



MIMA

Monthly Update

JULY 2025

National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month

July is recognized as National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month. Immigrants and refugees have diverse mental health needs, shaped by experiences in their country of origin, their migration journey, the policies of the country to which they migrate, and their living and working conditions. At the same time, they can face significant barriers to accessing culturally and linguistically appropriate mental health services.

Through its work, the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs (MIMA) works toward creating a Baltimore City where our immigrant and refugee community members can better receive culturally sensitive mental health services, in their preferred language, free from stigma and fear, and regardless of status.



UPDATES FROM OUR OFFICE

Fall Intern Applications Now Open



Our office is now accepting applications for Fall 2025 internships. We offer valuable opportunities for hands-on experience in areas such as community outreach, communications, and other key roles supporting MIMA's mission. These internships are designed to offer academic credit for your work and contributions. If you are passionate about making a positive impact in immigrant communities and eager to build your skills, we encourage you to apply!

Apply to intern with MIMA by July 15

New American Leadership Institute (NALI) Accepting Applications

The New American Leadership Academy (NALI) is a *free* four-session civics academy for emerging leaders from immigrant and refugee communities. Participants leave the program equipped to serve as ambassadors for their communities, having had the opportunity learn about local governance, hone leadership skills, network with peers, and engage in civic participation.



To participate, you must: (1) be an immigrant or refugee; (2) live or work in Baltimore City; and (3) have a conversational understanding of English. Find more information on [this flyer](#) and apply through the form linked below.

Apply to NALI by August 8

Volunteer with Our Office

If you are not a student but looking for ways to get involved and support your immigrant neighbors, MIMA is seeking dedicated individuals to join our volunteer team!

As a volunteer, you can assist in various programs and initiatives to provide vital support, remotely or in-person (based on your preferences and our office's needs). Your involvement will directly contribute to empowering immigrant communities to thrive. Join us in making a difference!

Apply to volunteer with MIMA

Community Resource Guide

With the change in federal administration at the beginning of this year, there have been many shifts in the immigration policy landscape. Please see the "National Developments" section below for a summary of federal actions that may impact our communities. Additionally, please continue consulting our office's guide to services and resources.

Find services and resources for immigrants in Baltimore

Bi-Weekly Community Stakeholders Call

Our Community Stakeholders Calls take place every other Friday from 11:30 AM to 12:15 PM and are hosted virtually on Microsoft Teams. The call brings together a diverse group of partners and stakeholders, including non-profits, faith-based organizations, civic groups, educational institutions, and city agencies. The call on **July 11** will feature Global Refuge Legal Services and the Charm City Clean Up Project as presenters. The call on **July 25** will feature the Community Partnership Unit of the Baltimore Police Department and Soccer Without Borders as presenters.

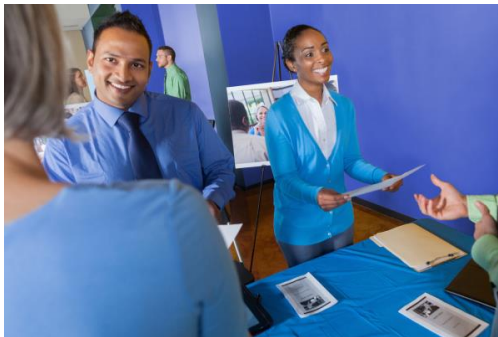


[Join MIMA's stakeholder calls](#)



CITY SERVICES

Welcome Works Hiring Event for Immigrants and Refugees



Join the Baltimore City Mayor's Office of Employment Development (MOED), Global Refuge, TENT, and MIMA for a job fair designed to empower Baltimore's immigrant and refugee communities. Connect directly with employers, explore job openings, and access community resources that support your career journey. This event will take place on **July 29** from 10 AM to 2 PM. Register with [this form](#).

