



AFT Washington Resources on Immigrant Rights

Know Your Rights – Presentation by OneAmerica:

https://www.weareoneamerica.org/sites/weareoneamerica.org/files/Know_Your_Rights_Presentation_12_5_16pdf_0.pdf

Colectiva Legal del Pueblo: <http://colectivalegal.org/>

Colectiva Legal del Pueblo is a non-hierarchical collective organization founded for and by undocumented immigrants working to build community leadership and power for migrant justice through legal advocacy and education.

Some Resources: Trainings, Legal Services, and Advocacy.

ACLU: <https://www.aclu-wa.org/>

The ACLU is the nation's premier civil rights and civil liberties organization. It is an unwavering voice of freedom, fairness, and equality for all people in America. They work in the courts, the legislatures, and in our communities to protect and extend basic rights for everyone. The ACLU takes no government funds - they are people-powered!

Some Resources: Action Alerts, Know Your Rights, Events, Local and Student Groups.

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United We Dream: <http://unitedwedream.org/>

United We Dream is the largest immigrant youth-led organization in the nation. Their powerful nonpartisan network is made up of over 100,000 immigrant youth and allies and 55 affiliate organizations in 26 states. They organize and advocate for the dignity and fair treatment of immigrant youth and families, regardless of immigration status.

Some Resources: Education, Legal Services, and Advocacy.

Northwest Immigrant Rights Project: <https://www.nwirp.org/>

Northwest Immigrant Rights Project promotes justice by defending and advancing the rights of immigrants through direct legal services, systemic advocacy, and community education.

Founded in 1984, NWIRP now provides direct legal assistance in immigration matters to over 10,000 people each year. They strive to achieve systemic change to policies and practices affecting immigrants through impact litigation, public policy work, and community education.

Some Resources: Legal Services.

Densho: <http://www.densho.org/>

A grassroots organization dedicated to preserving, educating, and sharing the story of World War II-era incarceration of Japanese Americans in order to deepen understandings of American history and inspire action for equity. Densho is a Japanese term meaning "to pass on to the next generation," or to leave a legacy. The legacy they offer is an American story with ongoing relevance: During World War II, the United States government incarcerated innocent people solely because of their ancestry. 日系アメリカ人の歴史ポータル

Some Resources: Education.

El Comité Pro-Reforma Migratoria y Justicia Social: <https://elcomitewa.wordpress.com/>

A social justice organization based in Seattle, Washington which focuses on civil, labor, and human rights. Formed in 1999, El Comité is a Latino organization "which struggles to achieve a comprehensive immigration reform for all working immigrants and fulfill the dream for social justice." This group focuses its efforts primarily in the Seattle area but has relationships with allied groups around the state.

Some Resources: Education and Advocacy.

Community to Community Development: <http://www.foodjustice.org/>

C2C strives to develop projects that come from, and are led by, the folks from communities that need to affect change for improving the lives of their families and future generations. They work to identify common goals and actions among people from marginalized communities and those that believe in sustainability with social justice as a way of life. They strive for solutions with dynamic participatory processes with equity that will guide our communities beyond the shifting of power and towards system transformations.

Some Resources: Programs in Food Justice, Labor Rights, Civic Engagement, Police Reform.

AFT co-sponsored guide: http://www.aft.org/sites/default/files/im_uac-educators-guide_2016.pdf

Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR): <http://cairseattle.org/>

CAIR's mission is to enhance the understanding of Islam, encourage dialogue, protect civil liberties, empower American Muslims, and build coalitions that promote justice and mutual understanding.

Some Resources: Civil Rights, Legal Advocacy, Know Your Rights Trainings, Combating Islamophobia.

OneAmerica: <http://weareoneamerica.org/>

Initially named Hate Free Zone, the organization was founded immediately after September 11, 2001, to address the backlash in a post 9/11 world against immigrant communities of color, primarily Muslims, Arab Americans, East Africans, and South Asians. Since then, OneAmerica has expanded into the largest immigrant advocacy organization in Washington State, organizing in, and advocating for, and with a diversity of immigrant communities including Latino, African, and Asian. OneAmerica also plays a leading role in national coalitions within the immigrant rights and due process arenas. OneAmerica works to change the limits of what is possible, and all of their staff are grounded in the belief that anything is possible if we organize and advocate together.

