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RESOURCE GUIDE

**FOR LGBTQ+ IMMIGRANTS,
REFUGEES & ASYLUM SEEKERS**

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INTRODUCTION

People around the world face violence, even execution, for who they are, who they love, and how they look. The path to asylum and residency can be difficult for those lacking resources and emotional support. LGBTQ+ refugees and asylum seekers often flee violence from their families and communities, resettling in the U.S. alone without critical support networks.

The City of West Hollywood is an outspoken advocate for the legal rights of LGBTQ+ people. The City is also home to a thriving community of individuals from regions of the former Soviet Union.

In December 2016, the City Council of West Hollywood affirmed its commitment as a Sanctuary City. West Hollywood is a safe space for LGBTQ+ people, regardless of nationality or immigration status, and the City is dedicated to promoting social justice and equal rights for all LGBTQ+ individuals both nationwide and globally.

The City of West Hollywood's *Resource Guide for LGBTQ+ Immigrants, Refugees and Asylum Seekers* is a comprehensive list of local and inclusive nonprofit organizations offering a range of services.

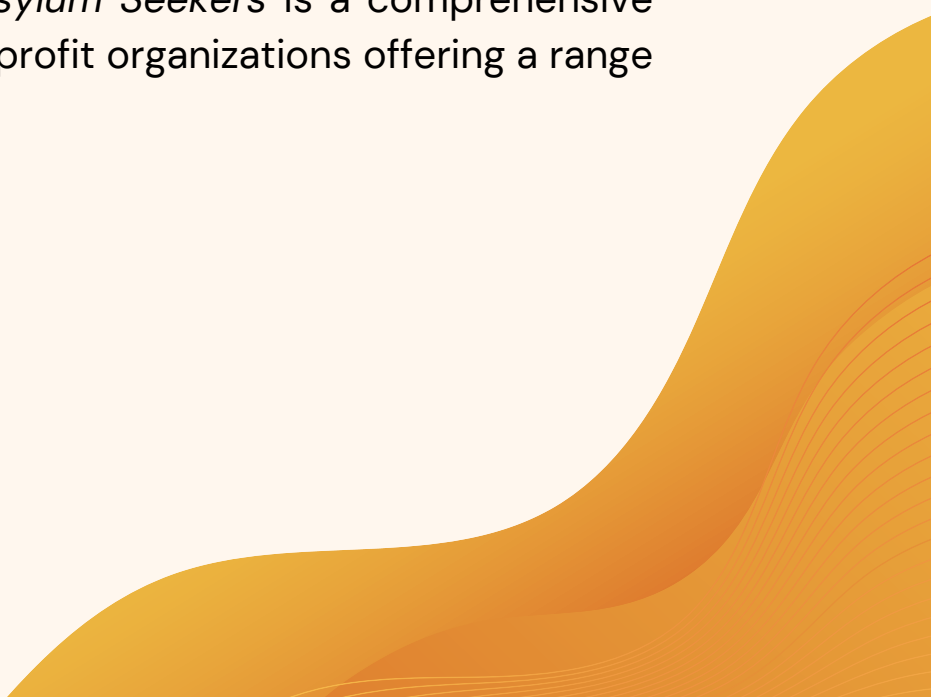


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Disclaimer

The City does not provide legal advice or representation.

The Resource Guide for LGBTQ+ Immigrants and Asylum Seekers provides general information on social services assistance. The inclusion of an organization does not imply an endorsement or recommendation of the organization, nor does exclusion imply disapproval. There is no guarantee that all persons are eligible for services, that services will be provided, or that they will be provided to the person's satisfaction. This document is available in several languages and translation can cause some terms in the document to acquire a different meaning.

TERMS & DEFINITIONS

The following terms are used throughout this guide with definitions from Immigration Equality, Immigrant Legal Resource Center, Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, National Immigrant Justice Center, and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

Asylee

An individual who has been granted asylum in the United States, allowing them to remain in the country legally. Asylees are eligible to work and may qualify for public benefits. One year after being granted asylum, they may apply for lawful permanent residence (a Green Card).

Asylum

A form of legal protection available to individuals who meet the definition of a refugee and who are either already in the U.S. or seeking entry at a port of entry. Asylum may be granted based on persecution due to race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or membership in a particular social group. Persecution based on sexual orientation, gender identity, or HIV status has been recognized as grounds for asylum.

Citizen/U.S. Citizen

A person holds U.S. citizenship if they were born in the U.S. or certain U.S. territories, regardless of their parents' immigration status; or born abroad to at least one U.S. citizen parent (depending on specific residency and legal requirements); or a lawful permanent resident who has obtained citizenship through naturalization; or a child of a naturalized citizen, if they meet certain conditions before turning 18.

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals is a program created by President Obama to offer deferred action (or deportation relief) to certain foreign national youths who were brought to the U.S. as children. As of 2025, DACA remains in place but continues to face legal challenges. While renewals are being processed, first-time applications have not been accepted since 2021.

