YOU WILL REMEMBER AND CAN USE TO SIGN IN EACH TIME

DIGITAL RESOURCE FOR LEARNING COMPUTER LITERACY:



LESSONS, ACTIVITIES, AND QUIZZES TO LEARN COMPUTER BASICS



TRANSLATION:



1. CHOOSE NATIVE LANGUAGE FOR LEFT COLUMN
2. CHOOSE ENGLISH FOR RIGHT COLUMN
3. TYPE IN DESIRED SENTENCE
4. USE TRANSLATION ON RIGHT SIDE TO HELP YOU COMMUNICATE

GOOGLE TRANSLATE

INFORMATION ABOUT THE “AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM”(ACP):



COMPLETE ACTIVITIES AND QUIZZES TO UNDERSTAND WHAT “ACP” IS, WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO APPLY AND HOW TO APPLY

HOW TO APPLY FOR REDUCED INTERNET PRICES THROUGH THE ACP:



1. CLICK “APPLY”
2. FILL OUT APPROPRIATE INFORMATION

RESOURCES AND INFORMATION ABOUT THE US IMMIGRATION SYSTEM

THE LEGAL SYSTEM CAN BE VERY CONFUSING AND SCARY FOR PEOPLE. THESE RESOURCES AND INFORMATION WILL COVER MANY DIFFERENT TOPICS AND HELP GUIDE YOU THROUGH THE US LEGAL SYSTEM AND HOW IT RELATES TO YOU.

GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE US IMMIGRATION SYSTEM:

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS:



AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU)



NATIONAL IMMIGRATION LAW CENTER (NILC)

CLASSIFICATIONS:

REFUGEE VS ASYLUM SEEKER:



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USE THIS WEBSITE TO UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TERMS "REFUGEE" AND "ASYLUM SEEKER." IT IS IMPORTANT TO KNOW WHICH TERM DESCRIBES YOU IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND WHAT BENEFITS YOU COULD RECEIVE FROM THE GOVERNMENT.



TYPES OF ASYLUM:



THE UN REFUGEE AGENCY (UNHCR)

DEFENSIVE ASYLUM

A PERSON WHO IS IN REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS APPLIES FOR ASYLUM THROUGH EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION REVIEW (EOIR). IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED A "NOTICE TO APPEAR," YOU ARE GENERALLY IN DEFENSIVE ASYLUM UNDER THE EOIR IMMIGRATION COURT SYSTEM.

AFFIRMATIVE ASYLUM

A PERSON WHO IS **NOT** IN REMOVAL PROCEEDING APPLY FOR ASYLUM THROUGH U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES (USCIS). IF YOU WERE GIVEN HUMANITARIAN PAROLE, YOU ARE MOST LIKELY IN THE AFFIRMATIVE ASYLUM SYSTEM UNDER USCIS.



IMMIGRANT IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS:

"A" NUMBER

- AN "A" NUMBER IS THE 7-9 DIGIT NUMBER THE USCIS GIVES TO THOSE WHO SEEK PERMANENT RESIDENCE IN THE U.S., THIS NUMBER ALLOWS YOU TO TRACK YOUR APPLICATION AS WELL AS CAN BE REQUIRED FOR MANY FORMS
- YOUR "A" NUMBER IS ON ALMOST EVERY DOCUMENT THE USCIS SENDS YOU.

RECEIPT NUMBER



THIS WEBSITE WILL ANSWER WHAT A RECEIPT NUMBER IS AND HOW TO FIND IT

RESOURCES AND INFORMATION ABOUT THE US IMMIGRATION SYSTEM

CONSULATES:



USE THIS QR CODE TO FIND, CONTACT OR VIEW SERVICES OF CONSULATE *E

1. CHOOSE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN
2. IN THE TEXT BOX, TYPE "UNITED STATES"



HOW TO CHECK YOUR IMMIGRATION STATUS:

ONLINE:



USE THIS GOVERNMENT WEBSITE TO CHECK YOUR STATUS ONLINE
**YOU WILL NEED YOUR RECEIPT NUMBER

PHONE:

