

Legal Referral List: Immigration Assistance for Faculty, Staff, and Students

1. Rhode Island Legal Services (RILS)

- **Contact Information:**

Providence Location
56 Pine Street, 4th Floor
Providence, RI 02903
Phone: 401 – 274 – 2652, 800 – 662 – 5034

Newport Location
50 Washington Square
Newport, RI 02840
Phone: 401 – 846 – 2264, 800 – 637 – 4529

Email: ncarrara@rils.org
Website: <https://rils.org/index.cfm>

- **Services Provided:**

Rhode Island Legal Services provides high quality legal assistance and representation to low-income individuals and eligible client groups for the purpose of improving their economic condition and overall wellbeing by protecting and enforcing legal rights, stabilizing the family unit and communities where clients live, promoting self-reliance, ending domestic violence, preventing homelessness, affording dignity to all people, and reaching out to groups with added burdens on their ability to access the civil justice system.

2. US Armed Forces Legal Service Project, Rhode Island Bar Association

- **Contact Information:**

115 Cedar Street
Providence, RI 029203
Phone: 401 – 521 – 5040, 401 – 421 – 7799, 401 – 421 – 5740 (admin)
Email: eking@ribar.com

- **Services Provided:**

The US Armed Forces Legal Services Project provides legal assistance to persons actively serving in the military and their families (immediate family only). The Project also works with family members of those who died during their service and non-active military members who receive a military pension.

3. Immigrant Coalition of Rhode Island¹

- **Contact Information:**

Website: <https://www.immigrantcoalitionri.org>

¹ Most of the other organizations listed came from their website.

- Services Provided:
The Immigrant Coalition of Rhode Island is an association of 33 organizations committed to ensuring fair and equal treatment of our immigrant neighbors.

4. Rhode Island Affiliate of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)

- Contact Information:
128 Dorrance Street, Suite 400
Providence, RI 02903
Phone: 401 – 831 – 7171
Fax: 401 – 831 – 7175
Email: infor@riaclu.org
Website: <https://www.riaclu.org>
- Services Provided:
The fundamental constitutional protections of due process and equal protection embodied in our Constitution and Bill of Rights apply to every person, regardless of immigration status. When the government has the power to deny legal rights and due process to immigrants, all of our rights are at risk. The ACLU of RI works actively to expand and enforce the rights of immigrants and to combat discrimination against them. The general rule for accepting cases at the RI ACLU is that the cases must involve public entities such as state and local government.

5. Roger Williams University Immigration Law Clinic

- Contact Information:
150 Washington Street
Providence, RI 02903
Phone: 401 – 276 – 4880
Phone: 401 – 254 – 4887
- Services Provided:
Students enrolled in the Roger Williams University Immigration Law Clinic represent immigrants who are in need and seeking lawful permanent residence in the United States or defense from removal proceedings. In addition to case representation, students conduct “Know Your Rights” presentations for immigrant communities in Rhode Island and for non-citizens who are detained by the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in the Bristol County House of Corrections in North Dartmouth, Massachusetts.

6. Alliance to Mobilize Our Resistance (AMOR)

- Contact Information:
545 Pawtucket Ave.
Pawtucket, RI 02860
Phone: 401 – 675 – 1414
Email: info@amorri.org
Website: <https://amorri.org>

- Services Provided:
AMOR is building a Rapid Response Network in Rhode Island and provides many resources and services, including immediate legal services to protect people from ICE and other law enforcement agencies, support for victims of hate crimes and state sponsored violence, and a network of sanctuary housing.

7. Coalition of Advocates for Student Opportunities (CASO)

- Contact Information:
P.O. Box 25118
Providence, RI 02905
Website: <http://casori.org/Legal>
- Services Provided:
CASO provides legal resources and information about financial aid for young undocumented and DACAmented individuals, educators, and other allies. CASO also manages the Tam Tran Scholarship Fund, which provides financial assistance to undocumented college students in/from Rhode Island.

