

IMMIGRATION

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN ST. LOUIS

By the numbers....



243% increase in immigrants in Missouri since 1990.

45.2% of immigrants in Missouri are naturalized citizens.



34% of immigrants in Missouri under 25 have a bachelor's degree or higher, compared to 25.7% of non-immigrants under 25.



11,414 new immigrant-owned businesses in Missouri opened between 2006-2011, with a total net business income of \$650 million annually.

\$44 million in state and federal taxes paid by unauthorized immigrants in Missouri annually.

WHAT TO DO

STAY INFORMED

Keep up to date on the issues that immigrants in your community face.

SUPPORT

Donate to and volunteer with organizations like MIRA (Missouri Immigrant and Refugee Advocates), The International Institute, and The Mosaic Project.

CALL YOUR REPS

Urge them to support the wellbeing of immigrants in your community.

Source: American Immigration Council

The Jewish faith teaches that to save one life is to save the world. As a community with its own history of refugees seeking asylum, our only moral response to the crisis before us is one of compassion.

NCJW STL BELIEVES THAT THE U.S. MUST...

WORK TO ADVANCE FAMILY REUNIFICATION.

Create a timely family reunification option within the legal system.

RESETTLE IMMIGRANTS, NOT DETAIN THEM.

Increase refugee resettlement programs, ensure their adequate funding, and stop detaining and deporting refugees.

ADVANCE DUE PROCESS AND FAIR TREATMENT.

Ensure that immigrants and refugees are guaranteed fair court proceedings and meaningful review of their individual cases. Congress should expand alternatives to detention and, at the very least, institute humane standards in the detention system, like interpretation and translation assistance, access to medical care, mental health services, and legal counsel.

PROTECT RIGHTS AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR ALL WORKERS.

Promote the U.S. economy by establishing and enforcing workplace rights and protections for all workers, regardless of immigration status, including hourly wage, health and safety, antidiscrimination, and the right to organize.

OPPOSE HEALTHCARE DISCRIMINATION BASED ON CITIZENSHIP.

Ensure that immigrants receive fair treatment in the healthcare system. Discriminatory restrictions imposed by the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 make immigrants ineligible for federal welfare funds for five years after arriving in the United States, despite being authorized to live and work in the U.S. No one should be forced to wait five years for the healthcare they need.

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