(800) 898-7180

**YOU WILL NEED YOUR "A" NUMBER

INFORMATION THEY WILL PROVIDE:

- NEXT HEARING DATE, TIME, LOCATION
- CASE PROCESSING INFORMATION
- IMMIGRATION JUDGE DECISION OUTCOME AND DATE
- BOARD OF IMMIGRATION APPEALS(BIA) CASE APPEAL INFORMATION, INCLUDING APPEAL DUE DATE, BRIEF DUE DATE, DECISION OUTCOME AND DATE
- FILING INFORMATION

HOW TO NOTIFY ABOUT AN ADDRESS CHANGE

IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO NOTIFY THE GOVERNMENT OF ANY ADDRESS CHANGE SO THAT YOU WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE INFORMATION, FORMS AND MAIL FROM THE GOVERNMENT



**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING WITH BOTH USCIS AND EOIR ARE PROVIDED AS WELL AS DIFFERENT METHODS TO NOTIFY OF ADDRESS CHANGE

THIS WEBSITE DESCRIBES HOW TO NOTIFY THE GOVERNMENT OF YOUR ADDRESS CHANGE



GOVERNMENT BENEFITS FOR IMMIGRANTS:

ASYLUM SEEKER BENEFITS *E



THESE RESOURCES PROVIDE A LIST OF GOVERNMENT BENEFITS THAT YOU ARE ENTITLED TO EITHER UNDER THE TITLE "ASYLUM SEEKER" OR "REFUGEE"

REFUGEE BENEFITS *E



GO TO PAGES 139-142 OF THIS DOCUMENT TO READ MORE ABOUT PUBLIC BENEFITS AND RESOURCES



LUTHERAN IMMIGRATION & REFUGEE SERVICE (LIRS)



INFORMATION ABOUT SOCIAL SECURITY, DRIVER'S LICENSE AND IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS

U.S. IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS:



SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER(SSN)

A SSN IS A NUMBER UNIQUE TO EACH U.S. INDIVIDUAL, THIS LETS THE GOVERNMENT TRACK YOUR TAXES.

SSN USES:

- FILE TAXES
- START A JOB
- OPEN A BANK ACCOUNT
- APPLY FOR A LOAN
- GOVERNMENT BENEFITS



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USE THIS GOVERNMENT WEBSITE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT SSN, APPLICATION AND STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER(ITIN)

**YOU CAN ONLY APPLY FOR AN ITIN IF YOU ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR A SSN



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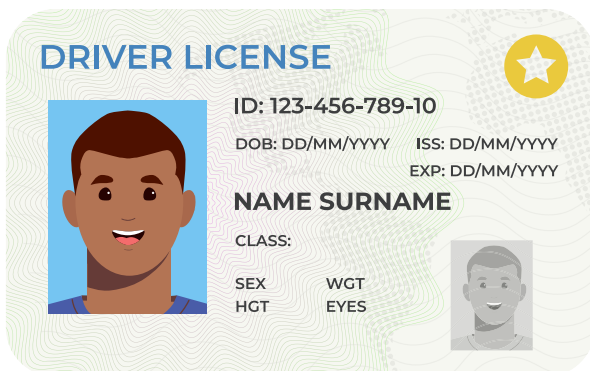
- #### ITIN BENEFITS:
- OPEN A BANK ACCOUNT
 - FILE TAXES

USE THIS FORM TO FILL OUT THE ITIN APPLICATION:

**YOU MUST GO TO THE IRS OFFICE IN PERSON OR CALL 1(800)829-3676 TO APPLY

TRANSPORTATION DOCUMENTS:

DRIVERS LICENSE/PHOTO ID:



*****IT IS ILLEGAL TO DRIVE A CAR WITHOUT A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE OR CAR INSURANCE**

GO TO PAGE 133 OF THIS DOCUMENT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT STATE ID'S, WHAT THEY ARE, WHO IS ELIGIBLE, AND HOW TO GET ONE.

HOUSING

HAVING A SAFE PLACE TO LIVE IS VITAL, THIS PAGE WILL GIVE RESOURCES ON WHAT A LEASE IS, SAFETY MEASURES FOR LIVING SPACES, YOUR RIGHTS AND PROTECTIONS, AS WELL AS OTHER RESOURCES.