Dreamer

Dreamer (often also spelled "DREAMer") refers to a young person without lawful status who qualifies for the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act. Originating in 2001, the DREAM Act has since been reintroduced several times but has failed to pass. Though Dreamers are also frequently referred to as "DACA recipients", the latter specifically refers to Dreamers who have applied for and received DACA status.

Green Card

An informal term for the Permanent Resident Card (Form I-551), which grants lawful permanent residence in the U.S. Green Card holders can live and work in the U.S. indefinitely and may eventually apply for citizenship.

Immigrant

A person who has been granted lawful permanent residence in the U.S. and is authorized to live and work permanently. This is distinct from nonimmigrants, who are individuals in the U.S. temporarily (e.g., students, tourists, temporary workers).

Naturalization

The process by which a lawful permanent resident (Green Card Holder) applies for and obtains U.S. citizenship. Generally, applicants must have held a Green Card for at least five years or (three years if married to a U.S. citizen).

Parole (Humanitarian or Public Interest Parole)

A discretionary status that allows individuals to enter or remain in the U.S. temporarily for urgent humanitarian reasons or significant public benefit. This includes programs like Humanitarian Parole for medical emergencies and Parole in Place (PIP) for certain military family members.

Public Charge Rule

An immigration policy used to determine whether an applicant for a visa or Green Card is likely to become financially dependent on government assistance. Certain public benefits (e.g., cash welfare programs) can impact an applicant's ability to obtain lawful permanent residence.

Refugee

A term used for people outside of their country who are unable or unwilling to return because of persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution based on race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or membership in a particular social group. Refugees must apply for protection outside of the U.S. and be approved for resettlement before entering the country.

Refugee Status

A legal designation granted to individuals who meet the definition of a refugee and are of special humanitarian concern to the United States. Refugees must apply from outside the U.S. and go through a rigorous vetting process. They must meet the same standard of persecution as asylum seekers. While refugee status is recognized for individuals persecuted for race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or social group, it is often harder to obtain refugee status based on sexual orientation, gender identity, or HIV status compared to asylum.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS)

A temporary immigration status granted to nationals of certain countries experiencing armed conflict, environmental disaster, or other extraordinary conditions that make returning unsafe. TPS allows beneficiaries to remain and work legally in the U.S. for designated periods but does not lead to permanent residence.

Trafficking

The recruitment, transportation, harboring, or receipt of people through force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of forced labor or commercial sexual exploitation.

T-Visa

A nonimmigrant visa that provides immigration protection to victims of severe human trafficking, allowing them to stay in the U.S. for up to four years while assisting law enforcement with investigations or prosecutions of trafficking cases. T-Visa holders may also apply for lawful permanent residency after meeting certain requirements.

U-Visa

A nonimmigrant visa designed for victims of certain crimes who have suffered substantial mental or physical abuse and who cooperate with law enforcement in investigating or prosecuting the crime. The U-Visa allows recipients to remain in the U.S. and apply for lawful permanent residence after meeting eligibility requirements. Qualifying crimes include domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, felonious assault, abduction, and others.

Undocumented

The term used to describe foreign nationals in the U.S. who do not have lawful immigration status. This includes individuals who entered the U.S. without inspection, overstayed a visa, or violated the terms of their legal status. While the term "undocumented" is widely used, official government agencies may refer to individuals as "noncitizens without lawful status" or "unauthorized immigrants".

Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)

A law that provides immigration protections for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and abuse by certain U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident family members. Under VAWA, survivors can self-petition for legal status without the abuser's knowledge or consent by filing Form I-360. If approved, they may be eligible to apply for lawful permanent residence. VAWA protections extend to all genders and include same-sex couples.

Visa

A legal document that allows a foreign national to seek entry into the U.S. A visa does not guarantee entry but permits the holder to travel to a U.S. port of entry, where they are inspected by Customs and Border Protection (CBP). Visas are issued as either nonimmigrant visas (for temporary stays) or immigrant visas (for those seeking permanent residence).

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KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

YOU HAVE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

All individuals in the United States, regardless of immigration status, are protected under the U.S. Constitution.

The Immigration Legal Resource Center can help you assert your rights and defend yourself when ICE agents approach your home.

For more information, visit: ilrc.org/red-cards-tarjetas-rojas.



