

## MAINE IMMIGRANT JUSTICE RESOURCE LIST (2021)

The Maine Unitarian Universalist State Advocacy Network (MUUSAN) links the state's 25 Unitarian Universalist congregations (and other kindred spirits) to support statewide laws and policies in pursuit of a more just, compassionate and equitable society. Its focus areas include not only racial, native and immigrant justice, but democracy in action, health care, and climate. This revision of MUUSAN's original Maine Immigrant Justice Resource List (August 18, 2018) is current as of January 1, 2021. Note that some listed services have been curtailed by pandemic restrictions in place at this time. Please send updates, corrections or suggested additions to [janemakela@gmail.com](mailto:janemakela@gmail.com).

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## MAINE IMMIGRANT JUSTICE RESOURCE LIST (2021)

### ACLU of Maine

| *Legal*

Protects rights of New Mainers, as well as others. Also publishes on its website an explanation of rights when stopped or questioned on bus or at roadside checkpoints and lists actions you can take to protect immigrants' rights when traveling by bus or arrested for any reason

**Website:** [www.aclumaine.org](http://www.aclumaine.org); **Phone:** 207-774-5444; **Email:** [info@aclumaine.org](mailto:info@aclumaine.org); **FB**

### Amjambo Africa! (Publication of Ladder to the Moon Network)

| *News, Education of Community*

Monthly newspaper about New Mainers from Sub-Saharan Africa, with articles printed in English and multiple other languages. Provides to newcomers to help navigate life in Maine and background about Africa to those from Maine so they can understand why newcomers have arrived here, the challenges they face in our communities and ways we can help these new neighbors. The publication is available online free of charge (though donations welcome.) All print issues also downloadable in digital form on the Amjambo Africa website [Click "more" then "Digital Editions"].

**Website:** [www.amjamboafrika.com](http://www.amjamboafrika.com); **Phone:** 207-553-2525; **Email:** [amjamboafrika@gmail.com](mailto:amjamboafrika@gmail.com); **FB**

### Axiom Education & Training Center (Washington County)

| *Training and Education*

Offers adult education programs in which immigrants can participate at multiple locations across Washington County including English Language Learning (ELL), testing and tutoring, digital literacy, Certified Nursing Assistant (CAN) and Certified Residential Medication Aide (CRMA) Certificate Programs, and work-ready training.

**Website:** [www.aetc.us](http://www.aetc.us); **Phone:** 207-255-4917; **Email:** [classes@connectwithaxiom.com](mailto:classes@connectwithaxiom.com); **FB**

### Bridging the Gap (Augusta)

| *Shelter, Goods*

Community initiative of Emmanuel Lutheran Episcopal Church serving the local immigrant community as well as others with a community warming center, clothing bank, and everyday essentials pantry (heavily reliant on donations).

**Website:** [www.btgaugusta.org](http://www.btgaugusta.org); **Phone:** Sarah Miller, Project Dir. 207- 248-1782; **Email:** [bridgingthegapaugusta@gmail.com](mailto:bridgingthegapaugusta@gmail.com); **FB** (under Bridging the Gap Center for Resources, Essentials Pantry & Clothing Bank)

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### Capital Area New Mainers Project (Augusta)

| *Social Navigation and Support, Employment*

Cross-cultural organization that welcomes immigrants and works to create a thriving, integrated, multicultural community in central Maine. Thus far, works primarily with new arrivals from Iraq, Syria, and Afghanistan. One project provides mentors to newly arrived immigrant families: each mentor team consists of 4-6 local families, and teams see their families several times a week to provide logistical, social, and educational support. An economic opportunities program seeks to increase immigrant access to employment and support entrepreneurship.

**Website:** [www.newmainersproject.org](http://www.newmainersproject.org); **Phone:** Chris Myers Asch, Exec. Dir.: 207-370-5246;

**Email:** [newmainersproject@gmail.com](mailto:newmainersproject@gmail.com) ; **FB**

### Catholic Charities Maine (Portland and Lewiston offices)

| *Training and Education, Social Navigation and Support, Employment*

Maine's only refugee resettlement program. Provides immigrants relocated to the U.S. with refugee status with cultural orientation, referrals to case management and ongoing support . Also provides some case management services to those who have been granted their asylum and can serve them for up to 60 months from their date of granted asylum. Services to asylum-seekers include: monthly comprehensive cultural orientation and introduction to Portland services (with the City of Portland and The Root Cellar)(currently 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at Root Cellar from 9-3); on-the-job mentoring; assistance with immigration forms like green card applications and work authorization applications; job skills and employment classes and one-on-one counseling (with Hope House). Offices in Portland, Lewiston and Augusta.