HOUSING BASICS:



ALIRP

PAMPHLET ON HOUSING
BASICS, RESOURCES,
AND EMERGENCY
ASSISTANCE

RENTING RULES AND AGREEMENTS:



LIRS: FIRST STEPS

GO TO PAGES 173-176 OF
THIS DOCUMENT TO
UNDERSTAND MORE
ABOUT HOUSING



US DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING
AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

USE THIS WEBSITE TO
UNDERSTAND MORE ABOUT
TENANT RIGHTS AND FAIR
HOUSING

HOUSING SAFETY:

PREVENTION



U.S. FIRE ADMINISTRATION

***E**
THIS RESOURCE WILL PROVIDE
PREVENTION MEASURES THAT
YOU SHOULD FOLLOW TO KEEP
YOUR RESIDENCE SAFE



HEALTH THREATS

FOR HOME CONDITIONS THAT POSE A
THREAT TO HEALTH (BLACK MOLD, RATS,
ETC.), JEFFERSON COUNTY HEALTH
DEPARTMENT ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
OFFICE IS A GOOD RESOURCE

(205)933-9110

CALL THEIR OFFICE TO TALK
ABOUT THE PROBLEM AND
POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

EMPLOYMENT

THE FIRST STEP OF EMPLOYMENT IS APPLYING AND RECEIVING A WORK PERMIT FROM THE GOVERNMENT. IF YOU ENTERED THE UNITED STATES WITH HUMANITARIAN PAROLE, YOU ARE ALLOWED TO APPLY FOR A WORK PERMIT RIGHT AWAY. HOWEVER, IF YOU ARE IN THE DEFENSIVE ASYLUM PROCESS, YOU MUST FIRST APPLY FOR ASYLUM, 150 DAYS AFTER YOU APPLY FOR ASYLUM, YOU ARE ALLOWED TO SUBMIT A WORK PERMIT APPLICATION. YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO DISCUSS YOUR OPTIONS WITH AN ATTORNEY.

APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT

AUTHORIZATION:



USCIS WEBSITE

CLICK "FILE ONLINE"
THEN SUBMIT APPROPRIATE
INFORMATION



EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES:

GUIDES/PROGRAMS/ EMPLOYMENT TOOLS



ASAP WEBSITE

USE THIS RESOURCE TO FIND
ONLINE SEARCH TOOLS AND
EMPLOYMENT GUIDES AND
PROGRAMS

WORKER RIGHTS



JUSTICE.GOV WEBSITE

THIS RESOURCE WILL
PROVIDE INFORMATION
ON WORKER RIGHTS FOR
BOTH ASYLUM SEEKERS
AND REFUGEES

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HISPANIC INTEREST COALITION OF ALABAMA(HICA)

HICA HAS A PROGRAM CALLED
"COMPASS" THAT IS DIGITAL LITERACY,
"SOFT SKILLS" DEVELOPMENT
(INTERVIEWING, RESUMÉ BUILDING,
ETC.) AND GENERAL INFORMATION
ABOUT THE AMERICAN WORK CULTURE.

CONTACT INFO:
avillarreal@hicaalabama.org



INDEED

THIS ONLINE JOB SEARCH ENGINE
ALLOWS YOU TO FIND JOBS THAT
INTEREST YOU AND THAT YOU
QUALIFY FOR



INDEED

1. CREATE ACCOUNT USING EMAIL ADDRESS
 2. PUT IN INFORMATION (JOB TYPE, LOCATION, ETC.)
 3. LOOK FOR JOBS THAT YOU ARE QUALIFIED FOR
- **OPTION TO CREATE A RESUMÉ USING INDEED

EDUCATION

EDUCATION IS A VERY IMPORTANT RESOURCE IN THE U.S. FIRST, IT IS NECESSARY TO KNOW THAT IT IS ILLEGAL TO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL. SECOND, YOU AND YOUR FAMILY HAVE A RIGHT TO FREE, PUBLIC EDUCATION. THIS PAGE WILL ALSO GIVE RESOURCES ABOUT FREE OR REDUCED PRICING FOR SUPPLIES, OTHER ACADEMIC RESOURCES AND MORE ABOUT THE US EDUCATION SYSTEM IN GENERAL.