Do not open the door

- If an immigration agent is knocking on the door
- You have the right to an attorney -
 - You have the right to refuse entry without a warrant -



Do not answer any questions

- from an immigration agent if they try to talk to you
- You have the right to remain silent -
 - You have the right to an attorney -



Do not sign anything

- without first speaking to a lawyer
- You have the right to an attorney -
 - Contact a legal aid organization -



If you are outside your home

- ask the agent if you are free to leave
- If they say yes, leave calmly -
 - If they say no, remain calm -
 - You have the right to remain silent -
 - You have the right to an attorney -

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

The City of West Hollywood urges people in immigrant communities to “Know Your Rights” and has developed outreach information in English, Spanish, and Russian about resources. During this time of federal immigration policy changes, the Los Angeles County Office of Immigrant Affairs is encouraging people to go to its website to learn about rights and resources. The City’s Know Your Rights effort is sharing this message in the community with outdoor media PSAs, ads, flyers, postcards, and more – all pointing to information from the Office of Immigrant Affairs at oia.lacounty.gov/kyr. There are flyers available for pickup in the lobby area of City of West Hollywood facilities and available for download at weho.org/services/human-services/lgbtq-services/lgbtq-immigrants.

EMPLOYMENT & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Jobs, Vision, Success of Southern California (JVS SoCal)

625 N. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069
(310) 652-6378 | jvs-socal.org

JVS SoCal helps individuals overcome employment barriers by providing job training, mentoring, career coaching, job placement, and retention support. Serving Southern California's diverse community, it offers tools and resources to help people of all backgrounds achieve career success.

JVS SoCal Refugee Employment & Acculturation Services (REAS)

315 Arden Ave., Glendale, CA 91202
(818) 956-0500 | jvs-socal.org

The REAS Division's Refugee Employment Program provides culturally and linguistically sensitive employment services. Available to people receiving CalWORKs, Medi-Cal, CalFresh, Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA) or General Relief (GR), it also assists refugees not on public aid and non-citizens who are victims of trafficking, domestic violence, or serious crimes. Services are available for up to five years after U.S. arrival.

Refugee Employment Program (REP)

625 N. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069
(310) 652-6378 | dpss.lacounty.gov/en/jobs/rep.html

REP provides employment and training services to eligible refugees, including asylees, Amerasians, victims of human trafficking or serious crimes, Cuban/Haitian entrants, and Afghan/Iraqi Special Immigrant Visa holders. Assistance is available for up to five years from the date of U.S. entry or asylum approval.

TransCanWork

1001 N. Martel Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90046
(323) 206-6827 | transcanwork.org

TransCanWork provides workforce development programs for transgender individuals, offering education, training, experience, and employment connections. The organization also helps employers create inclusive workplaces through culture evaluations and consultation.

Upwardly Global

(415) 834-9901 | upwardlyglobal.org

Upwardly Global helps work-authorized immigrants, refugees, and asylees restart their careers in the U.S. by providing career coaching, industry training, and networking opportunities. The organization partners with workforce agencies, community colleges, and employers to promote inclusive hiring, and advocates for policies that support immigrant workforce inclusion.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)

Venice Skills Center

611 Fifth Ave., Venice, CA 90291

(310) 664-5888 | veniceskillscenter.org

Venice Skills Center, part of the Los Angeles Unified School District's Division of Adult and Career Education, offers English language learning, programs for career advancement, high school diplomas, and equivalency exams. Enrollment and class schedules available on the website.

Evans Community Adult School

717 N. Figueroa St., Los Angeles, CA 90012

(213) 613-7900 | evanscas.lausd.org

Evans Community Adult School is the nation's largest stand-alone ESL school, offering courses in Citizenship, ESL, Adult Basic Skills, High School Preparation, and Career Technical programs. It also supports high school students and young adults through the AC2T alternative education program. Programs are free or low-cost and meet high school accreditation standards. Headquartered in downtown Los Angeles and also has a branch in Hollywood.

FINANCIAL & DOCUMENTATION ASSISTANCE

Jewish Family Service Comprehensive Service Center

7377 Santa Monica Blvd. West Hollywood, CA 90046

(323) 851-8202 | jfsla.org

The West Hollywood Comprehensive Services Center at Plummer Park offers Russian-speaking staff to assist immigrant community members with applying for benefits, benefits advocacy, case management, and counseling. The Center also provides recreation, classes, lectures, and excursions.

Jewish Free Loan Association

6505 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 715 Los Angeles, CA 90048

(323) 761-8830 | jfsla.org

The Jewish Free Loan Association offers interest-free loans to individuals and families of all faiths facing financial challenges. Loans cover emergencies, education, special needs, home healthcare, and more.

National Council of Jewish Women, Los Angeles

(323) 852-8500 | ncjwla.org

NCJW/LA promotes economic justice and equity for low-income community members, offering financial and rental assistance, clothing vouchers, and adult education scholarships.

Pace Micro - Enterprise Development (Med) Program

PACE Business Development Center

1055 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 900B Los Angeles, CA 90017

(213) 353-9400 | Bdcinfo@pacela.org | pacelabdc.org

PACE Business Development Center helps communities build wealth by supporting small businesses and financial management. It provides financial assistance to refugees, asylum seekers, special immigrant visa holders, and human trafficking survivors in Southern California.