Resources Include: Programs in Civic Engagement, Community Organizing, Media Activism, and Policy & Research.

Peace and Justice Action League of Spokane (PJALS): <http://pjals.org/>

Started in 1975, PJALS promotes social, political, and economic change through grassroots community organizing, nonviolence training, volunteer involvement, education, and advocacy. They network with local, regional, and national peace and human rights groups to initiate change locally and globally. PJALS is a nonprofit 501(c)3 corporation.

Some Resources: Education and Advocacy.

Whatcom Peace and Justice Center: <http://www.whatcompjc.org/>

Founded in 2002, the Whatcom Peace & Justice Center works to create a voice for peace and social justice in Whatcom County through partnerships with local community and religious organizations, direct action, public witness, and education on alternatives to violence and war. We call on our government and society to disavow policies of violence and seek a culture of peace.

Some Resources: Education and Advocacy.

Washington State Human Rights Commission: <http://www.hum.wa.gov/>

Established in 1949, the Washington State Human Rights Commission (WSHRC) enforces the Washington State Law against Discrimination. The mission of the WSHRC is to prevent and eliminate discrimination through the fair application of the law, the efficient use of resources, and the establishment of productive partnerships in the community.

Some Resources: Education and Legal Help.

Snohomish County Human Rights Commission: <http://snohomishcountywa.gov/149/Human-Rights-Commission>

The Snohomish County Human Rights Commission (SCHRC) serves as an advisory body to the County Executive, County Council, Office of Human Rights, and other county officers and agencies in matters concerning human rights.

Some Resources: Education and Legal Help.

Communities of Color Coalition: <http://www.c3coalition.org/>

The Communities of Color Coalition (C3) is a non-partisan group of citizens who meet on behalf of the people of Snohomish County to discuss, problem-solve, and advocate for social justice, cultural and religious respect, and human rights, especially for people of color and other under-represented groups. Main areas of concern: The elimination of personal and institutional racism; equal access to and opportunities in education; equal access to and opportunities in economic development and employment; and fair and equal treatment under the law and in our society.

Some Resources: Education and Training.

King County Civil Rights Commission: <http://www.kingcounty.gov/elected/executive/equity-social-justice/civil-rights-commission.aspx>

The Civil Rights Commission envisions a thriving King County in which people experience a culture based on equity, social justice, and civil rights for all. They strive to implement this vision by monitoring and reviewing the implementation of civil rights ordinances and policies to determine compliance and effectiveness; by cultivating relationships and collaborating with a variety of groups including community, business, civic and religious organizations, County leadership, and County departments to ensure civil rights protection; and by build community awareness about Equity and Social Justice in King County's diverse communities.

Some Resources: Legal Services, Education, and Training.

Tacoma Human Rights Commission: <http://www.cityoftacoma.org/cms/one.aspx?objectId=22528>

The Human Rights Commission was created by the Tacoma City Council to study and investigate problems of prejudice, bigotry, and discrimination and to encourage and coordinate the implementation of programs consistent with the needs and the rights of all residents of the City of Tacoma. The Commission studies, investigates, and mediates community issues that may result from discrimination on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin or ancestry, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, marital status, familial status, honorably discharged veteran or military status, or disability.

Some Resources: Trainings, Legal Services, and Education.

Tacoma Community House: <http://www.tacomacommunityhouse.org/immigration-services/>

Aspiring citizens in the Puget Sound region who have questions about U.S. immigration and citizenship policies often rely on Tacoma Community House for support. Their immigration department is culturally-diverse and specializes in immigration services and U.S. Citizenship. Immigration Specialists speak a variety of languages to break through communication barriers, allowing them to increase their ability to provide necessary services and help individuals understand and navigate various social systems: school, healthcare, housing, employment, and others.

Some Resources include: Consultation, Immigration Forms Assistance, Citizenship Classes, Green Card Renewal, Family Immigration, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Invitations to visit.