**Website:** : <https://www.ccmaine.org/refugee-immigration-services>; **Phone:** Hannah DeAngelis, Prog. Dir. (Portland): 207-408-8069; Main office #'s: Portland: 207- 871-7437; Lewiston: 207-344-6615; **FB**

### Color of Community

| *Social Navigation and Support, Training and Education, Education of Community*

Group of refugee, asylum seeker and other immigrant young adults students from around the globe who visit schools, faith groups, and other community organizations (generally within two-hour drive of Portland) who share moving "sacred stories" of their life experience. A meaningful way to learn about bias, prejudice and intolerance and ways to replace them with understanding, forgiveness, tolerance and love. Expense stipend generally requested.

**Email:** [colorofcommunity@gmail.com](mailto:colorofcommunity@gmail.com) or send message through Facebook page; **FB**

### Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic

| *Legal*

Program of the Univ. of Maine School of Law in which low-income clients are represented by specially licensed student attorneys. Its Refugee and Human Rights Clinic assists low-income immigrants in a broad range of cases and projects, including seeking political asylum and similar protections under federal law. Cases are accepted through organizational referrals, often through ILAP. Materials are published in multiple languages by the Clinic available at website include [How to Apply for Asylum](#) (also a pro se asylum video series), [A Guide for Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence](#), [Resource Guide for Immigrant Youth](#), and [Know Your Legal Rights](#). Cases accepted through organizational referrals, often through ILAP.

**Website:** <https://mainelaw.maine.edu/public-service/clac/>; **Email:** [clac.info@maine.edu](mailto:clac.info@maine.edu); **FB** (under Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic of the University of Maine)

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### **The Emergency Action Network (TEAN) (Brunswick)**

| *Social Navigation and Support*

Works to fill in gaps for vulnerable families in Brunswick, including asylum seeker families. Works closely with the cultural broker hired by the Town of Brunswick to help New Mainer residents with acclimating, and has recently helped coordinate volunteer drivers to get people to and from appointments, grocery shopping, etc.

**Website:** [www.emergencyactionnetwork.com](http://www.emergencyactionnetwork.com) ; **Email:** [emergencyactionnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:emergencyactionnetwork@gmail.com); **FB**

### **Furniture Friends**

| *Goods*

Provides gently used free furniture to individuals and families in the Greater Portland area who cannot afford basic furniture necessities like beds, dressers, tables and chairs. Serves anyone in need, but about half its clients are immigrants new to Maine. Relies on volunteer teams to help deliver furniture and assist clients at its warehouse. (Clients who can pick up furniture at warehouse are served fastest). **Website:** [www.furniturefriends.org](http://www.furniturefriends.org) (includes ways to volunteer or donate furniture); **Phone:** 207-210-3140; **Email:** [jmcadoo@furniturefriends.org](mailto:jmcadoo@furniturefriends.org); **FB**

### **Gateway Community Services (Portland, Lewiston, Biddeford and Augusta)**

| *Social Navigation and Support, Healthcare*

Seeks to help improve the lives of all Mainers, with a special focus on those recently immigrated to the U.S. Its services include counseling and case management, personal care services, behavioral health home services, and rehab and community services for children with cognitive impairments and functional limitations.

**Website:** [www.gatewaycommunityservice.org](http://www.gatewaycommunityservice.org) ; **Phone:** 207-536-1590; **Email:** [info@gatewaycommunityservice.org](mailto:info@gatewaycommunityservice.org) ; **FB**

### **General Assistance (by town)**

| *Financial*

Every town in Maine has a General Assistance program to assist people in emergencies with basic necessities such as affordable housing, utilities, and medications. Heavily relied on by those seeking asylum during period before they are allowed by law to work. Funds are a combination of state and city money, and eligibility rules vary by municipality. The length of time an asylum seeker can receive GA is currently limited to 24 months by state law and DHHS rule (though efforts being made to change). For statute and rules, see website.

**Website:** <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/programs-services/general-assistance/operating-guidance>. **Phone:** State of Maine DHHS GA Hotline: 800-442-6003.

### **Greater Portland Family Promise**

| *Shelter, Social Navigation and Support*

Serves homeless and low-income families, providing shelter, food, case management, and hospitality as they work to find sustainable housing, employment, childcare, and educational opportunities. Participating host congregations furnish clean, safe, overnight lodging and nutritious meals for one week, typically on a quarterly basis, and are supported by other faith communities who provide additional volunteers. In the daytime, guests go to the GPF day center to shower, do laundry, and store their belongings before going on to school or work, or to search for employment and housing.

**Website:** [www.greaterportlandfamilypromise.org](http://www.greaterportlandfamilypromise.org); **Phone:** 207-200-7327; **Email:** Click “Contact Us” box on website; **FB**

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### Greater Portland Immigrant Welcome Center

| *Social Navigation and Support, Training and Education*

Serves as a hub of collaboration to strengthen the immigrant community through language acquisition, economic integration and civic engagement. The IWC's four main programs are a co-working Hub dedicated to immigrant-run organizations and groups that support immigrants, the iEnglish Project: A Digital Language Literacy Lab, the Immigrant Business Hub, and a Citizenship and Civic Engagement Initiative.