FOOD ASSISTANCE RESOURCES

APLA Health — Necessities of Life Program

Michael Gottlieb Health Center, West Hollywood
7531 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90046
(323) 988-1400 | aplahealth.org

The West Hollywood Necessities of Life Program provides free nutritious groceries, hygiene products, and cleaning supplies to support individuals living with HIV/AIDS. Available the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month from 12:00 to 3:00 pm.

The David Geffen Center, Mid-City
611 S. Kingsley Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90005
nolp1@apla.org | aplahealth.org

The Mid-City Necessities of Life Program provides free nutritious groceries, hygiene products, and cleaning supplies to support individuals living with HIV/AIDS. Available Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:30 am – 12:00 pm and 2:00 pm – 5:30 pm (closed on the first Friday of the month).

Downtown Women’s Center

442 S. San Pedro St., Los Angeles, CA 90013
(213) 680-0600 | downtownwomenscenter.org

The Downtown Women’s Center provides permanent supportive housing and a safe, inclusive community for women, including transgender women. The Day Center offers meals, clothing, showers, and referrals daily from 7:30 am – 3:00 pm.

Food on Foot

(310) 860-0022 | foodonfoot.org

Food on Foot provides meals, clothing, and support for people experiencing homelessness. Meals are served every Sunday from 1:15 – 4:30 pm in the private parking lot behind the LA LGBT Center at 1625 N. Schrader Blvd., Los Angeles.

Hollywood Food Coalition

The Way In Center—Salvation Army Hollywood Campus
5939 Hollywood Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90028
(323) 462-2032 | hofoco.org

The Hollywood Food Coalition serves hot, fresh meals nightly to anyone in need. Available weekdays from 6:30 – 8:00 pm and weekends from 6:30 – 7:30 pm at N. Orange Dr., and Romaine St., near Santa Monica Blvd., and La Brea Ave.,

Hope of the Valley Rescue Mission

6425 Tyrone Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91401
(818) 392-0020 | info@hopeofthevalley.org | hopeofthevalley.org

Hope of the Valley Rescue Mission offers emergency services, including meals, clothing, hygiene kits, medicine, blankets, and referrals. For lunch details, call (818) 804-5507.

Jewish Family Services | SOVA Community Food & Resource

8846 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90035

(818) 988-7682 | communications@jfsla.org | jfsla.org

SOVA offers free groceries, benefits enrollment, legal assistance, and homelessness support. Pantry hours: Monday – Thursday, 10:00 am – 1:30 pm; Sunday, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm (closed on holiday weekends). Free groceries for people experiencing homelessness are available Tuesdays, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm at West Hollywood’s Plummer Park.

The Los Angeles LGBT Center Senior Services

Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Senior Center Anita May Rosenstein Campus

1118 N. McCadden Pl., Los Angeles, CA 90038

(323) 860-5830 | seniors@lalgbtcenter.org | lalgbtcenter.org

Monday–Friday, 12:30 –1:30 pm

Seniors Pride Pantry

1111 N Las Palmas Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90038

(323) 860-5849 | seniorspantry@lalgbtcenter.org | lalgbtcenter.org

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 –11:00 am

The LGBT Center Senior Program provides free groceries, meals, case management, employment assistance, housing navigation, benefits assistance, showers, laundry, support groups, and social programming for adults 50 and older.

The Los Angeles LGBT Center Youth Services

1118 N. McCadden Pl., Los Angeles, CA 90038

(323) 860-2280 | youthservices@lalgbtcenter.org | lalgbtcenter.org

The LGBT Center Youth Program provides meals, shelter, drop-in services, case management, and outreach for youth ages 16-24.

Seeds of Hope

7377 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90046

(213) 482-2040 | seedsofhope.org

Seeds of Hope provides free fresh produce to West Hollywood community members every Tuesday from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm at Plummer Park.

St. Thomas the Apostle Church

7501 Hollywood Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90046

(323) 876-2102

St. Thomas the Apostle Church offers free breakfast, counseling, and referrals on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month from 8:00 am – 9:00 am. The LGBTQ+ community and individuals of all faiths are welcome.

HEALTH CARE

Services are available for uninsured and underinsured individuals; sliding scale fees may apply.

AIDS Health Foundation (AHF)

6255 W Sunset Blvd., 21st floor, Los Angeles, CA 90028

(323) 860-5200 | aidshealth.org

AHF offers HIV care and services through healthcare, wellness, nutrition, housing, and pharmacy services.

APLA Health – Michael Gottlieb Health Center

7531 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90046

(323) 988-1400 | aplahealth.org

APLA Health offers medical, dental, and mental health care, PrEP counseling, HIV prevention, STD screening and treatment, and health education. Insurance enrollment assistance is available in English and Spanish. APLA Health promotes healthcare equity for LGBTQ+ and underserved communities, including individuals living with or affected by HIV.

BAILA Network

(888) 624-4752 | bailanetwork.org

The BAILA Network connects Los Angeles immigrant families and essential workers with public benefits through free legal assistance, education and enrollment support in multiple languages.