**ESL STANDS FOR "ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE", THIS IS A CLASS OFFERED AT MOST SCHOOLS THAT TEACH ENGLISH TO STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT NATIVE ENGLISH SPEAKERS. THIS IS A GREAT RESOURCE FOR BOTH STUDENTS AND PARENTS. FOR STUDENTS, THEY HAVE THE ABILITY TO LEARN ENGLISH, GET HELP WITH ASSIGNMENTS, AND HAVE A SAFE, ENCOURAGING SPACE TO PRACTICE AND LEARN. FOR PARENTS, THESE TEACHERS COULD BE THE ONLY SPANISH-SPEAKING TEACHERS IN THE SCHOOL AND THEY ARE A GREAT RESOURCE TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE SCHOOL. TO LEARN MORE ABOUT ESL CLASSES IN YOUR SCHOOL DISTRICT, TALK WITH THE SCHOOL ABOUT OPTIONS FOR ESL. ESL IN SCHOOLS ARE FREE.

COMMUNICATION:

ASK THE SCHOOL FOR THE ESL TEACHER CONTACT INFORMATION, FROM THERE, THE ESL TEACHER IS THE BEST WAY TO GET ACCESS TO INTERPRETERS, TALK ABOUT RESOURCES AND A GOOD CONNECTION TO THE SCHOOL.



IMPORTANT U.S. LAWS:

U.S.S LAWS ABOUT CARE OF CHILDREN: "IN THE U.S., IT IS OFTEN CONSIDERED NEGLECT--A FORM OF CHILD ABUSE--TO LEAVE YOUR CHILD AT HOME ALONE. IF YOU LEAVE YOUR CHILD AT HOME ALONE, THE GOVERNMENT MAY TAKE YOUR CHILD AWAY FROM YOU. THE LAWS ARE DIFFERENT IN EACH STATE, BUT YOU GENERALLY SHOULD NOT LEAVE A CHILD UNDER 12 HOME ALONE."
(FIRST STEPS PG.180)

"IN THE U.S., EVERY CHILD, REGARDLESS OF THEIR IMMIGRATION STATUS, HAS THE RIGHT TO A FREE PUBLIC EDUCATION FROM KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 12. IF YOU ARE THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF A CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF 18, YOU ARE REQUIRED BY LAW TO SEND THEM TO SCHOOL. SOME STATES REQUIRE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ONLY THROUGH AGE 16. VISIT YOUR STATE'S BOARD OF EDUCATION WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION. YOU ARE ALSO REQUIRED TO MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD GOES TO SCHOOL ON TIME AND EVERY DAY, UNLESS THEY ARE SICK OR THERE IS AN EMERGENCY. IF YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE AT SCHOOL, YOU MUST CALL THE SCHOOL TO LET THEM KNOW WHY YOUR CHILD WILL BE ABSENT."(FIRST STEPS PG. 182)



LIRS FIRST STEPS

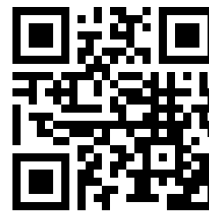
GO TO PAGES 180-186 FOR MORE IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT EDUCATION



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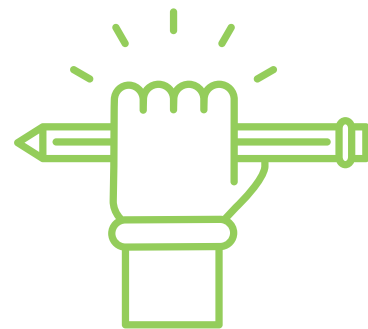
IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT NOT ALL SCHOOL SYSTEMS IN THE BIRMINGHAM AREA HAVE A SCHOOL BUS SYSTEM. HOMEWOOD, VESTAVIA, AND MOUNTAINBROOK DO NOT HAVE A BUS SYSTEM WHILE BIRMINGHAM CITY SCHOOLS AND HOOVER CITY SCHOOLS DO OFFER BUS ROUTES.