**Website:** [www.welcomeimmigrant.org](http://www.welcomeimmigrant.org); **Phone:** 207-517-3401; **Email:** [info@welcomeimmigrant.org](mailto:info@welcomeimmigrant.org);

### Healthy Homeworks (Lewiston)

| *Training and Education, Goods*

Offers a variety of services directed toward improving the lives of Lewiston residents through community engagement. Popular programs include Build-A-Bed, in which participants work together to acquire woodworking skills and build their own beds.

**Website:** [www.healthyhomeworks.org](http://www.healthyhomeworks.org); **Phone:** 207-321-8883; **Email:** [info@healthyhomeworks.org](mailto:info@healthyhomeworks.org); **FB**

### Hispanic Ministry (Portland Diocese)

| *Social Navigation and Support*

Supports Maine's Hispanic community by offering a number of services, including pastoral attention, referrals to services, support for detainees' families, and crisis intervention.

**Website:** [www.portlanddiocese.org/ministries/hispanic-ministry](http://www.portlanddiocese.org/ministries/hispanic-ministry); **Phone:** Sister Pat 207-615-2522 or Father Michael Sevigny 207-777-1200.

### Hope Acts (Portland)

| *Shelter, Legal, Training and Education, Employment*

Hope Acts' current three programs are: Hope House—Transitional House for up to 13 adult asylum seekers; Hope House English Language Program (HHELP)—beginner through intermediate English classes; and Asylum Seeker Assistance Program (ASAP)—providing assistance to individual asylum seekers in navigating resources such as housing, food, and job applications. ASAP also offers assistance with obtaining employment authorization documents (work permits).

**Website:** [www.hopeacts.org](http://www.hopeacts.org); **Phone:** Martha Stein, Executive Director 207-228-1140 and Julie Harrison, Program Manager 207-274-6005; **Email:** [info@hopeacts.org](mailto:info@hopeacts.org); **FB**

### Hope House Family Support Center (Lewiston)

| *Healthcare, Social Navigation and Support*

Offers a number of services, including a family thrift store, farmers market, classes and special events. Hope House also operates a free women's health center in Lewiston.

**Website:** [www.hopehousemaine.com](http://www.hopehousemaine.com); **Phone:** 207- 577-1165.

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### Hopeful Links

| *Youth Services, Shelter, Goods, Legal*

Project of the Religious Coalition Against Discrimination that matches unaccompanied minors under 18 with potential guardians and safe housing. Also assists young people over 18 who need help adapting to life in the U.S. Needs include donations for cell phones, food and urgent needs, and legal fees, as well as families willing to host these young people and make them feel safe while getting connected to school and available services.

**Email:** Lucky Hollander at [luckyhollander@gmail.com](mailto:luckyhollander@gmail.com)

### I'm Your Neighbor Welcoming Library

| *Education of Community*

A collection of picture books featuring the experiences of immigrants and refugees that travels to schools, libraries and community centers.

**Website:** [www.imyourneighborbooks.org](http://www.imyourneighborbooks.org); **Phone:** 207-613-1619; **Email:** [info@imyourneighborbooks.org](mailto:info@imyourneighborbooks.org); **FB** (under I'm Your Neighbor Books)

### Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project (Portland and Lewiston)

| *Legal*

Addresses the immigration legal needs of immigrants all over Maine, assisting thousands of clients each year. Main office is in downtown Portland but smaller office now open in Lewiston. ILAP provides pro bono asylum case representation through its volunteer lawyer pro bono panel (always in need of lawyers) and advises and assists immigrant clients with a variety of other legal needs such as applying for legal permanent resident status (green card) and citizenship. **Website:** [www.ilapmaine.org](http://www.ilapmaine.org); **Phone:** 207-780-1593; **Email:** [info@ilapmaine.org](mailto:info@ilapmaine.org); **FB**

### Immigrant Resource Center of Maine (formerly United Somali Women of Maine) (Lewiston and Portland)

| *Social Navigation and Support*

Focuses especially on women and children. Staff serves as a cultural and linguistic bridge between community partners and the immigrant and refugee community, enabling more effective use of programs and services. Also provides direct service and advocacy to New Mainer victims of domestic and sexual violence, including support and interpretation services during law enforcement interviews, medical exams, or court proceedings (like a protection from abuse order), and support in securing basic needs such as safe housing, employment, TANF benefits, child care, healthcare, and driver's licenses. **Website:** [www.ircofmaine.org](http://www.ircofmaine.org); **Phone:** 207-753-0061; **Email:** [info@uswofmaine.org](mailto:info@uswofmaine.org); **FB**

### In Her Presence

| *Social Navigation and Support, Training and Education*

Immigrant-founded and led group reaching out to immigrant women of different cultures and backgrounds. Hosts English language classes and a variety of educational workshops to provide a platform for Maine immigrant women to better integrate and succeed here. Currently serves women from 15 African countries as well as Syria, Iraq, San Salvador and Ukraine.