Cedars-Sinai Financial Assistance Program

Cedars-Sinai Patient Financial Advocates Office South Tower, Room 1740

8700 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90048

(323) 866-8600 | cedars-sinai.org

Cedars-Sinai's financial assistance program helps low-income individuals access emergency care. Uninsured and underinsured patients may qualify for assistance to cover medical costs. Support is available in English, Spanish, Russian, and Farsi.

Health Care In Action

(213) 669-6453 | healthcareinaction.org

Health Care in Action is a mobile medical crisis response program that provides medical, mental health, and substance use care for unhoused community members.

JWCH Institute

(323) 201-4516 | jwchinstitute.org

JWCH Institute Inc. provides primary care, family planning, HIV services, drug treatment, health education, psychosocial support, and medical outreach to low-income populations in Los Angeles. To make healthcare affordable, JWCH offers a Sliding Fee Discount Program based on ability to pay.

Men's Health Foundation

8280 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069

(424) 245-3486 | menshealthfound.org

9201 Sunset Blvd., Suite 812. Los Angeles, CA 90069

(310) 550-1010 | menshealthfound.org

Men's Health Foundation provides holistic healthcare focused on nutrition, exercise, and wellness. Services include HIV and STD testing and treatment, PEP and PrEP, screenings, vaccinations, and health care. Services available in English and Spanish.

Planned Parenthood LA — West Hollywood Health Center

869 Westbourne Dr., West Hollywood, CA 90069

(800) 576-5544 | plannedparenthood.org

Planned Parenthood provides affordable reproductive healthcare and sexual health education. The West Hollywood location offers family planning, abortion services, birth control, emergency contraception, HIV/STD screening and treatment, vaccines, and women's healthcare. Services are available in English, Spanish, and other languages via phone interpreter.

Saban Community Clinic

8405 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90048

(323) 653-1990 | sabancommunityclinic.org

Saban Community Clinic provides comprehensive medical, dental, and behavioral health services. The clinic specializes in HIV treatment and prevention and also provides free showers. Services are available to everyone, regardless of ability to pay or immigration status.

St. John's Community Health

(323) 541-1411 | sjch.org

St. John's Community Health is a nonprofit health network serving Los Angeles and the Inland Empire. It offers medical, dental, mental health, substance use treatment, case management, and outreach services. It operates over 20 locations, including clinics, mobile units, school centers, and affordable housing sites. Services are available Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, and Saturday, 7:00 am – 3:00 pm.

The Los Angeles LGBT Center

1625 N. Schrader Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90028

(323) 993-7500 | lgbtcenter.org/services/medical-services

The Los Angeles LGBT Center provides primary care, mental health services, and pharmacy support for the LGBT community and people living with HIV. It provides full-range care for cisgender men and women, free HIV/STD testing and treatment, PEP and PrEP services, and specialized transgender care. Services are available Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 7:00 pm.

MENTAL HEALTH CARE

Being Alive

7080 Hollywood Blvd., Suite 450. Los Angeles, CA 90028
(323) 874-4322 | beingalivela.org

Being Alive is an HIV service organization providing free mental health care, wellness programs, and support. Services include individual therapy, group support, and social activities. HIV-related programs are available in Spanish.

Center for the Pacific Asian Family (CPAF)

543 N. Fairfax Ave., #108. Los Angeles, CA 90036
(800) 339-3940 (24-hour Access) | nurturingchange.org

CPAF supports Asian and Pacific Islander survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. It offers a multilingual 24-hour hotline, counseling, crisis intervention, case management, and shelter. Assistance is available in Chinese, Korean, Japanese, Tagalog, Khmer, Thai, Hindi, and Vietnamese.

Jewish Family Service of LA (JFS) | Central Intake

(877) 275-4537 | jfsla.org

JFS offers professional counseling and mental health support for children, teens, adults, couples, families, and survivors of violence. Services help people navigate life transitions, trauma, and addiction.

JQ International Warmline

855-JQI-HLPS (855-574-4577)
Helpline@JQinternational.org | jqinternational.org

The JQ Warmline provides resources and social service referrals for LGBTQ+ individuals, their families, and allies. Support includes health, education, spirituality, gender identity, activism, and social connections. Available Monday - Thursday from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm and Friday from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.

The Los Angeles LGBT Center - Mental Health & Psychiatry

1625 N. Schrader Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90028
(323) 993-7500 | lalgbtcenter.org

The LGBT Center's mental health services include therapy, psychiatric care, and support for domestic violence and substance abuse.

Maple Counseling

(310) 271-9999 | maple4counseling.org

Maple Counseling offers free and low-cost mental health services for individuals, couples, and families of all ages.

