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Monthly Newsletter



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MIMA IS HIRING!

 [COMMUNICATIONS & ENGAGEMENT SPECIALIST](#)

 [LANGUAGE ACCESS PROJECT MANAGER](#)

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UPDATES FROM OUR OFFICE

We're hiring!

That's right, we're hiring. MIMA is looking for 2 energetic team players to join our mission to serve Baltimore City immigrant communities.

Communications and Engagement Specialist:

This position's primary responsibility is to strengthen MIMA's efforts around messaging by developing tailored communications and targeted partnerships. The Communications and Engagement Specialist will work on promoting MIMA's communication channels and engagement with Baltimore's Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities. Apply [HERE](#).

Language Access Project Manager:

The Language Access project seeks to achieve equitable access by creating effective policies, procedures and a major culture shift to serve

immigrants and refugees with limited English skills. The project manager in this position will assist city agencies with language access, especially as related to programs funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). In addition, this position will provide support to MIMA's director to advance the mission of the office. Apply [HERE](#).

WELCOME NEW MIMA STAFF!

Alicia Feuillet

As the BNAAC Program Manager, Alicia coordinates service provision with partner organizations and oversees overall management of the program. She holds a Master's degree from the University of Maryland in Public Policy. After serving in the U.S. Peace Corps in Malawi from 2008-2010, Alicia spent ten years as a program manager in the field of food security before stopping to raise two young children. She returns to the workforce as the new program manager for BNAAC.

Mariela Rodriguez

As the BNAAC Community Outreach Manager, Mariela supports MIMA and other coalition members in promoting their newest project The Baltimore New American Access Coalition (BNAAC) to Baltimore City's immigrant and refugee communities. The objective of the program is to increase access to health and human services. Before joining MIMA Mariela worked as a community organizer and clinic coordinator at the Baltimore City Health Department to increase COVID vaccinations and vaccine

availability for Baltimore City's Latinx population. Mariela studied Health Behavior Science at the University of Delaware and after completing her time there, continues to work towards reducing health inequities.

Jenny Torres

As the Baltimore Immigrant Community Fund (BICF) Program Officer, Jenny supports MIMA, the Baltimore Civic Fund, and partnering philanthropy in management and administration of the programs objective to provide public and private funds to organizations serving immigrant communities in Baltimore City. Prior to joining MIMA, Jenny served as a community organizer, research assistant, and SNAP outreach provider. She holds a bachelor's degree in Psychology from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County and a master's degree in Social Work with a specialization in Community Action & Social Policy from the University of Maryland, Baltimore. Her advocacy experience spans across several areas of social issues within marginalized communities, from housing rights to reproductive justice, with a focus in bridging people across cultural and racial divides.

COVID-19 UPDATES

Vaccination

CDC provides information on recommendations for staying up to date with COVID-19 in English and Spanish on the [CDC website](#). For more information on how to get vaccinated in Baltimore City, visit the [Baltimore City Health Department website](#).

Testing

Check [MIMA's Facebook page](#) every Monday for the upcoming week's testing schedule.

Treatment

If you have tested positive for COVID-19 and are having symptoms, there may be treatment available for you. These treatments are only for patients who are at high risk of severe covid illness. Those who may be eligible can complete the [Baltimore Convention Center Field Hospital COVID Task Force Adult Patient Telehealth Self-Referral Form](#).

CITY SERVICES

YouthWorks

YouthWorks can help Baltimore City residents between the ages of 14 and 21 find a summer job paying \$13.25 an hour to build valuable workplace experience. For more information about registering as an employer, see the [YouthWorks Employer flyer](#). Apply online at the [application website](#) by April 7, 2023. YouthWorks can also help Baltimore City nonprofits, public agencies and private businesses identify youth and young adults ages 14 to 21 to be part of your summer workforce. For more information about registering as an employer, see the [YouthWorks Employer flyer](#). Apply online at the [application website](#) by April 14, 2023.

Winter shelter

Until April 1, 2023, the Mayor's Office of Homeless Services (MOHS) is providing emergency shelter to all people experiencing homelessness on nights when the temperature with wind chill reaches freezing (32 degrees and below). Call 443-984-9540 to request shelter referrals between 8:30 am to 9:00 pm, on days that Winter Shelter is active. For more information, visit the [MOHS Winter Shelter web page](#), and follow [MOHS on Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for Winter Shelter notifications in Arabic, English, French, Korean, Simplified Chinese, and Spanish.

WHAT'S NEW THIS MONTH?

