

Immigration Programs

Abriendo Puertas	302-855-9515
Catholic Charities (K)	302-674-8211
Catholic Charities (NC)	302-655-9624
Catholic Charities (S)	302-856-9578
Children & Families 1st (NC)	302-658-5177
Chinese-Am/.Comm. Ctr. (Mandarin-Speaking only)	302-239-0432
Chinese Evang.Ch.(WI) Newark Location	302-239-4990 302-737-0274
Community Legal Aid	302-575-0660
First State Comm. Action	302-856-7761
Georgetown Police	302-856-6613
Jewish Family Services (NC) - JFS Relationship Ctr.	302-478-9411 302-798-0600 302-286-1402
La Esperanza	302-854-9262
Latin Am. Comm.Ctr.	302-655-7338
Office of the Foreign Born	302-577-8390

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A Domestic Violence Resource Guide for Immigrants



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Challenges Facing Abused Immigrant Women

A 2004 survey by New York City's Health Department revealed that "57% of all foreign-born victims were killed by intimate partners, and just over 50% of all the women killed by intimate partners were immigrants." Abused immigrant women face many challenges compared to their American counterparts. The process of immigration- - leaving behind familial support and moving to an unknown land, with an unfamiliar system, can be very difficult. They face isolation with little or no support and are confronted with barriers that prevent them from accessing services. Abusers take advantage of the situation and use immigration-related threats to emotionally, physically and economically control their immigrant spouses. In addition to language barriers making it difficult to access information and resources to seek help, abused immigrant women also face the following challenges:

- Cultural, religious and social norms that make women responsible for sustaining marriages.
- Fear of deportation if they seek help with authorities
- Fear of law enforcement and legal system.
- Lack of knowledge and/or understanding regarding services available.
- Lack of employment and/or income source.

Delaware has had a rapid growth in immigration, according to the recent Census. Such growth calls for provision and access to services, to enable abused immigrant women seek or receive help. This resource guide is an attempt to provide abused immigrant women, and professionals who work on their behalf, with information regarding services within the state that may be of assistance.

Court Advocacy

Kent County 302-672-1075
 New Castle County 302-255-0420
 Sussex County 302-856-5843

Domestic Violence Hotlines/Shelters

Abriendo Puertas 302-745-9874
 Kent & Sussex Counties 302-422-8058
 New Castle County 302-762-6110

Family Court

Kent County 302-739-6545
 New Castle County 302-255-0300
 Sussex County 302-855-7468

Immigration Attorneys

Kiesel, Eleanor 302-856-0038
 CLASI, VAWA only Extension 13
 Lapinski, Neil 302-656-5935
 Poppiti, Laura 302-995-0206
 Welch, Madeline 302-575-0660
 CLASI Extension 237

Immigration Application Assistance

La Esperanza, Ascencion Vanegas
 302-854-9262

Service for Foreign Born
 302-577-8390
 (Gladys Crespo/Robin Kaess)

Information/Referral

CONTACT Delaware (Sexual Assault)
 (NC) 302-761-9100
 (K & S) 800-262-9800

DE Coalition Against Domestic Violence
 302-658-2958

Delaware Helpline
 1-800-464-HELP

Domestic Violence Coordinating Council
 302-255-0405

Friendship House Women's Center
 302-652-8033

Immigrants Council of Delaware
 302-575-0660 ext. 237

Latin American Community Center
 302-655-7338

Social Mobilization Progress (African)
 302-731-0541

Legal Services

Community Legal Aid
 Kent County 302-674-8500
 New Castle County 302-575-0660
 Sussex County 302-856-0038
 Latin Am. Comm. Ctr. 302-655-7338
 Legal Help Link (NC) 302-478-8850
 Legal Help Link (K & S) 800-773-0606

Police Victim Services

City of Dover 302-736-7134
 DE State Victim Services 800-842-8461
 Georgetown Police 302-856-6613
 New Castle County 302-395-8139
 (Spanish) 302-395-8117

Probation/Parole

Kent County 302-739-6545
 New Castle County 302-323-6050
 Sussex County 302-856-5243

SUPPORTING SERVICES**Food and Clothes Bank**

Casa San Francisco (S) 302-684-8694
 Claymont Comm Ctr. (NC) 302-792-2757
 Emmanuel Dining Room 302-577-2957
 First State Comm Action 800-372-2240
 Food Bank of Delaware 302-292-1305
 302-424-3301

Friendship House
 -Clothing Bank 302-654-1390
 Georgetown State Service 302-856-5574
 Hanover Presby Church 302-658-5114
 Hockessin Methodist 302-239-3030
 Ministry of Caring 302-652-0969
 Salvation Army 302-654-8808
 Sunday Breakfast Mission 302-656-8542
 Telamon Corp (K) 302-734-1903
 Tri State Service Centers 302-577-3400
 Victory Christian 302-324-5400
 YMCA 302-571-6908
 YWCA 302-658-7161

**Healthcare Services**

A.I. DuPont Hospital 888-533-3543
 Casa San Francisco (S) 302-684-8694
 Center of Hope (NC) 302-652-0904
 Claymont Family Health 302-798-9755
 Community Healthcare 800-996-9969
 Henrietta Johnson Med. 302-655-6187
 Kent Comm Health 302-678-2000
 La Red Health Ctr.(S) 302-855-1233
 Ministry of Caring (N) 302-652-0969
 Westside Health Ctr. 302-655-5822
 St. Francis Family Pract 302-575-8040

Temporary Housing

Emmaus House 302-737-2241
 Friendship House 302-652-8278
 First State Comm Action 302-764-1145
 House of Joseph 302-652-8278
 House of Joseph 302-652-0904
 Jesus House 302-995-6859
 Martha's House 302-655-4717
 Mary Mother of Hope 302-652-8532
 302-652-1935
 302-652-0970
 Salvation Army 302-654-8808
 YMCA 302-571-6908
 YWCA 302-658-7110

Transportation

American Red Cross 800-777-6620
 DART First State 800-652-3278
 FISH Transportation (NC) 302-658-2954
 Ministry of Caring 302-594-9473