Advocacy Resources for Immigration Related Issues & Policies

The Advocates for Human Rights - A non-governmental, 501(c)3 organization dedicated to the promotion and protection of internationally recognized human rights.

American Civil Liberties Union - Advocates for the rights of immigrants, refugees and non-citizens, challenging unconstitutional laws and practices, countering the myths upon which many of these laws are based.

American Immigration Lawyers Association - A coalition for immigration lawyers and legal advocates that provides a database to search for lawyers in your area.

American Immigration Council - dedicated to increasing public understanding of immigration law and policy and the value of immigration to American society. This site has targeted policy information for attorneys, teachers, and immigrants.

America’s Voice - A community-based communications organization committed to bringing about common sense immigration reform by mobilizing voters nationwide.

Amnesty International USA - Advocates for the rights of asylum-seekers in the United States, and for the humane and dignified treatment of refugees and migrants worldwide.

Catholic Charities USA - Runs a "Justice for Newcomers" site with background on immigration, policy papers, and a call to action.

Catholic Legal Immigration Network (Clinic) - Advocates for transparent, fair and generous immigration policies.

Center for Human Rights and Constitutional Law - A non-profit organization that focuses on the human rights of insular minorities including immigrants, refugees, children, and indigenous peoples.

Church World Service - Relief, development, and refugee assistance ministry of 35 Protestant, Orthodox, and Anglican denominations in the United States.

Detention Watch Network - Has compiled resources for advocacy on immigration issues including tips for effective advocacy, an overview of provisions of the proposed legislation, and an outline of talking points.

Forced Migration Online - Provides academic, on-line resources, including journals, dealing with issues of forced migration internationally.

Families for Freedom - Multi-ethnic defense network by and for immigrants facing and fighting deportation.

Human Rights Watch - A non-profit that supports struggles for human rights internationally and provides educational support for advocates and those interested in getting involved in international efforts to promote human rights.

The Immigrant Child Advocacy Center - An affiliate of the University of Chicago, ICAC trains law students and volunteers to act as Child Protection Advocates for migrant children who are trafficked, smuggled, or separated from their families in the midst of the immigration or refugee process.

Immigrant Legal Resource Center - Works with immigrants and citizens to make critical legal assistance and social services accessible to all, regardless of income, and to build a society that values diversity and respects the dignity and rights of all people.

Immigration Advocates Network - A free national online network which supports legal advocates working on behalf of immigrants’ rights. Includes an immigration library, calendar of events, news and alerts.

Immigration Policy Center - The research arm of the American Immigration Law Foundation (AILF). Established in 2003 with the mission to provide policymakers, academics, the media, and the general public with access to accurate information about the effects of immigration on the U.S. economy and society.
International Committee of the Red Cross - An impartial and independent organization whose exclusively humanitarian mission is to protect the lives and dignity of victims of war and internal violence and to provide them with assistance.

International Organization for Migration - Promotes humane and orderly migration for the benefit of all by providing services and advice to governments and migrants.

Justice for Immigrants - The website of the U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops' Justice which includes immigration basics, statements on immigration from bishops, and educational tools for parishes.

Lutheran Immigrant and Refugee Services - A national organization that provides services to migrants and refugees and tries to create a network of organization to promote public policy changes surrounding immigrant and refugee rights.

Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF) - Website provides information about the litigation, advocacy, and educational efforts MALDEF uses to bring Latinos into the political and socioeconomic mainstream of society.

The Migration Information Source - An online resource providing authoritative data from numerous global organizations and governments, and global analysis of international migration and refugee trends.

National Council of La Raza - The largest national Latino civil rights and advocacy organization in the U.S. The website provides news updates and resources about immigration, civil rights, and justice.

National Immigration Forum - A site that documents policies and recent immigration news and publications nationwide.

National Immigrant Justice Center - Provides direct legal services to and advocates for immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers, with a focus on the Midwest.

National Immigration Law Center - A site dedicated to news and information relating to changing immigration law, including the Dream Act, public benefits, and employment issues.

National Legal Sanctuary for Community Advancement - Provides legal defense, policy advocacy, and public education to protect the needs of targeted Middle Eastern, Muslim and South Asian communities.

National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights - This group is committed to promoting immigrant and refugee rights as part of a global movement for economic and social justice.

Reform Immigration for America - A national coalition of grassroots organizations committed to ensuring comprehensive, just immigration reform quickly.

Rights Working Group - A national coalition of over 250 local and national organizations dedicated to protecting due process and human rights for everyone in America, regardless of citizenship or immigration status.

Somali Family Care Network - Committed to increasing the economic and social opportunities of all Somali groups in the U.S. by creating a network of Somali organizations and refugee service providers.

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops - Has a Migrant and Refugee Services program which takes a global look at immigration issues, with updated information about U.S. policies and a forum on how to take action.

We Are America - We Are America raises the voice of immigrants in the dialogue around our country's broken immigration system. A story bank of video, audio, photo and text stories tell about real people and what they have at stake as new immigrants to the United States.

Witness for Peace - A politically independent, nationwide grassroots organization of people committed to nonviolence and led by faith and conscience. Mission is to support peace, justice and sustainable economies in the Americas by changing U.S. policies and corporate practices which contribute to poverty and oppression in Latin America and the Caribbean.

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees - Protects and supports refugees and assists in their return or resettlement.

Urban Institute - Provides links to several recent academic publications categorized according to their specific connection to the different aspects of immigration in the United States.

USA for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees - A non-profit organization which builds support in the United States for the humanitarian work of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.