**Website:** [www.inherpresence.org](http://www.inherpresence.org); **Phone:** 207-347-9891; **Email:** [contact@inherpresence.org](mailto:contact@inherpresence.org); **FB**

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### **Ladder to the Moon Network**

| *News, Social Navigation and Support, Training and Education, Education of Community*

Immigrant-founded organization committed to raising awareness of conditions in Africa that cause people to migrate, assisting New Mainers during resettlement and educating the public on challenges faced by African immigrants as they relocate. Services include speaking engagements, translation services, computer-skills development programs, and workshops on topics such as reconciliation and conflict resolution, buying cars and renting apartments. See **Amjambo Africa** above.

**Website:** [www.laddertothemoonnetwork.org](http://www.laddertothemoonnetwork.org); **FB**

### **Learning Works (Portland)**

| *Training and Education, Youth Services*

Its free English Language and Literacy Program provides one-on-one tutoring by community volunteers for adult immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers. **Website:** [www.learningworks.me](http://www.learningworks.me); **Phone:** Nicole Labbe 207-775-0105 ext.165; **Email:** [nlabbe@learningworks.me](mailto:nlabbe@learningworks.me) ; **FB**

### **Literacy Volunteers (various locations)**

| *Training and Education*

Provides classes that may include literacy, language development, writing, math, and computer skills, and English as a second language (ESL). Among LV groups in Maine are: (i) Literacy Volunteers of Franklin & Somerset Counties (serving adult members in Franklin and Somerset Counties, and the towns of Jay, Livermore Falls and Livermore): **Website:** [www.westernmaineliteracy.org](http://www.westernmaineliteracy.org); **Phone:** 207-500-3131; **FB**; (ii) Literacy Volunteers of Bangor: **Website:** [www.lvbangor.org](http://www.lvbangor.org); **Phone:** 207-947-8451; **Email:** [info@lvbangor.org](mailto:info@lvbangor.org); **FB**; and (iii) Literacy Volunteers of Greater Augusta: **Website:** [www.lva-augusta.org](http://www.lva-augusta.org); **Phone:** 207-626-3440; **FB**

### **Maine Access Immigrant Network (Portland)**

| *Social Navigation and Support, Information*

Helps immigrants, refugees and asylees access health and social services by facilitating communication. Acts as a “cultural broker”, helping people overcome language and cultural barriers when pursuing services. MAIN provides resource and referral information in English, Arabic, Somali, and French to ensure equal access to programs and services for new Mainers from Africa and Middle East.

**Website:** [www.main1.org](http://www.main1.org); **Email:** [info@main1.org](mailto:info@main1.org); **Phone:** 207-552-1800; **FB**

### **Maine Association for New Americans (MANA)**

| *Training and Education, Social Navigation and Support*

Immigrant- led, multiracial organization that seeks to empower immigrants and their families by raising awareness of individual and collective trauma and how these affect lives; providing resources to expand resilience-building strategies; and connecting people with their peers across cultures. Its new program, “Resilient New Americans,” focuses on cultivating resilience through becoming aware of the place of trauma in impacting lives. This multilingual and culturally tailored program is offered both in-person and online from the Greater Portland area.

**Website:** [www.mana-maine.org](http://www.mana-maine.org); **Email:** [info@mana-maine.org](mailto:info@mana-maine.org) ; **Phone:** 207-387-0749; **FB**

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### **Maine Behavioral Healthcare (Greater Portland and 11 other locations around Maine)**

| *Healthcare*

Refugee and Immigrant Counseling and Case Management program works with immigrants of all ages who have experienced emotional and behavioral challenges and problems for a variety of reasons that may include difficulty due to transitions, trauma and adjustments to a new culture and life. Services provided in 15 languages. Offers specialized support groups for New Mainers as well as traditional counseling and case management.

**Website:** [www.mainehealth.org](http://www.mainehealth.org) (find “Refugee and Immigrant Mental Health Services” under “Care and Services” and then “Behavioral and Mental Health”); **Phone:** 844-292-0111

### **Maine Community Integration (Greater Auburn/Lewiston)**

| *Training and Education, Youth Services, Social Navigation and Support*

Seeks to integrate New Mainers into their communities while respecting and uplifting their diverse cultures, identities, and tradition. Programs focus on strengthening and empowering adolescents and youth (particularly New Mainer Muslim girls) and their families through a variety of social education and systems advocacy programs.