HOUSING AND HOMELESS RESOURCES

Alliance for Housing and Healing, powered by APLA Health

7531 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 205. West Hollywood, CA 90046
(323) 656-1107 | alliancehh.org

Alliance for Housing and Healing provides emergency financial aid for rent, utilities, and housing support. Other programs include rental subsidies for seniors and permanent supportive housing for individuals and families living with HIV/AIDS in Los Angeles County.

Ascencia

1851 Tyburn St., Glendale, CA 91204
(818) 246-7900 | ascenciaca.org

Ascencia offers emergency and permanent supportive housing and street outreach programs to help individuals transition out of homelessness.

Jewish Family Services of LA (JFS) | Central Intake

(877) 275-4537 | jfsla.org

JFS provides shelter services for families experiencing homelessness and survivors of domestic violence. JFS offers emergency and transitional housing with support services, including therapy, case management, food assistance, and legal aid. JFS also operates two 24-hour hotlines for women in abusive relationships: (323) 681-2626 or (818) 505-0900.

Jovenes

1208 Pleasant Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90033
(323) 260-8035 | jovenesinc@jovenesinc.org | jovenesinc.org

Jovenes supports youth ages 18-24 in breaking the cycle of homelessness by providing housing, healthcare, education, employment support, and trauma recovery. Based in Boyle Heights and serving Southeast LA County, Jovenes empowers young people to achieve stability and independence, helping them transition into permanent housing and meaningful community roles.

People Assisting the Homeless (PATH)

340 North Madison Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90004
(323) 644-2200 | pathlosangeles@epath.org | epath.org

PATH helps individuals and families transition from homelessness to stable housing. Support includes street outreach, interim housing, shelters, supportive services, and rapid re-housing for those experiencing or at-risk of homelessness.

Proyecto Pastoral at Dolores Mission – Guadalupe Homeless Project

Women's Shelter | 135 N. Mission Rd., Los Angeles, CA 90033 | (323) 604-9985
Men's Shelter | 171 S. Gless St., Los Angeles, CA 90033 | (323) 881-0032
proyectopastoral.org

Proyecto Pastoral at Dolores Mission provides training, education, and social services to immigrants in the Pico-Aliso/Boyle Heights area. The Guadalupe Homeless Project offers temporary shelter for up to 90 days. Assistance is available in English and Spanish.

City of West Hollywood Rent Stabilization Division

(323) 848-6450 | weho.org

The Rent Stabilization Division implements and oversees programs and policies promoting inclusiveness and resilience in the community through fair regulation of rental housing. The Division manages administers the City's Rent Stabilization Ordinance and Regulations, including tenant protections against rent overcharges, harassment, eviction without just cause, and construction-related impacts, and advises the City Manager and City Council on policies impacting tenants and landlords.

The Coalition for Economic Survival (CES)

(213) 252-4411 | cesinaction.org

Supports low- and middle-income tenants. Helps preserve affordable housing, prevent evictions, and ensure safe living conditions. Provides educational forums on tenant rights.

The Los Angeles LGBT Center Senior Services

1118 N. McCadden Pl., Los Angeles, CA 90038

(323)993-7400 | seniors@lalgbtcenter.org

The Senior Program provides case management, employment support, housing navigation, benefits assistance, meals, showers, laundry, support groups, and social activities for adults 50 and older. Services are available Monday - Friday from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm.

The Los Angeles LGBT Center Youth Services

1118 N. McCadden Pl., Los Angeles, CA 90038

(323) 860-2280 | youthservices@lalgbtcenter.org | lalgbtcenter.org

The LGBT Center Youth Program supports LGBTQ+ youth ages 16-24 with meals, shelter, drop-in services, case management, and outreach. It provides housing for homeless LGBTQ youth for up to 18 months, along with access to food, clothing, and showers. Services are available Monday - Friday from 7:30 am - 3:30 pm and Saturday - Sunday from 7:30 am - 1:30 pm.

Youth Emerging Stronger (YES)

(323) 467-8466 | youthemergingstronger.org

YES provides 24-hour emergency shelters, group homes, and transitional living programs, offering youth a safe and supportive place to call home. The LAYN Emergency Shelter & Drop-in Center in Hollywood is open 24/7 for youth ages 12-17. For more information about this program, call (323) 240-2253.

LEGAL SERVICES

Sliding scale fees may apply, but no one is turned away due to immigration status or inability to pay.

Bet Tzedek Legal Services

3250 Wilshire Blvd., 13th Floor. Los Angeles, CA 90010

(323) 939-0506 | bettzedek.org

Bet Tzedek provides free legal services to low-income individuals and families, offering advice and representation in trials, hearings, and appeals. Services include transgender rights, removal defense for undocumented youth, tax and consumer fraud, healthcare directives, elder abuse, disability benefits, landlord-tenant issues, wage claims, human trafficking response, and Holocaust reparations.

Central American Refugee Center-Los Angeles (CARECEN)

2845 W. 7th St., Los Angeles, CA 90005

(213) 385-7800 | carecen-la.org

CARECEN offers free services, including DACA and naturalization consultations. It also provides assistance with VAWA, U-VISA applications, family-based petitions, deportation defense, and Temporary Protected Status (TPS). Fees for additional legal services vary by case and are low compared to private attorneys.

Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA)

2533 W 3rd St., #101. Los Angeles, CA 90057

(213) 201-3797 | chirla.org

CHIRLA provides low-cost immigration legal services, including naturalization, DACA renewal, family petitions, asylum requests, and deportation defense. Recognized by the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA), its legal staff is supervised by licensed attorneys. To schedule an appointment, clients must attend a weekly legal clinic on Tuesdays, Thursdays, or Saturdays for a one-hour consultation.

Immigration Center for Women & Children (ICWC)

634 S. Spring St., Suite 727. Los Angeles, CA 90014

(213) 614-1165 | icwclaw.org

ICWC provides affordable legal services for immigrants in California and Nevada, including victims of abuse, domestic violence, and other crimes. Services include T and U visas, VAWA, SIJS, legal guardianship, and DACA.

International Institute of Los Angeles

3845 Selig Pl., Los Angeles, CA 90031

(323) 224-3800 | iilosangeles.org

The International Institute's Immigration Legal Services Division (ILSD) provides free or low-cost legal services for documented and undocumented immigrants. It offers full representation in removal defense, asylum applications, and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status cases for unaccompanied minors. ILSD also assists with citizenship, residency card renewals, family petitions, adjustment of status, U and T visas, VAWA, DACA renewal, and TPS renewal.

Interfaith Refugee Immigration Service (IRIS)

3621 Brunswick Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90039

(323) 667-0489 | iris-la.org

IRIS provides legal services including U.S. citizenship, Adjustment of Status, family reunification, DACA, TPS, Consular Processing, work and travel documents, Special Immigrant/Religious Worker visas, and notary services. IRIS has helped nearly 7,000 refugees find safety and support in Los Angeles. Affiliated with Episcopal Migration Ministries, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, and Church World Service, IRIS is a Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA)-recognized office with accredited staff and an on-staff immigration attorney.

LA Center for Law & Justice (LACLJ)

5301 Whittier Blvd., 4th Floor. Los Angeles, CA 90022

(323) 980-3500 | survivorjusticecenter.org

LACLJ provides legal services to immigrant survivors of interpersonal violence, helping them remain in the U.S. legally and safely with their children, preventing unnecessary foster care placement. It also supports immigrant youth facing deportation. Services include VAWA, U and T visas, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS), Adjustment of Status for approved petitioners, and DACA.

Los Angeles County Bar Association Immigration Project

300 N. Los Angeles St., Room 3107. Los Angeles, CA 90012

(213) 485-1872 | lacba.org

The Los Angeles County Bar Association's Immigration Project helps immigrants obtain legal residency and citizenship. It provides free legal assistance for DACA renewals, advance parole, family petitions, and adjustment of status.

Neighborhood Legal Services

6230 Sylmar Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91401

(800) 433-6251 | nlsla.org

Neighborhood Legal Services provides legal representation for low-income immigrants, including survivors of domestic violence and other crimes. Services include VAWA and U Visa applications, employment authorization, adjustment of status, family-based petitions, and hardship waivers.

Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (LAFLA)

(800) 399-4529 | lafla.org

LAFLA provides free legal assistance to low-income individuals in immigration, family law, employment law, eviction defense, housing, and government benefits. Services include citizenship applications for Lawful Permanent Residents and immigration representation for asylum seekers, crime and domestic violence survivors (U Visas, VAWA), Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, family reunification, deportation defense, and T Visas for human trafficking survivors. Assistance is available in multiple languages. CalWORKS recipients who are domestic violence or torture survivors receive case management support, including legal guidance, resource coordination, and safety planning. For citizenship assistance, call (213) 640-3918.

Loyola Immigrant Justice Clinic – Loyola Law School

919 Albany St., Los Angeles, CA 90015

(213) 252-7409 | lijc@lls.edu

The Loyola Immigrant Justice Clinic (LIJC), a partnership between Loyola Law School, Loyola Marymount University, Homeboy Industries, and Dolores Mission Church, provides legal representation for indigent immigrants in East Los Angeles. LIJC offers direct legal services, education, and advocacy, focusing on individuals with immigration and criminal complications who lack access to other legal resources.

Public Counsel

610 S. Ardmore Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90005

(213) 385-2977 | publiccounsel.org

Public Counsel's Immigrants' Rights Project provides legal representation for individuals seeking asylum due to persecution based on political opinion, race, religion, nationality, or social group. It also assists immigrants who have been abused by a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, as well as victims of trafficking and other crimes.