Featherstone Foundation bank careers training program applications open until March 25

Are you looking for a better job that leads to a career and better pay? The Featherstone Foundation's Reaching New Heights program is an 8 week training program that has placed candidates from underrepresented backgrounds into promising careers in the financial services and banking industries. Apply now! <https://thefeatherstonefoundation.org/banks/>

CASH Campaign free tax preparation

If you or your household made \$60,000 or less in 2022, you may qualify for free tax preparation. Free tax preparation appointments for Baltimore City and Baltimore County are now open, appointments are filling up fast! You can make an appointment by calling 410-234-8008 on Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. or through the [online scheduling tool](#). Visit the [CASH Campaign website](#) for more information.

City of Refuge ESOL Classes

City of Refuge (3501 7th Street, Baltimore MD 21225) is offering free English classes! To sign up, fill out [the interest form](#). Questions? Contact Mike Lewis malewis@cityofrefugebaltimore.org.

Community ESOL at Baltimore City Community College

BCCC's Community ESL classes provide flexibility needed to learn English. They offer beginning, intermediate and advanced levels. Practice your English for work and home through conversation, grammar, listening, reading and writing. Morning and evening classes are offered year round. Online and in-person options at convenient locations in Baltimore. Free textbook and workbook included! To sign up for testing and classes visit bcc.edu/communitiesesl. BCCC Harbor Testing Center located at 710 East Lombard Street, Baltimore 21202, test hours are Monday through Thursday and students should arrive between 9am and 12pm.

CASA night English classes

In person night English classes at CASA's Baltimore office (2706 Pulaski Highway, Baltimore MD 21224)! Students of all English levels, age 18 and up are welcome. Classes will start on April 17th and run for 8 weeks. Classes are from 7pm to 9pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Cost \$100 for CASA members (CASA membership without the cost of the CASA photo ID is \$35 per year). Sign up online from March 28 to March 29th at wearecasa.org/aprenderingles. Questions contact rmartinez@wearecasa.org, 443-540-0447.

LIRS Individual Development Account

The Lutheran Immigrant and Refugee Service (LIRS) Individual Development Account (IDA) Program is a savings and asset education program that helps refugees and immigrants with their first assets in the United States including buying a first home, purchasing a car, pursuing higher education, or starting a small business. Refugees, asylees, special immigrant visa holders, humanitarian parolees, and [other ORR eligible populations](#) from Afghanistan who arrived to the U.S. on/after July 31, 2021 and who live in the Baltimore metropolitan and Northern Virginia areas are eligible for the LIRS IDA Program. Clients join the program and save and can receive one dollar for every dollar they save, up to \$2,000 for individuals and up to \$4,000 for households, toward their asset purchase after completing financial literacy and asset-specific training. To be eligible for the program, clients cannot have participated in another IDA program before for their asset goal, cannot have more than \$10,000 in assets (excluding one home and one vehicle), and cannot have gross household income above 300% of the federal poverty line (or above 80% of HAMFI for the first home goal). Interested in learning more? Contact the IDA Program Coordinator, Ahmad Amiry, at ahmad.amiry@lirs.org or 757-609-1857.

LIRS Microenterprise Development Program

The LIRS Microenterprise Development (MED) Program is a training and loan program designed to promote refugee economic integration by supporting the development, expansion, and/or sustainability of refugee-owned businesses. Refugees, asylees, special immigrant visa holders, humanitarian parolees, and [other ORR eligible populations](#) who have not been in the U.S. for more than 5 years and who are not yet U.S. citizens are eligible for the LIRS MED Program. Clients must live in the Baltimore metropolitan or Northern Virginia areas. The MED program provides financial literacy and small business training as well as support with developing a business plan with financial projections. The program also assists clients with applying for loans to access capital for their business. The MED Program offers two small business loans, credit builder loans up to \$1,500 and larger MED loans up to \$15,000. Interested in learning more? Contact economicdevelopment@lirs.org.

Apply for Maryland Health Insurance through Easy Enrollment

The 2022 tax season is here. If you do not have access to health insurance, you can still enroll for free or low-cost health coverage through Maryland Health Connection's Easy Enrollment Program, that runs through tax season. Marylanders are eligible for their own special enrollment period when they file their taxes anytime before April 18, 2023. To do that, they just need to check the box!

The [Easy Enrollment](#) program provides a special chance to enroll in health insurance for the year. And it's as easy as checking a box when you file your taxes. Within a week, you will receive a letter detailing your health insurance options. This unlocks a 35-day enrollment window, starting from the date on the letter. Check out these videos about Easy Enrollment in [English](#) and [Spanish](#). Don't forget: you can apply for Medicaid any time of year.