**Website:** [www.mcimaine.com](http://www.mcimaine.com) ; **Email:** [mcilewston@gmail.com](mailto:mcilewston@gmail.com); **Phone:** 207-777-4765; **FB**

### **Maine Equal Justice**

| *Information, Legal*

Tireless low-income civil legal aid provider (generally large-impact cases) and advocate for fair policies headquartered in Augusta. Click on “Help for Immigrants” on website under “Policy.” Among the issues on which it offers expertise is immigrant eligibility for Maine’s anti-poverty programs.

**Website:** [www.maineequaljustice.org](http://www.maineequaljustice.org); **Phone:** 207-626-7058; **Email:** by staff member on website; **FB**

### **Maine Immigrant & Refugee Services (MEIRS) (Lewiston)**

| *Training and Education, Social Navigation and Support, Financial, Healthcare*

Formed by Somali immigrants to serve the Lewiston area, now also serves Portland and immigrants elsewhere in Maine. Behavioral health services include case management services and outpatient counseling. In addition to youth programs, provides services to immigrant adults and families such as basic needs management (food, housing, healthcare); help with naturalization applications; assistance with social and cultural adjustment; literacy and citizenship classes for parents and youth with limited English; financial literacy classes for parents and youth to help them gain financial independence and competency; parenting classes; senior citizen services; interpretation services; and training and support to achieve employment.

**Website:** [www.meirs.org](http://www.meirs.org); **Phone:** 207-782-0260; **Email:** [info@meirs.org](mailto:info@meirs.org) . **FB**

### **Maine Immigrant Rights Coalition**

| *Information, Social Navigation and Support*

Seeks to improve the legal, social and economic conditions experienced by Maine’s immigrants by advocacy, information sharing and collaboration among its 70-plus member organizations. (Click on a name on the list of its coalition members to get more information on that member). **Website:**

[www.maineimmigrantrights.org](http://www.maineimmigrantrights.org); **Phone:** 207-517-3404; **Email:** [info@maineimmigrantrights.org](mailto:info@maineimmigrantrights.org); **FB**

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### Maine Multicultural Center (Bangor)

| *Information, Education of Community, Social Navigation and Support*

Community-driven group representing Bangor-area business, cultural, and educational organizations and promoting community enrichment and economic growth by attracting, retaining, supporting, and integrating people of diverse cultures and backgrounds into greater Bangor. Offers presentations, conversations, community and teacher workshops, a database of resources, and opportunities for those in and around Bangor to meet neighbors and new friends, whether they are recent immigrants or longtime residents. Also helps New Mainers with referrals to local service providers (for referral help, call 207-974-3223).

**Website:** [www.mainemulticulturalcenter.org](http://www.mainemulticulturalcenter.org); **Phone:** 207-262-7780; **Email:** [mmccbangor@gmail.com](mailto:mmccbangor@gmail.com) ; **FB**

### Maine Mobile Health Program (Augusta)

| *Healthcare*

Serves Maine's seasonal agricultural and aquacultural workers through mobile medical and nursing care at farmworker camps and through over 50 voucher contract sites. Provides transportation, interpretation and care coordination. Travels throughout the blueberry, apple, egg, Christmas tree/wreath, tree-planting and broccoli harvests. **Website:** [www.mainemobile.org](http://www.mainemobile.org); **Phone:** 207-622-9252 or 888-351-9634; **Email:** [mmhp@mainemobile.org](mailto:mmhp@mainemobile.org) ; **FB**

### Maine Needs (Portland)

| *Goods*

Strives to help individuals and families meet their basic, material needs by providing donated clothing, hygiene products, household items, and other necessities in an environment of dignity and compassion. It focuses on those starting life over from scratch, including asylum seekers, and partners with schools, caseworkers, nurses and nonprofits to provide these material resources. Located at 332 Forest Ave. but mentors may also be able to email with needs and have a bag of items pulled together that you can pick up. **Website:** [www.maineneeds.org](http://www.maineneeds.org); **Email:** [request@maineneeds.org](mailto:request@maineneeds.org)

### Mano en Mano (Washington County (Milbridge) and Portland)

| *Social Navigation and Support*

Serves daily needs of farmworkers and immigrants, provides educational opportunities for migrant children, and hosts workshops and public events to build a more inclusive Downeast Maine. Provides a drop-in resource center where bilingual staff are available to make referrals and its services include home visitation and case management. About half its services are provided to Washington County's seasonal and migrant workers during blueberry harvesting and wreath-making seasons. **Website:** [www.manomaine.org](http://www.manomaine.org); **Phone:** 207-546-3006; **Email:** [info@manomaine.org](mailto:info@manomaine.org); **FB**

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### Midcoast New Mainers Group (Bath, Brunswick and Topsham)

| *Social Navigation and Support, Information, Employment, Training and Education, Education of Community*

Coalition of volunteers who support New Mainers settling into smaller Mid Coast communities by matching them with available housing options; offering support with housing, health care, childcare and activities, language learning, education, tutoring, transportation, recreational opportunities, employment, shopping, community connection, cultural enrichment and understanding; gathering and making available information about local and regional resources; and offering household mentor teams. Also reaches out to local communities with cultural information, opportunities for multicultural exchange, multicultural events and workshops, and gets involved in public issues that directly address immigration and cultural understanding.

