



How to be an Immigrant Advocate

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Contribute to a local ICE watch and/or legal services organization

The statewide **LUCE Defense Hotline** is recruiting both hotline operators (especially individuals with relevant language skills) and neighborhood ICE watch volunteers.



Visit their website for more information and to complete their interest forms:
www.lucemass.org

The Boston Immigrant Justice Accompaniment Network (BIJAN) provides accompaniment and support to those interacting with immigration systems including those in detention.



Learn more at www.beyondbondboston.org

PAIR provides free immigration services to indigent asylum seekers and detained immigrants, assuring fairness and access to justice.



Learn more at www.pairproject.org

Contribute to mutual aid efforts

- **The Boston Immigrant Justice Accompaniment Network (BIJAN):** Operates the *Beyond Bond & Legal Defense Fund* which raises money for immigration bonds to free people in ICE prisons in Massachusetts and Rhode Island or elsewhere, but are coming to live in MA upon release.
Find out more - www.beyondbondboston.org
- **Operation Milkweed:** provides mutual aid and direct support for Massachusetts families impacted by ICE enforcement since 2025.
Find out more - www.operationmilkweed.org
- **Metrowest Worker Center - Casa:** Focuses on food security, worker leadership, and direct aid for families.
Find out more - www.mwc-casa.org
- **Massachusetts Migrant Families Relief Fund:** Distributes grants to local organizations providing emergency aid like housing and clothing.
Find out more - unitedwaymassbay.org
- **Community Legal Aid:** Offers free legal representation to low-income non-citizens in Central and Western MA.
Find out more - www.communitylegal.org

Share Resources



Please share **Know Your Rights (KYR)** resources when interacting with immigration enforcement, available in various languages.
bit.ly/KYRMIRA

KYR information include legal resources, family preparedness tools, upcoming trainings, bystander tips and more.

Legal Assistance Massachusetts:

- **Massachusetts Legal Resource Finder:**
<https://masslrf.org/en/home>
- **Immigration court list of legal services:**
<https://www.justice.gov/eoir/file/ProBonoMA/download>
- **City of Boston Immigration Consultations:**
<https://www.boston.gov/departments/immigrant-advancement/free-immigration-consultations>

Outside of Massachusetts:

- **Immigration Advocates Network Legal Directory:**
<https://www.immigrationadvocates.org/legaldirectory/>

Utilize MIRA's resources



The Immigration Helpline open to ALL Massachusetts-based providers serving immigrants and refugees.

Find out more bit.ly/MIRALegalHelpline



The Massachusetts Access to Counsel Initiative is a joint effort between MIRA Coalition, CPCS, and a statewide network of legal organizations.

Find out more bit.ly/MACI2026

Attend trainings and community events



Find out more www.miracoalition.org