Free Breakfast and Lunch from City Schools' Str/EATS Café Food Truck

From **June 30** to **July 31**, the Str/EATS Café food truck, operated by Baltimore City Public Schools, will be open to all Baltimore City residents (students and adults) at Armistead Gardens, 5001 E Eager Street, Baltimore, MD 21205. Mondays through Thursdays. Free breakfast is served from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM, and free lunch is served from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Come by and get a meal!



Department of Housing and Community Development's Summer Food Service Program

The Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development administers the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) to provide *free*, nutritious breakfasts and lunches to help children in low-income

areas. The 2025 program will run **June 17** through **August 22**, Monday through Friday. These dates are subject to change, reflecting adjustments to the Baltimore City Public Schools calendar.

To locate a meals site, parents can call 410-396-0773, or [search your zip code here](#) to find a site.

Rock the Block: McElderry Park

The Baltimore City Mayor's Office of Community Affairs is hosting Rock the Block family block parties throughout the city. Come by for free food, activities, community resources, family-friendly fun, and more! The next Rock the Block will take place at McElderry Park on **July 24**, from 4:00 PM to 9:30 PM.

B'More Fresh Provides Additional Food Assistance for SNAP Recipients

Baltimore City residents enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) can earn \$30 per month to purchase fruits and vegetables when they shop online with a participating grocery store. After spending \$5 on SNAP-eligible items, shoppers will receive a \$30 produce voucher in their online account. Visit the [B'More Fresh Voucher Program website](#) for more information.



Discount on Water Bills Available for Certain Households through Water4All

Water4All is a program that offers discounts on water bills for eligible Baltimore City residents. Baltimore City residential households who meet income and certain other requirements are eligible. Visit the [Water4All website](#) for more information on eligibility and to apply.



LOCAL EVENTS AND RESOURCES

Lawyer in the Library: Immigration Information

Legal practitioners from Just Neighbors and World Relief will be available to speak with individuals seeking information on immigration-related matters. Practitioners can provide general information on basic immigration-related inquiries, distribute informational materials, provide referrals, and more. Services will be available in Spanish.

These sessions are hosted at the Southeast Anchor Library (3601 Eastern Ave.), every other Wednesday from 11 AM to 2 PM, with upcoming dates on **July 9** and **July 23**.



Know Your Rights Workshop for Service Providers

The Baltimore Immigrant Resource Alliance will host a Know Your Rights workshop for service providers on **July 18** from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM at the Southeast Anchor Library. Learn about your clients' rights, and family planning in preparation for cases of detention or deportation. A light breakfast will be provided, and participants will receive a sample document bag as an example of those provided to community members. Register through [this form](#).



Latino Racial Justice Circle Scholarship

The Latino Racial Justice Circle (LRJC) is pleased to open scholarship applications for the 2025–2026 academic year. Up to six scholarships of \$1,500 will be distributed. The deadline for applications is **July 31**.

To be eligible, applicants must: be first- or second-generation Latino immigrants; show proof of acceptance or enrollment in the higher educational institution to which the scholarship funds will be paid; and demonstrate that their primary residence is in Maryland. Previous awardees are allowed to reapply. Find more information and apply through [this form](#).

Free Relationship and Financial Education Workshops for Couples

The University of Maryland's Together Program is a free relationship and financial education workshop series for couples. The workshop series includes six weekly sessions and will also assist you and your partner in receiving additional free and low-cost services offered by our community partners. These workshops are offered in English and in Spanish. The [next series in Spanish](#) begins on **July 17**, and the [next series in English](#) begins on **July 23**.



Mental Health & Wellness Survey from the Mendēra Initiative

The Mendēra Initiative is a grassroots, culturally responsive mental health and wellness coaching model in Baltimore City. They are gathering input from community partners and residents to shape their next steps. Your voice matters—fill out [this short survey](#) to share your experiences and ideas!