**Website:** [www.mcnmg.org](http://www.mcnmg.org); **Email:** click “Contact Us” on website; **FB**

### New Mainers Public Health Initiative (Lewiston)

| *Healthcare*

Aims to empower, inform, and educate new Mainers about preventive health measures through promotion of healthy habits by developing the capacity to mobilize community partnerships in identifying and solving health problems in order to bridge the gap in health care service delivery and decrease health disparity. Works with underserved demographics and those with intellectual impairments by providing services such as targeted case management services and Rehabilitative Community Support Services. **Website:** [www.nmphi.org](http://www.nmphi.org) ; **Email:** [info@nmphi.org](mailto:info@nmphi.org); **Phone:** 207-241-0546; **FB**

### New Mainers Resource Center (Portland)

| *Training and Education, Employment*

Portland Adult Ed program helping New Mainers of all professions overcome barriers to entering the workforce. Services include employment services and case management, intensive job-readiness skills workshops, networking opportunities and consultation and assistance with professional licensing and credentialing. Always has great need for volunteers to assist in classrooms and mentor professional PAE students as they attempt to re-enter medical, engineering, educational, legal and other fields.

**Website:** [www.nmrcmaine.org](http://www.nmrcmaine.org); **Email:** [nmrcmaine@gmail.com](mailto:nmrcmaine@gmail.com) ;**Phone:** 207-874-8155; **FB**

### Opportunity Alliance (including Parkside Neighborhood Center) (Portland)

| *Training and Education, Social Navigation and Support*

Offers educational, employment and cultural opportunities that connect diverse neighbors. OA’s website and e-newsletter announce frequent events and opportunities.

**Website:** [www.opportunityalliance.org](http://www.opportunityalliance.org); **Phone:** Opportunity Alliance reception line 207-874-1175 and Parkside Neighborhood Center 207-553-5940; **FB**

### Preble Street (Portland)

| *Shelter, Goods*

Collaborative partnership of private and public agencies working together to meet the immediate and long-term needs of the homeless and low-income residents of Greater Portland, a food pantry and mobile food delivery services, health services through local partners, a day shelter, social services, a housing location program, and a homelessness prevention program.

**Website:** [www.preblestreet.org](http://www.preblestreet.org); **Phone:** (207) 775-0026; **Email:** Click “Contact” on website; **FB**

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### **ProsperityMaine (Portland and Lewiston)**

| *Financial, Training and Education, Social Navigation and Support*

Provides classes on basic money management to introduce new immigrants to the U.S. financial and banking system, provides individual financial counseling and a scholarship program for new immigrants. Through a partnership with a local credit union in Portland, makes interest-free security deposit loans available to enable immigrants to get into their own apartments more quickly. (GA generally provides vouchers for rent but does not cover security deposits).

**Website:** [www.prosperityme.org](http://www.prosperityme.org); **Phone:** 207- 797-7890; **Email:** [prosperityme@prosperityme.org](mailto:prosperityme@prosperityme.org) ; **FB**

### **Root Cellar (Portland and Lewiston)**

| *Goods, Training and Education*

Christian organization providing, among other programs, community meals and food boxes and ESL classes.

**Website:** [www.therootcellarlew.org](http://www.therootcellarlew.org); **Phone:** Lewiston (207) 782-3659 and Portland (207) 774-3197; **Email:** [info@therootcellar.org](mailto:info@therootcellar.org) ;**FB**

### **Sustainable Livelihood Relief Services (Lewiston)**

| *Training and Education*

Immigrant organization intended to help Somali Bantus, many of whom were farmers in their home country and remain unemployed in the U.S. Goals are to gain access to farmland, provide training in modern farming techniques and the basics of agribusiness, and develop farms that can support families and improve the community.

**Website:** <https://www.slromaine.org> ; **Phone:** 207-330-1352; **Email:** [slro.infome@gmail.com](mailto:slro.infome@gmail.com)

### **Through These Doors (Portland)**

| *Social Navigation and Support*

Provides services to immigrant survivors of domestic and sexual violence in Cumberland County. **Website:** [www.throughthesedoors.org](http://www.throughthesedoors.org) ; **Phone:** 800-537-6066 and 207-874-1973 (confidential helpline); **Email:** (click contact box on website); **FB**

### **Tree Street Youth Center (Lewiston/Auburn)**

| *Youth Services*

Full-service youth development facility serving a multicultural, exceptionally diverse youth population with programs rooted in academics, the arts and athletics. Fosters healthy physical, social, emotional and academic development while building unity across lines of social difference.

