# **KDL** Resources

# www.kdl.org/research

# Mango Languages

languages Mango is an online language learning system that teaches practical conversation skills for real communication. It's a fast, easy, and effective way to learn to speak a foreign language. Courses are offered for 70 foreign languages and ESL tailored for 18 languages.



# **Learning Express Library**

A completely interactive online learning platform providing instant access to a comprehensive collection of test preparation tools, skill-building

materials, and career resources. Includes over 1,000 online practice tests and interactive skill-building tutorials.



# <u>Testing and Education Reference</u> <u>Center</u>

Take online practice tests and use test prep eBooks to obtain your education goals.

# Resources for U.S. Citizenship



Kent District Library Information. Ideas.
Kent District Library Excitement!

# U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

www.uscis.gov ~ 1 (800) 375-5283

Start here to begin the journey of naturalization.



Image Source: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

# Citizenship/ ESL Classes Cont.

# **Refugee Education Center**

2130 Enterprise St SE~ (616) 247-9611~ https://refugeeeducationcenter.org/

Provides ESL tutoring, as well as a place to socialize and strengthen community ties.

# Literacy Center of West Michigan

1120 Monroe Ave NW #240 ~ (616) 459-5151 ~ https://literacycenterwm.org/

Offer a variety of literacy programs for adults who read below a 9th grade level and/or who don't speak English as their first language.

### **Kent ISD**

2405 Leonard St NE~ (616) 819-2734~ http://www.kentisd.org/parents--community/adult-education/

ESL courses ranging from beginning to advanced, ESL instruction provides students with the opportunity to refine communication.

### Refugee Center Online

https://classroom.therefugeecenter.org/programs/us-citizenship-test-preparation/

This is an online class to prepare you for the US citizenship test. You can take this class on your phone or a computer. The class is self-paced, so you can learn anytime.

<u>USCIS: Study for the Civics and English Tests</u> and <u>Interview</u>

https://www.uscis.gov/citizenship/learners/study-test https://www.uscis.gov/citizenship/teachers/educationalproducts/uscis-naturalization-interview-and-test-video

# Online N-400 Application Help

# **Immigrant Legal Resource Center**

https://www.ilrc.org/sites/default/files/resources/2017.01.29 n400 formatted final.pdf

A step by step guide for helping those with the N-400, Application for Naturalization Form.

### <u>USCIS: N-400</u>

### https://www.uscis.gov/n-400

These guides provide information on eligibility requirements and naturalization procedures, as well as form N-400.

### M-476: A Guide to Naturalization

https://www.uscis.gov/us-citizenship/citizenship-throughnaturalization/guide-naturalization

A Guide to Naturalization (M-476) provides information on the benefits and responsibilities of citizenship, an overview of the naturalization process, eligibility requirements.

# Citizenship/ ESL Classes

# **Grand Rapids Community College**

Sneden Hall, DeVos Campus & Leslie Tassell M-TEC~ (616) 234-3172~ <a href="https://www.grcc.edu/adulteducation/citizenshipclasses">https://www.grcc.edu/adulteducation/citizenshipclasses</a>

Adult Education is offering Citizenship classes sponsored by The WORD ESL and GRCC. The classes are available for anyone preparing for the U.S. Citizenship Exam.

# **Community Based Organizations**

# **The Immigrant Connection**

574 S Division Avenue ~ (616)-855-0563~ https://www.immigrantconnectiongr.org/ ~ Languages: Spanish

The Immigrant Connection provides low-cost immigration legal services to the Grand Rapids area. An initial consultation lasts approximately 40 minutes and costs \$45. Call or email to schedule an appointment.

# Migrant Legal Aid

1104 Fuller Ave NE  $\sim$  (616) 454-5055 $\sim$  http://migrantlegalaid.com/  $\sim$  Languages: Spanish

Provides farm workers advice and referrals; community education and training; Civil legal assistance: Employment, Public Benefits, Unemployment, and Housing.

### Samaritas

207 E Fulton, 4th Floor~ (616) 356-1934~ https://www.samaritas.org/New-Americans ~Languages: Spanish

Adjustment of status, petitions for relatives, consulting, citizenship, EAD's for refugee clients.

# Lemkin House

817 Livingston Ave, NE $\sim$  (269) 599-6951  $\sim$  http://lemkinhouse.org/  $\sim$  Languages: Spanish, French, Kinya-rwanda

Shelter and support- physical, legal, social and spiritual- for those people in west Michigan who are seeking asylum in the U.S.

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# **Community Based Organizations**

# <u>Justice for Our Neighbors</u>

207 E. Fulton St  $\sim$  (616) 301-7461  $\sim$  https://jfonmi.org/  $\sim$  Languages: Spanish; Interpreters can be arranged as needed

Free legal services to low income immigrants; non-profit monthly immigration clinic held in Grand Rapids, Holland, and Traverse City.

# Hispanic Center of West Michigan

1204 Grandville Avenue SW~ (616) 742-0200~ http://hispanic-center.org/ ~ Languages: Spanish

Provides assistance with general immigration forms, processing and referrals. Advocacy services for access to local emergency support services. Communication with foreign consulates, statewide partner agency referrals & follow up, funeral arrangements in foreign countries, Assistance in finding missing adults & children.

# <u>Immigration Legal Services: Diocese of Grand Rapids</u>

213 Sheldon Blvd. SE $\sim$  (616) 551-4746 $\sim$  www.dioceseofgrandrapids.org/  $\sim$ 

Languages: Spanish

Immigration Legal Services (ILS) provides low-cost, legal representation in immigration matters to those in our community whose household income falls below 200% of the poverty line.

ILS accepts new clients only after a consultation. Consultations are held at their office. Call for a consultation appointment.

# **Community Based Organizations**

# Thrive: Refugee Support Center

3334 Breton Rd SE~ (616) 421-2500 ~ http://refugeesupportgr.com/#

This program connects refugees to services they would otherwise not be able to access in addition to providing programs to fill in some of the gaps in services for this population.

# **Bethany Christian Services**

901 Eastern Ave NE $\sim$  (800) 238-4269 $\sim$  https://www.bethany.org/other-services/refugee-and-immigrant-services

Refugee foster care, employment, resettlement, along with ESL classes and cultural orientation classes.

### Legal Aid of Western Michigan

25 Division Ave S, Ste 300 $\sim$  (616) 774-0672  $\sim$  www.lawestmi.org/ $\sim$  Languages: Spanish. Will arrange for translators for other languages.

Civil legal services: domestic violence, family law, disability, housing, public benefits, consumer law, Medicaid. No fees.

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