Maryland Health Connection

The Maryland Health Connection call center offers support in more than 200 languages including Relay for the deaf and hard of hearing. Visit [MarylandHealthConnection.gov](https://www.marylandhealthconnection.gov) or call toll-free at **1-855-642-8572**. Trained experts are available to help sign up for a health plan from the comfort of their own home. Go to <https://www.marylandhealthconnection.gov/find-help/> to find help near you. Or visit the list of counties to [Find Local Help](#).

College scholarship and support program for teen parents from Generation Hope

Generation Hope helps teen parents go to college! Scholars receive a scholarship of up to \$2,400 per year, a mentor, access to free mental health support, tutoring, career coaching, access to an emergency fund and a community of teen parents. Applications are due April 1, 2023. Questions in English or Spanish? Contact Madeline Hren madeline@generationhope.org

Entrepreneur Training for Success small business training program

Entrepreneur Training for Success (ETS) is a FREE 3-month intensive course offered in English and Spanish in business, workforce, life, and leadership skills for Black and Latina women in Baltimore City. Taught over 60 hours, ETS strongly emphasizes the fundamentals of micro-entrepreneurship, combined with the basics of financial literacy. This course will give you the training and skills you need to launch and operate your business successfully! You'll learn key skills including marketing and sales, branding, communications, accounting, budgeting, pricing, registering your business, financing your business, pitching your business to potential partners and investors, and so much more. Participants who complete the program may be eligible for a \$1000 stipend. Find more information and apply [here](#).

Entrepreneur Training for Success looking for English and Spanish speaking mentors

Want to make a difference and empower women with your leadership, business, and professional skills? Become a mentor for aspiring female entrepreneurs and micro-business owners this fall! Entrepreneur Training for Success is seeking mentors for the Spring Entrepreneur Training for Success Cohorts!. Volunteer mentors are vital in the mission of empowering women entrepreneurs. They provide guidance,

support, and encouragement to women students to help them develop and launch their businesses. For more information about how to get involved, please contact Nicole Andonie at nandonie@ledcmetro.org

How can the Department of Public Works' (DPW) Bureau of Solid Waste better serve you?

DPW is updating the City's 10-Year Solid Waste Management Plan and is inviting residents and community stakeholders to provide feedback as the plan is developed.

DPW is encouraging residents, people who work in Baltimore, environmental advocates, business and education leaders, and all other stakeholders to be involved in the development of the plan by attending public meetings or submitting comments for discussion.

Public Meeting Schedule		
Date	Time	Description
2/22/2023	6:00-7:30 pm	60% Draft Public Review Meeting- virtual
3/13/2023	2:00-3:30 pm	90% Draft Public Review Meeting- virtual
3/27/2023	6:00-7:30 pm	99% Draft Public Review Meeting- virtual
4/10/2023	6:00-7:30 pm	Final Draft Public Meeting 1- in person (Southeast Anchor Library, 3601 Eastern Ave, Baltimore, MD 21224) & virtual
4/24/2023	TBD	Final Draft Public Meeting 2- in person & virtual

The plan will identify goals for managing Baltimore's solid waste stream, assessing the existing solid waste collection systems, current and future disposal capacity needs, and the ways in which reuse, recycling, and composting from residential, institutional and commercial sources are to be implemented. Learn more about the plan, submit comments, and register for meetings by visiting the [10-Year Solid Waste Management Plan web page](#).

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Baltimore Children & Youth Fund 2023 Grassroots Fund

The Grassroots Fund addresses traditional gaps in Baltimore's funding landscape by providing funding for grassroots, Baltimore-based, youth-serving organizations to support its overall mission. The application will be open from March 7- April 7, 2023. For more information please visit the [Baltimore Children & Youth Fund](#).

BCHD and Civic Works COVID-19 Small Grants

Baltimore's historically redlined communities still experience significant disparities in critical, health-related resources like food, emergency assistance, transportation, and mental health services. The inaccessibility of these resources drives health disparities, including COVID-19 vaccination rates. The Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD) and Civic Works are awarding mini-grants of up to \$25,000 to community-based organizations in Baltimore City to:

- Increase COVID-19 vaccination access and education in underserved communities.
- Expand and improve access to health-related resources.

- Improve the health and well-being of Baltimore City residents.

Applicants who meet the COVID-19 Vaccination and Outreach (COVAX) and Social Determinants of Health (SDoH) mini-grant programs are encouraged to apply to both programs. Applications for the next round of grants are due March 27, 2023. Visit the <https://civicworks.submittable.com/submit> for more information.