**Website:** [www.treestreetyouth.org](http://www.treestreetyouth.org) ; **Phone:** 207-513-6866; **Email:** [info@treestreetyouth.org](mailto:info@treestreetyouth.org); **FB**

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### Trinity Jubilee Center (Lewiston)

| *Training and Education, Social Navigation and Support, Employment, Legal*

Helps refugees and asylum-seekers from Somalia, Djibouti, Angola, Democratic Republic of Congo, Burundi, and other countries, most frequently with resume-writing, job searches, and completing applications. Other work includes assistance with housing applications and addressing housing concerns, petitioning for adjustments to immigration status, and completing FAFSA and college applications. Services are available in Somali and French . Operates on a drop-in basis at most times that the Center is open.

**Website** (under construction): [www.trinityjubileecenter.org](http://www.trinityjubileecenter.org) ; **Phone:** 207-782-5700

**Email:** [info@trinityjubileecenter.org](mailto:info@trinityjubileecenter.org) ; **FB**

### Waterville Area New Mainers Project

| *Social Navigation and Support*

Contact through Capitol Area New Mainers Project [see above] or through local contact, Steve Knight. **Email:** [knights47@gmail.com](mailto:knights47@gmail.com).

### Welcoming Immigrant Neighbors-Bangor

| *Social Navigation and Support*

Welcoming Immigrant Neighbors (WIN)-Bangor assists local immigrants in navigating U.S. life and culture. We strive to help our new neighbors meet basic needs, access essential services, find social supports, and experience a warm welcome.

**Email:** [winbangor5@gmail.com](mailto:winbangor5@gmail.com); **Phone:** (207) 370-4089. **FB**

### Welcoming Immigrants Our New Neighbors (Biddeford/Saco)

| *Social Navigation and Support*

Network of volunteers offering friendship, encouragement and ongoing support to new immigrants in Greater Biddeford. Honoring individual family's religion, customs, and culture. Seeks to make the transition to a new country as smooth as possible for the adults and children with whom they interact. Services include everything from help in providing furniture, household items and warm clothing to helping families navigate needed services and systems in the local community. Core principles of respect, honoring differences, mutuality and confidentiality are prioritized.

**Email:** [WIONN4B@gmail.com](mailto:WIONN4B@gmail.com)

### Welcoming the Stranger-Maine (Greater Portland area)

| *Social Navigation and Support, Information*

Maintains extensive and excellent resource list (food, clothing, housing, asylum process info., English classes, employment, healthcare etc.). Matches mentors with newly arrived immigrant families for help and advice with basic needs and assimilation, and cross-cultural friendship. Mentors and mentees can sign up online.

**Website:** [www.wtsmaine.com](http://www.wtsmaine.com); **Phone:** Amy Titcomb, Coordinator 207-232-7805; **Email:** [info@wtsmaine.com](mailto:info@wtsmaine.com) or click "Contact" box online.

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### **Women United Around the World**

| *Social Navigation and Support, Training and Education*

Promotes independence for female immigrants by offering educational and professional opportunities. Offers a range of services, including: mentoring women; helping acclimate female immigrants new to Maine through a welcome packet and matching them with a volunteer to help with the settlement process; Know Your Rights Series: learning and conversation workshops and opportunities on a variety of topics, including higher education, rights in the workplace, gender equality, access to education, healthcare, child care, and subsidized housing; trade skills workshops: professional, industrial sewing.

**Website:** [www.womenunitedaroundtheworld.org](http://www.womenunitedaroundtheworld.org); **Phone:** 207-332-9750; **Email:** [info@womenaroundtheworld.org](mailto:info@womenaroundtheworld.org); **FB**

### **Yarmouth Compassionate Housing Initiative (Yarmouth)**

| *Shelter, Social Navigation and Support*

Collaboration of 3 congregations in Yarmouth, ME (Unitarian Universalist, Episcopal and The Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints) and interested neighbors, providing temporary shelter at homes in the Yarmouth area when Portland area shelters are filled to capacity or new immigrant mothers and their babies are released from the hospital and have nowhere suitable to stay. Current focus is on the needs of previously hosted YCHI families and members of the immigrant community living in Yarmouth.