JEFFERSON COUNTY LIBRARY COOPERATIVE(JCLC):



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1. FIND A LIBRARY CLOSEST TO YOU
2. FIND COMMUNITY EVENTS
3. ACCESS TO FREE WIFI
4. ACCESS TO COMPUTERS AND PRINTING



CONNECTIONS:

IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO ENGAGE CHILDREN WITH THEIR PEERS AND ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD'S INTERESTS. ASK SCHOOLS/CHURCHES/COMMUNITY CENTERS ABOUT COMMUNITY GROUPS FOR YOUR CHILD'S INTERESTS(SOCCER, ART, SINGING, SCIENCE, ETC).

LEARNING ENGLISH

LEARNING ENGLISH IS A VITAL PART OF INTEGRATING INTO THE CULTURE AND EVERYDAY LIFE IN THE U.S., BOTH FOR WORK, SCHOOL, LEGAL PROCESSES AND CREATING CONNECTIONS IN THE COMMUNITY. BELOW ARE SOME ENGLISH LEARNING RESOURCES.

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ENGLISH CLASSES:



LITERACY COUNCIL OF
CENTRAL ALABAMA

CLICK “MENU”
CLICK “LEARN TO SPEAK ENGLISH”
USE PROVIDED EMAIL TO CONTACT
THE PROGRAM FOR
TIMES/LOCATIONS OF TUTORING



ALIRP

USE THE MAP TO LOOK THROUGH
CLASS OPTIONS(WHICH ONE IS
CLOSEST TO YOU/AVAILABLE
ONLINE/AT AVAILABLE TIMES FOR
YOU)



OTHER HELPFUL TIPS:

- WATCH TV SHOWS WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES OR WATCH SHOWS IN ENGLISH WITH PREFERRED LANGUAGE AS SUBTITLES
- LISTEN TO ENGLISH MUSIC OR ENGLISH PODCASTS
- TRY PRACTICING ENGLISH WITH NEIGHBORS OR FRIENDS

MOBILE RESOURCES FOR LEARNING ENGLISH:

*YOU MUST HAVE AN EMAIL TO
CREATE A FREE ACCOUNT

1. DUOLINGO
2. MEMRISE
 - a. THERE ARE FREE OPTIONS FOR LIMITED RESOURCES
3. BUSUU
 - a. THERE ARE FREE OPTIONS FOR LIMITED RESOURCES

HYGIENE AND HEALTH

HEALTH AND HYGIENE NORMS ARE DIFFERENT IN DIFFERENT COUNTRIES. IN THE U.S., WE HAVE A HIGH STANDARD OF HEALTH AND HYGIENE THAT COULD BE DIFFERENT FROM WHAT YOU ARE USED TO. IN THE U.S., IT IS CUSTOMARY TO SHOWER OFTEN, WASH CLOTHES FREQUENTLY AND APPEAR CLEAN AND PUT TOGETHER. THIS PAGE WILL COVER HYGIENE, HEALTH EDUCATION AND TOOLS, AND EMERGENCY PROTOCOL

HEALTH EDUCATION AND TOOLS:



USE THIS RESOURCE FOR HEALTH EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION TOOL. YOU WILL FIND INFORMATION ABOUT DISEASE PREVENTION AND RESOURCES.

CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION(CDC)

**THE CDC RESOURCES: THE WEBSITE IS IN ENGLISH BUT MANY RESOURCES ON THE WEBSITE CAN BE ACCESSED IN SPANISH. USE "GOOGLE TRANSLATE" FOR THE ENGLISH RESOURCES

USE THIS PAGE TO FIND REFUGEE HEALTH GUIDANCE FOR THE AMERICAN HEALTHCARE SYSTEM



CDC

HYGIENE BASICS:

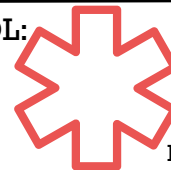


THIS WEBSITE PROVIDES BASICS FOR HYGIENE, WHAT IS EXPECTED FOR PERSONAL HYGIENE AS WELL AS FOR PERSONAL AND PUBLIC SPACES.