Free Distribution of Fresh Produce by Centro SOL

Centro SOL, in partnership with the City of Baltimore and Common Market, provides free distributions of fresh produce once a month on Wednesday mornings before noon at 5215 Wright Ave, Baltimore, MD 21205. The next distribution date is **July 9**.

Free Health Education by Centro SOL

Weekly on Saturday mornings, Centro SOL hosts Embajadores de Salud, a free health education program to promote healthy lifestyles that are also culturally conscious. Each participant-centered session includes presentations, workshops, and physical activities. Sessions are held in Spanish for the entire family. Find more information on [Centro SOL's website](#), and [register through this form](#) to receive the location and details.

Virtual ESL and Other Language Courses through the Enoch Pratt Free Library

The Enoch Pratt Free Library offers free, virtual classes for personal and professional development. These instructor-moderated, six-week online classes can be accessed in all Pratt Library locations and on personal computers with a library card.



New sessions start every month, and courses include [Grammar for ESL](#), [Writing for ESL](#), [Spanish for Medical Professionals](#), and [Spanish for Law Enforcement](#). The next session begins on **July 16**.

Bilingual Health Services for CareFirst Patients through Zócalo

If you are insured through CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield Community Health Plan Maryland (CareFirst CHPMD), you can receive bilingual (Spanish and English) care for you and your eligible family members that is included through your 2025 plan benefits.

Zócalo Health is a primary care group with doctors and health teams who speak Spanish. Benefits include convenient virtual doctor appointments, medication help, and help with food and transportation resources. For more information, call 240-262-4470 or visit [Zócalo's website](#).

Caribbean Festival: Baltimore Washington One Carnival



Baltimore Carnival is an annual event celebrating Caribbean culture and history. The Carnival festivities begin with a Caribbean-style parade that begins at Park Circle and ends at Druid Hill Park.

The fun continues into the afternoon on Saturday and all day on Sunday, with a family, fun-filled, Caribbean festival showcasing live music and entertainment. Find more information [the festival's website](#).

Kicking Goals for a Change: Empowering Migrants, One Goal at a Time

Join Migrants Empowered, formerly C&J Migrants Solution Foundation, on **July 12** for an exciting day of soccer at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. This event is designed to bring people together to support the

vital work of Migrants Empowered. Migrants Empowered is an organization committed to empowering migrant families through education, resources, and advocacy. Register through [this form](#).

ABA Commission on Immigration Court Observation Volunteer Opportunity

Become a volunteer with the American Bar Association's Commission on Immigration as an immigration court observer. You can learn about what happens in immigration court, help collect data to track trends for advocacy, and ensure due process rights for non-citizens. Find more information and register through [this form](#).



NATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

Judicial Immigration Updates

Lawsuits have been filed against many of President Donald Trump's executive orders related to immigration. Follow the development of these and other lawsuits at the [Just Security Litigation Tracker](#).

On **June 27**, the Supreme Court ruled that district judges cannot issue nationwide injunctions in general and specifically in the case of President Trump's executive order from January narrowing birthright citizenship. However, they did not rule on the actual substance of the executive order itself.

Many parties, including individuals, immigration organizations, and state governments, have already pursued new judicial avenues to contest this executive order.

Executive Immigration Updates



Entry Ban: Effective **June 9**, 2025, entry by nationals from twelve countries (Afghanistan, Burma, Chad, Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Haiti, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, and Yemen) has been fully suspended, and no visas will be issued. Entry by nationals from seven other countries (Burundi, Cuba, Laos, Sierra Leone, Togo, Turkmenistan, and Venezuela) has been partially restricted, with the suspension of immigrants, B-1, B-2, B-1/B-2, F, M, and J visas. The issuance of other non-immigrant visas for nationals of these seven countries has also been heavily curtailed.