Southwestern Law School Immigration Clinic & Removal Defense Clinic

3050 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90010

(213) 738-6700 | immigrationclinic@swlaw.edu | swlaw.edu

Southwestern Law's Immigration Clinic provides free legal representation to low-income individuals seeking Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS), U Visas, and U-based Adjustment of Status. The Removal Defense Clinic assists low-income immigrants facing deportation, focusing on SIJS, asylum, withholding of removal, relief under the Convention Against Torture, and cancellation of removal. Both clinics are staffed by English and Spanish speakers.

The Los Angeles LGBT Center — Legal Services

1111 N. Las Palmas Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90038

(323) 993-7670 | lgbtcenter.org/services/legal-services

The Los Angeles LGBT Center is the nation's largest provider of LGBTQ+ legal services, offering free and confidential consultations with attorneys, staff, and law students. Its Immigration Law Project provides court representation for asylum cases and assists with residency, naturalization, and family petitions. Legal services support survivors of hate crimes, police violence, harassment, and intimate partner violence, with victim advocates available for guidance.

UCLA School of Law Immigration Clinic: Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) & U Visa Project

elcentro@lawnet.ucla.edu | law.ucla.edu

El Centro's Immigration Clinic helps undocumented immigrants who have left abusive relationships or survived serious crimes apply for VAWA and U-Visas, allowing them to stay in the U.S., work, and pursue permanent residency. Supervised law students and attorneys assist clients, including survivors of domestic violence, sexual abuse, assault, and attempted murder.

USC Gould School of Law Immigration Clinic

699 Exposition Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90089

(213) 740-7331 | gould.usc.edu

Law students in the Clinic provide pro bono representation for immigration cases, including asylum applications, VAWA relief, and removal defense. Most asylum clients are survivors of torture, sexual assault, or severe violence, with many facing life-threatening circumstances.

LEGAL ADVOCACY GROUPS

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Asian Americans Advancing for Justice LA (AAJC)

1145 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90017

(213) 977-7500 | advancingjustice-la.org

AAJC educates the public, lawmakers, and media on Asian American immigration issues and advocates for policy reforms to prevent family separation.

Immigration Equality

(917) 654-9696 | info@immigrationequality.org | immigrationequality.org

Immigration Equality provides free legal services to LGBTQ+ and HIV-positive immigrants, asylum seekers, detainees, and binational couples facing persecution, detention, or family separation. Based in New York City, the organization also advocates for policy reforms and offers referrals to local legal organizations nationwide.

Lambda Legal, Western Regional Office

800 S. Figueroa St., Los Angeles, CA 90017

(213) 382-7600 | members@lambdalegal.org | lambdalegal.org

Lambda Legal provides legal assistance on issues related to sexual orientation, gender identity, and HIV.

National Immigration Law Center (NILC)

PO Box 743013, Los Angeles, CA 90074

(213) 639-3900 | info@nilc.org | nilc.org

NILC advocates for the rights and opportunities of low-income immigrants and their families.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING & SURVIVORS OF TORTURE

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Coalition to Abolish Slavery & Trafficking (CAST)

3580 Wilshire Blvd., #900-37, Los Angeles, CA 90010

(213) 365-1906 | Hotline: (888) KEY-2-FREE or (888)539-2373

info@castla.org | castla.org

CAST provides case management, advocacy, and comprehensive services for trafficking survivors. CAST operates the nation's first trafficking-specific shelter, offers social and legal support, and partners with Saban Free Clinic for health services. It also runs a 24/7 toll-free Human Trafficking Hotline.

Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (LAFLA)

Ron Olson Justice Center

1550 W. 8th St., Los Angeles, CA 90017

(800) 399-4529 | lafla.org

LAFLA provides free legal assistance to human trafficking survivors forced into labor or sex through fraud, force, or coercion. Services include T visas, immigration relief, name and gender changes, expungements, and employment law support. LAFLA also offers referrals for social services and shelter.

Programs for Torture Victims (PTV)

(213) 384-4788 | ptvla.org

General Inquiries: info@ptvla.org | Referrals: refer@ptvla.org

PTV helps survivors from over 70 countries rebuild their lives. PTV provides trauma-informed counseling, case management, peer support, and health services. It also offers forensic psychological and medical reports for asylum seekers and other immigration relief applicants.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

211 LA

If you cannot find what you're looking for in this resource guide, 211 can help. 211 LA is a nonprofit organization that provides access to comprehensive health and social services information for housing, food, clothing, health and mental health care, crisis services and more. Dial 2-1-1 or visit 211la.org

West Hollywood Transit Services

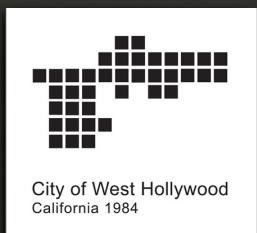
(323) 848-6400 | weho.org/transit

In addition to LA Metro's regional public transit system, the City of West Hollywood offers several programs for travel within the city and neighboring communities. West Hollywood Transit Services includes free local buses, and subsidized bus passes and point-to-point transportation for older adults and individuals living with disabilities. Visit the city's website or contact the city directly to learn about available programs.



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