## - Resources for the Immigrant Community -

## Dayton and the Miami Valley region

**Support and Information**

***Legal Assistance***

**Advocates for Basic Legal Equality (ABLE)**

* 1-888-534-1432 (in English, Spanish, and other languages)

**Be Hope Immigration Center - A center for legal assistance in immigration matters**

* Visit their site at <https://behopeic.org> or contact Molly Brunk, LSW at [mollybrunk@behope.church](http://mollybrunk@behope.church)

**University of Dayton Immigration Law Clinic** - Although it will not be functioning from 2021 to May of 2022, one can still contact the consulting attorney*, Lic. Karen Bradley,* atkbradley1@udayton.edu

**American Immigration Lawyers’ Association -** Look for an immigration lawyer in this national database. <https://www.ailalawyer.com/>

**Larson, Lyons & Al-Hamdani LLC - immigration lawyers**

* <https://ohioimmigrationlawyer.com/>
* David Larson - larson@ohioimmigrationlawyer.com
* 937-684-8890

***Housing Assistance* –**

**Rent Assistance - United Way call 211**

You may qualify to receive assistance from a Montgomery County emergency rental assistance program if:

* You have qualified to receive unemployment benefits or if you have experienced loss of income due to the pandemic
* You are at risk of losing your home due to being unable to pay rent.

**A Social Security Number is NOT a requirement to receive assistance.**

**Landlord/Tenant - Homelessness Prevention Program – Dayton Mediation Center**

The Dayton Mediation Center’s Landlord/Tenant – Homelessness Prevention Programming seeks to support all those who reside in Montgomery County in their efforts to maintain housing. Our services include mediation, conflict coaching, landlord/tenant education and referral to other supportive agencies, which can assist in areas such as rental assistance. **Translation services available upon request!**Our services are free and confidential.

* **Contact Aaron Primm - Mediation Specialist II - 937-333-2349 or****Aaron.Primm@daytonohio.gov****.**

***English Classes***

**Catherine Bitwayiki - 937-559-7195** or catherine@crossovercd.org

ESOL – Classes for all levels. The classes are offered from 10AM to 12PM, 1PM to 3PM and 6PM to 8PM Monday through Friday. On Saturday, 10AM to 12PM or 12PM to 2PM based on the preferences of students and instructors.

**Brunner Literacy Center, 937-567-9600 or** [**brunnerliteracy.org**](http://brunnerliteracy.org)

Provides individualized and free tutoring for adults - in person and online. There are four programs: basic education for adults, advanced education for adults, GED/ high school diploma, and English as a Second Language (ESL)

**Miami Valley Career Technology Center’s (MVCTC) Aspire Program -** [**http://www.mvctc.com/ae/programs/aspire-esol**](http://www.mvctc.com/ae/programs/aspire-esol) **or call 937-854-6057.**

Offers English classes of all levels. MVCTC also offers language certification courses for certain professions (i.e. doctors, tailors, and hospitality workers). Classes are given in person or remotely.

**Dayton Immigration Transit Assistance (DITA)**

Volunteers meet Greyhound buses and distribute snacks and supplies to immigrants that are traveling through from the border. Help is needed in assembling the packages and with meeting the buses! To volunteer or communicate with DITA, contact Maureen O’Meara omearamf@udayton.edu

***Asylum and Sanctuary*, Miami Valley Immigration Coalition (MVIC)**

A community that has committed to providing housing and food support to an asylee (individual or family) who has come to the Miami Valley to join nearby family and/or to offer space to a person who is at risk of deportation and needs refuge. For those facing deportation orders, sanctuary may be possible. Contact MVIC by phone at 859-358-8152 (Janet) or by email immigrationdayton@gmail.com

**Support and General Information**

**Welcome Dayton – Martha-Jeannette Rodriguez - 937-333-1813**

Welcome Dayton is a community engagement program through the office of the city's Department of Planning, Neighborhoods & Development . Welcome Dayton was started in 2011 to support the integration of immigrants and seeks to provide access to government and social services, medical treatment, and to ensure equity within the judicial system,

A list of community resources on their website- <http://www.welcomedayton.org/resources/community-resources/>

* A list of English as a Second Language classes (ESOL) - <http://www.welcomedayton.org/resources/esol-classes/>
* And information on international restaurants and markets in the area - <http://www.welcomedayton.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/Multicultural-Shopping-and-Dining-2019.pdf>

**Miami Valley Immigration Coalition (MVIC)**

A community organization in favor of the rights of all people, no matter their immigration status. *Both individuals and organizations are welcome!* We base our work on the following values: dignity of the person, unity of the family, richness in diversity, equitable treatment, democratic process, and the freedom to seek a better life.

* For resources or references, visit their resource page at <https://www.mvicdayton.org/immigration-resources> or email immigrationdayton@gmail.com
* If you are interested in volunteering or if you have questions, email immigrationdayton@gmail.com or call **Janet Futrell - 859-358-8152**
* You can also join their Facebook group <https://facebook.com/groups/MVImmigrantCoalition/>

***This community resource guide was prepared by MVIC.***

***Questions? Suggestions? Email them at*** **immigrationdayton@gmail.com**

*Our mission is to be an alliance advocating for justice for immigrants, seeking to build spaces and communal bonds to share information and resources. Contact us with any questions or concerns, and we will do what we can to help find information, resources, or a way to resolve the situation. Also contact us if you’re looking for opportunities to participate with MVIC to serve your community and, fight for your rights, and grow as a leader in the community.*