EVENTS

- **Crisis Mode: Living Pilipino in America**
Virtual and in-person at Strand Theater
Virtual: March 30 - April 16; In-person: March 17 - April 2
In this one-person piece, Cori Dioquino explores the complexities of her own identity as she navigates through the three major identity crises of her life. "Crisis Mode" weaves Dioquino's personal history with that of her motherland - The Philippines - and its complicated relationship to the United States through dance, movement, music and art. With each crisis, she shares her experiences growing up an immigrant in the "Land of the Free", coping with hidden mental health issues, and her gradual transition from "Proud Pinoy" to "Generic Asian." Buy tickets at the [Strand Theater website](#) and follow the [Asia Pasifika Arts Collective on Instagram](#) for more information.
- **Maryland Latinos Unidos: People's Policy Series**
Virtual
March 23, 2023
This monthly meeting discusses what is happening in Maryland's Latino community and how we can work together as advocates and in the nonprofit sector to resolve the challenges we face through policies that create positive change. Register at the [People's Policy Series Zoom registration link](#).
- **Comite Latino Monthly Meeting**
Gallery Church, 3115 Eastern Avenue Baltimore MD 21224
March 16, 2023 8:30am
Monthly meeting of Comite Latino, meeting is conducted in Spanish. Learn about resources and programs in Baltimore.
- **The BIG Baltimore Kite Fest**
Patterson Park
March 25, 2023, 12pm-5pm
Blowing back into Patterson Park this spring, [The Big Baltimore Kite Festival](#) fills the sky with vibrant colors and celebrates the broad spectrum of cultures that make up Baltimore! Join us near the Patterson Park Observatory to make your own friendly flyer, listen to breezy music, watch kite demonstrations, and enjoy a day outside in our beautiful park! Bring a picnic blanket, bring a kite, bring your friends! Rain Date: Sunday, March 25th.
- **Fallstaff Elementary Middle School Parent Association Resource Fair**
Fallstaff EMS 3801 Fallstaff Rd, Baltimore, MD 21215
March 25, 2023 11:00 a.m. and end at 2:00 p.m.
The primary goal of the Resource Fair is to connect families with organizations and allow them to ask questions about their services. It will also be an excellent opportunity to highlight any volunteer needs in your organization. We aim for attendees to participate in a multicultural experience that celebrates all the diverse cultures within the Fallstaff community.
If your organization is interested in participating, please complete the [Google form](#). Please note that you will need to bring your own table and chairs.

- **Latino Providers Network March Resource Meeting**
Sacred Heart of Jesus, 600 S Conkling Street Baltimore MD 21224
March 27 2023 12pm-1:30pm
Monthly resource meeting, LPN members do not have to register but guest must [register](#) before 10:30am the day of the meeting.

NATIONAL HAPPENINGS

U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Releases Initial Proposals on Revising Race and Ethnicity Statistical Standards

This month, the Biden-Harris administration announced proposals that could change how the U.S. census and other federal surveys measure Latino race and ethnicity while adding a "Middle Eastern or North African (MENA)" category. For many, these changes would represent progress driven by Latino and MENA organizers in ensuring that people of color are accurately represented in federal data. To submit a public comment, visit the [Federal Register notice on the race and ethnicity proposals](#). Comments are due by April 12, 2023.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

[NEW] [Bilingual Community Health Worker Supervisor \(Site Lead\)](#), Baltimore City Health Department

[NEW] [Mobile Vaccine Team Logistics Coordinator](#), Baltimore City Health Department

[NEW] [Mobile Vaccine Team Program Coordinator](#), Baltimore City Health Department

[NEW] [Operations Manager](#), Southeast Community Development Corporation (Southeast CDC)

[NEW] [Outreach Coordinator](#), Southeast Community Development Corporation (Southeast CDC)

[Youth Program Marketing Specialist](#), Islamic Leadership Institute of America

[Basketball Coach](#), Islamic Leadership Institute of America

[Pathway Builder](#), Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS)

[Maryland Hunger Solutions \(MDHS\) Outreach Volunteer \(VISTA position, Spanish speakers prioritized\)](#), MDHS

[Bilingual Nutrition Education Coordinator](#), Healthy Little Cooks

[Refugee Youth Project Specialist](#), Refugee Youth Project at Baltimore City Community College

[Bilingual Claims Processor](#), Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth & Victim Services

[Bilingual Housing Counselor, Baltimore](#), Latino Economic Development Center

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