SETTLE-IN



EMERGENCY PROTOCOL:



EMERGENCY

1. DIAL "911"
 2. ANSWER OPERATOR WITH CORRECT INFORMATION
- **IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO GIVE ANY PERSONAL INFORMATION

POISON CONTROL

1. IF ANY TYPE OF POISON IS INGESTED, CALL 1(800)222-1222
 2. TRY TO HAVE THE CONTAINER OF POISON WITH YOU TO ANSWER QUESTIONS
- **ASK FOR INTERPRETER IF NEEDED

MENTAL HEALTH EMERGENCY

1. DIAL "988"
2. THIS IS THE MENTAL HEALTH EQUIVALENT TO 911, IT IS A MENTAL HEALTH HOTLINE WHERE THEY WILL WORK WITH YOU AND YOUR MENTAL HEALTH EMERGENCY UNTIL YOU ARE SAFE

MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH

MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH ARE KEY FACTORS IN CREATING A NEW, SAFER LIFE. THIS PAGE WILL INCLUDE RESOURCES FOR MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH CLINICS. CHILD HEALTH IS ALSO LARGELY IMPORTANT, THIS PAGE WILL GIVE RESOURCES TO LEARN MORE ABOUT CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT AND HOW TO PREVENT IT AS WELL AS HEALTH RESOURCES SUCH AS DENTAL AND VISION CARE.

MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH:



GENERAL SPANISH
MENTAL HEALTH
RESOURCES



USE THIS LIST OF RESOURCES TO CHOOSE A MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCE THAT BEST FITS YOUR NEEDS

SAMHSA

THIS PROGRAM WORKS WITH DOMESTIC ABUSE VICTIMS AND VICTIMS OF CRIMES



HISPANIC INTEREST COALITION OF ALABAMA: STRONG FAMILIES PROGRAM

THIS CLINIC PROVIDES BASIC MENTAL HEALTH CARE TO UNINSURED INDIVIDUALS



**ONLY WORK WITH INDIVIDUALS 18+

HUNTER STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

CHILD RESOURCES:



DENTAL CARE *E

CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT

CHILD SAFETY IS A SERIOUS PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE, BELOW IS THE CDC(CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL) EXPLANATIONS AND PREVENTIONS FOR CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT



CDC



VISION CARE

*E



"BOOK AN APPOINTMENT" THEN PUT APPROPRIATE INFORMATION

FREE RESOURCES FOR VISION SCREENINGS, VISUAL AIDS, AND EYE CARE



BUDGETING AND PERSONAL FINANCE

BUDGETING IS A GREAT WAY TO BUILD UP SAVINGS FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. SAVINGS WILL ALLOW YOU MORE FLEXIBILITY WHEN AN EMERGENCY OCCURS, WHEN YOU NEED TO BUY SOMETHING, OR JUST IN GENERAL HAVE MORE FINANCIAL SECURITY. TAXES IN THE UNITED STATES ARE VERY IMPORTANT, IT IS NECESSARY TO PAY TAXES OR YOU WILL FACE MAJOR CONSEQUENCES



TAXES:

“IF YOU DO NOT PAY THE TAXES YOU OWE, IT WILL CAUSE PROBLEMS LATER WHEN YOU APPLY FOR YOUR GREEN CARD OR U.S. CITIZENSHIP OR TRY TO SPONSOR A FAMILY MEMBER.”
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TAX INFORMATION:



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GO TO PAGE 123 TO LEARN MORE ABOUT INCOME TAXES

TAX PREPARATION HELP:



UNITED WAY OF CENTRAL ALABAMA (UWCA) *E

CONTACT EITHER ORGANIZATION TO GET HELP WITH THE TAX PROCESS AND HELP WITH FILING YOUR TAXES



HICA



BUDGETING:



ALIRP BUDGET TEMPLATE *E

USE THIS TEMPLATE TO TRACK INCOME AND NECESSARY SPENDING TO HELP BUILD UP SAVINGS!

THANK YOU AND GOOD LUCK

We hope that you have found these resources helpful and we wish the best for you and your family while you all adjust to a new life. Please contact us if you have any questions about the resources in this toolkit!

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