**Contact:** Carla Hunt [musseit@yahoo.com](mailto:musseit@yahoo.com)

### Ethnic or Country- Specific Associations and Groups

(Many have Facebook pages only, and some listed phone numbers may have changed)

#### **Angolan Community in Maine (FB)**

**Phone:** (857) 214-5268

#### **Burundi Community Association of Maine (FB)**

#### **Cambodian Community Association of Maine**

**Website:** [www.cambodiancommunity.me](http://www.cambodiancommunity.me); **Email:** (click on “Contact Us “on website); **FB**

#### **Centro Latino de Maine**

**Phone:** 207-749-8823; **FB**

#### **Chinese & American Friendship Association of Maine**

**Website:** [www.cafamaine.org](http://www.cafamaine.org); **Email:** (click on Contact Us on website); **FB**

#### **Chispa- Centro Hispano de Maine (Bangor) (FB)**

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### **Congolese Brazzaville Community of Maine (FB)**

Email: [contact@ccbm-us.org](mailto:contact@ccbm-us.org)

### **Congolese Community of Maine (Portland)**

Phone: 207-632-5108; Email: [cocomaine2012@gmail.com](mailto:cocomaine2012@gmail.com); FB

### **Djibouti Community & Volunteer Services (Lewiston)**

Email: [djibouticommunity@gmail.com](mailto:djibouticommunity@gmail.com)

### **Iraqi Community Association of Maine**

Phone: 207-536-7297; Email: [icaom.maine@gmail.com](mailto:icaom.maine@gmail.com); FB

### **Mahoro Maine Association (Banyamulenge community)**

Phone: 207-252-8180; Email: [rruganzu@gmail.com](mailto:rruganzu@gmail.com)

### **New England Arab American Organization**

Serves all immigrants speaking Arabic and currently focus on Westbrook where many have recently settled. Services include community and school outreach, Arabic language school, parenting groups and more.

Website: [www.neaao.org](http://www.neaao.org) Phone: (207) 347-0249. Email: [zoe.sahloul@neaao.org](mailto:zoe.sahloul@neaao.org) ; FB

### **New England Djibouti Community**

Phone: 207-317-7796; Email: [Djibouti.community1@gmail.com](mailto:Djibouti.community1@gmail.com)

### **Presente Maine**

Works toward "empowerment and integration of the Latino community in Maine through education, community organizing, civic engagement, and direct support and services." Some of their projects include the Food Brigade, which is delivering hundreds of pounds of food rations a week to undocumented people and poor people all over Maine, no questions asked,

Phone: 207- 671-9496; Email: [presente.maine@gmail.com](mailto:presente.maine@gmail.com) ; FB

### **Rwandese Community Association of Maine**

Phone: (207) 699-8870 or 207-615-4036; Email: [rwandansinme@gmail.com](mailto:rwandansinme@gmail.com)

### **Somali Bantu Community Association (Lewiston)**

Provides transitional services, advocacy, and programming to empower members of Maine's Somali Bantu refugee community to uphold cultural identity and thrive in Lewiston/Auburn. Among other things, it provides community farming programming for over 130 Bantu farmers.

Website: [www.somalibantumaine.org](http://www.somalibantumaine.org) ; Email: [info@somalibantumaine.org](mailto:info@somalibantumaine.org); Phone: 207-784-5556; FB

### **Somali Community Center of Maine (Portland)**

Seeks to help Somali American residents of Greater Portland to achieve economic opportunity, educational achievement, and social integration. Email: [somalicommunityme@gmail.com](mailto:somalicommunityme@gmail.com); FB

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### **South Sudanese Community Association of Maine**

Promotes integration of South Sudanese families by building community and promoting opportunities for economic advancement and civic engagement. Runs a summer soccer program to engage youths from many different immigrant communities.

**Phone:** (207) 409-5475; **FB**

### **Unified Asian Communities**

Provides services including assistance with translation, unemployment, resumes, and immigration. **Website:** [www.unifiedasiancommunities.com](http://www.unifiedasiancommunities.com); **Phone:** 207-558-2367; **Email:** [unifiedasiancommunities@gmail.com](mailto:unifiedasiancommunities@gmail.com); **FB**

## Other Resources and Resource Guides

**NOTE:** Some of the organizations included in this Maine Immigrant Justice Resource List (2021) may have a broader scope of services or service area than described herein or reflected in the Index at the end of this list. Don't hesitate to contact an organization listed with slightly different focus or geographical service area to ask if they can provide what you seek. If they cannot, they may be able to refer you to another organization or agency that can do so.

### **New Mainer's Guide to Greater Portland (2019)**

Created by the Greater Portland Immigrant Welcome Center in partnership with the Portland Public Library. Includes resources relating to food and shelter, legal support, health care, community organizations, education, and career advancement opportunities. [www.welcomeimmigrant.org/resources](http://www.welcomeimmigrant.org/resources)

### **Welcoming the Stranger Resource List [see Welcoming the Stranger above]**

Excellent and comprehensive online list of resources updated regularly. Contents sorted by categories, currently: Canada; Child (Family) Services; Community; Covid-19; Education; Employment; Financial; Food, Clothing, Housing; General; Health & Safety; and Legal. [www.wtsmaine.com](http://www.wtsmaine.com)

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