These bans apply to those outside the U.S. without a valid visa as of the effective date. Exceptions include: lawful permanent residents; dual nationals traveling on the non-restricted country's travel documents; diplomats and foreign government personnel; athletes, coaches, support staff, and

immediate relatives traveling for competitions; immediate relatives “clear and convincing” evidence of the relationship; adoptions; Afghan nationals with Special Immigrant Visas (SIVs); and immigrant visa holders for religious or ethnic minorities facing persecution in Iran.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) Updates:

- **Honduras:** TPS designation for Honduras is set to expire on **July 5, 2025**.
- **Nicaragua:** TPS designation for Nicaragua is set to expire on **July 5, 2025**.
- **Afghanistan:** Termination of TPS designation for Afghanistan is effective **July 14, 2025**.
- **Haiti:** Termination of TPS designation for Haiti is effective **August 3, 2025**.
- **Cameroon:** Termination of TPS designation for Cameroon is effective **August 4, 2025**.
- **Nepal:** Termination of TPS designation for Nepal effective **August 5, 2025**.

Litigation is pending for many of these TPS designations.

Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Memo on Parolees (CHNV, U4U) and Expedited Removal:

A leaked internal memo from ICE indicates that the agency interprets parolees to be “arriving aliens,” and thus, the law treats them as if they are arriving in the U.S., *regardless* of how long they have been in the country. Given this interpretation by ICE and the possibility of expedited removal, which usually is applied in the cases of individuals cannot demonstrate continuous presence in the U.S. for the past two years, please consult the [Immigrant Legal Resource Center's Expedited Removal Toolkit](#) with a lawyer.

Changes to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Policy Manual:

- Effective **June 12, 2025**, USCIS has issued updated guidance reducing its officers' requirement to disclose derogatory information when denying a benefit. USCIS officers may now withhold derogatory information if it was sourced from another agency or third-party source.
- Effective **June 13, 2025**, USCIS has issued updated guidance on Form N-648, Medical Certification for Disability Exceptions, for waiving English and civics requirements for naturalization. The form has not changed, but USCIS is putting greater emphasis on fraud detection. USCIS officers have been granted greater discretion to request a new waiver or refer a case for fraud investigation.

Immigration Bond Support

If you or someone you know need immigration bond support, reach out to the [National Bail Fund Network through their intake form](#).

The National Bail Fund Network, hosted by Community Justice Exchange, is a network of community-based, independent groups that pay pre-trial bail, protest bail, and immigration bond. They coordinate a referral program that helps individuals and organizations seeking support with immigration bond to locate a fund that may be able to help.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- [NEW] [Health Administrative Assistant](#) | Catholic Charities of Baltimore | Bilingual Spanish
- [NEW] [Dental Clinic Coordinator](#) | Catholic Charities of Baltimore | Bilingual Spanish
- [NEW] [Medical Office Assistant](#) | Johns Hopkins Community Physicians | Bilingual Spanish
- [NEW] [Medical Assistant](#) | Johns Hopkins Community Physicians | Bilingual Spanish
- [NEW] [Medical Assistant](#) | Johns Hopkins Community Physicians | Bilingual Spanish
- [NEW] [Patient Services Specialist](#) | Kennedy Krieger Institute | Bilingual Spanish
- [NEW] [Recreational Therapy Assistant](#) | Kennedy Krieger Institute | Bilingual Spanish
- [NEW] [Scheduling Coordinator](#) | Kennedy Krieger Institute | Bilingual Spanish
- [NEW] [Scheduling Coordinator](#) | Kennedy Krieger Institute | Bilingual Spanish
- [NEW] [Teacher](#) | Y in Central Maryland, Baltimore City Head Start | Bilingual Spanish
- [Outreach Worker, WIC](#) | Baltimore County Government | Bilingual Spanish
- [Foreign Language Teacher, Arabic](#) | Baltimore City Public Schools
- [Foreign Language Teacher, Chinese](#) | Baltimore City Public Schools
- [Foreign Language Teacher, French](#) | Baltimore City Public Schools
- [Foreign Language Teacher, Russian](#) | Baltimore City Public Schools
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