8. Dorcas International Institute of RI

- Contact Information:
North Campus
220 Elmwood Avenue
Providence, RI 02907

South Campus
645 Elmwood Avenue
Providence, RI 02907

Phone: 401 – 784 – 8600
Website: <https://www.diiri.org/what-we-do/citizenship-immigration/>
- Services Provided:
Works to empower refugees and immigrants in the community by providing education and job readiness opportunities as well as low-cost legal services for citizenship, immigration, and refugee resettlement programs. Citizenship & Immigration Services staff members, all of whom are attorneys or Department of Justice accredited representatives, provide advice and representation on citizenship and immigration processes. In addition, Dorcas International is the only agency in Rhode Island that is authorized by the U.S. Department of State to resettle refugees arriving to the U.S.

9. Progreso Latino

- Contact Information:
626 Broad Street
Central Falls, RI 02863
Phone: 401 – 728 – 5920

Website: <https://progresolatino.org/immigration>

- Services Provided:
Mission is to help Rhode Island’s Latino and immigrant communities achieve greater self-sufficiency and socio-economic progress. Progreso Latino’s programs include adult education, early childhood education, senior services, health and wellness, workforce development, youth development, domestic violence intervention and prevention programs, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, immigration and social services, and emergency food relief. Information about these programs can be found under the website’s “Programs” tab.

10. Refugee Dream Center

- Contact Information:
747 Broad Street
Providence, RI 02907
Phone: 401 – 300 – 0544
Email: info@refugeedreamcenter.org
Website: <https://www.refugeedreamcenter.org>
- Services Provided:
At Refugee Dream Center, we are dedicated to advocating the rights and well-being of refugees and immigrants in our community. Our advocacy efforts extend to various crucial areas that empower individuals and families to build a brighter future.

11. Rhode Island Center for Justice

- Contact Information:
1 Empire Plaza, Suite 410
Providence, RI 02903
Phone: 401 – 491 – 1101
Website: <https://centerforjustice.org>
- Services Provided:
A non-profit public interest law center that partners with community groups to strengthen existing advocacy and service provision with legal representation and strategy. Its legal practice areas—including housing, immigration, workers’ rights, criminal justice, education, and utility shutoffs—reflect the most pressing needs of low-income people in Rhode Island. The Center’s Family Preparedness Plan helps immigrant parents protect their children if they are detained or deported.

12. Sojourner House

- Contact Information:
1570 Westminster St.
Providence, RI 02909
Helpline: 401 – 765 – 3232
Email: Annell Vidal avidal@sojournerri.org

Website: <https://sojournerri.org/immigration-advocacy/>

- Services Provided:

In addition to the complex dynamics of domestic and sexual violence, the lack of immigration status results in another barrier to leaving abusive relationships. Undocumented victims often fall prey to abusers who use their legal status to coerce, abuse, threaten and control their victim.

Sojourner House is the only domestic and sexual violence agency in Rhode Island to be recognized by the Board of Immigration Appeals to represent clients in their immigration cases, including, but not limited to, “U” Visas and VAWA self-petitions.

13. Latin American Legal Defense and Education Fund (LALDEF)

- Contact Information:

714-716 S Clinton Avenue
Trenton, NJ 08611
Phone: (609) 688-0881
Email: info@laldef.org
Website: laldef.org

- Services Provided:

LALDEF focuses on the root causes of immigrant marginalization. We seek to empower immigrants to reach self-sufficiency and thrive, by showing them how to navigate the system and find the resources they need. Established in 2004, the LALDEF promotes the rights of all immigrants; facilitates access to health care, education and legal representation; advocates for the integration of immigrants; and fosters inter-cultural communication to strengthen our communities.

14. Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF)

- Contact Information:

Headquartered in Los Angeles, CA, with regional offices throughout the United States
Phone: (213) 629-2512
Email: info@maldef.org and/or maldef.org/contact-us
Website: maldef.org

- Services Provided:

Founded in 1968, MALDEF is the nation’s leading Latino legal civil rights organization. Our commitment is to protect and defend the rights of all Latinos living in the United States and the constitutional rights of all Americans.