# 🏪 PART 3: Organizations that Focus on Immigrants

*Immigration is a complex, many-faceted, dynamic matter and process. The following organizations represent several of these facets: legal assistance, hospitality and resettlement, education, community organizing, advocacy, empowerment, and more. This is not an exhaustive list.*

| Organization | Focus / What They Do | Why It Matters |
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| Make the Road New Jersey (MRNJ) | Builds power among immigrant, working-class, Latinx communities via organizing, legal support & education. (justicecorps.org/organization/make-the-road-new-jersey/) | Immigrant-led justice work and solidarity with migrants. |
| Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey – Immigration Legal Services | Faith-based nonprofit providing low-cost immigration legal support (family petitions, naturalization, DACA, etc.). (lsmnj.org/) | Practical service ministry; good for action-step referrals. |
| Wind of the Spirit Immigrant Resource Center | Immigrant-led center in NJ focusing on organizing, education, solidarity for immigrants. (wotsnj.org) | Offers long-term advocacy, formation, and education. |
| Center for Immigrant Justice – Rutgers | Research, legal clinic and policy work focused on immigration & citizenship in NJ. (cij.rutgers.edu/) | Source for statistics, deeper study around immigration policy. |
| New Jersey Alliance for Immigrant Justice (NJAIJ) | Statewide coalition of 50+ community, labor, faith groups advancing immigrant rights. (njaij.org) | Connecting to the broader state-level movements and justice campaigns. |

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| Church World Service – Jersey City | Refugee resettlement, newcomer support, legal assistance for immigrants in NJ. (cwsjerseycity.org) | Volunteer to help with resettlement, newcomer hospitality, or mentoring programs. |
| Latin American Legal Defense & Education Fund (LALDEF) | Grass-roots organization based in Mercer County (Trenton) serving Latin American immigrants. Offers legal representation (asylum, DACA, U visas, TPS), citizenship classes, ESL, health access, and advocacy to dismantle barriers. (laldef.org) | This organization lives the dual call of welcome & justice. It offers legal/education needs and is a strong local voice for immigrant inclusion. |
| Resistencia en Acción NJ (“Resistance in Action”) | Immigrant-worker justice organization based in New Jersey. Grass-roots, volunteer-led, organizing, educating and empowering migrant worker communities in NJ. (resistenciaenaccionnj.org/) | Creating hospitable communities, working for structural change, and advocating for worker rights in our region. |
| Interfaith RISE | Multi-faith coalition serving refugees and asylees across central & southern NJ. Supports housing, ESL, cultural orientation, social & mental-health services, job training, transport, integration. Affiliate of the US Committee for Refugees & Immigrants. (interfaithrise.org) | Focuses on refugee welcome and practical hospitality. Volunteering opportunities are available. |
| New Jersey Business Immigration Coalition (NJBIC) | State-wide business-led coalition promoting evidence-based immigration reform, research, policy advocacy, immigrant entrepreneur awards, linking immigration to workforce & economic vitality in NJ. (njbusinessimmigration.org) | Connects the policy and economy dimensions of the matter. Migration isn’t only a social justice issue but part of our community’s vitality and future. |

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| Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC) | Provides immigration-law trainings, technical assistance, educational materials, policy advocacy and community resources aimed at advancing immigrant rights and helping organizations and individuals navigate the immigration system. (ilrc.org/) | Serves immigrants, influences policy at state and federal levels, and empowers immigrants to engage in civic life. |
| New Sanctuary Movement of Philadelphia | A faith-based community organizing network in Philadelphia that builds power among immigrant communities, organizes direct-action campaigns, and fosters long-term ally-ship between congregations and immigrant families. (sanctuaryphiladelphia.org/) | Engaging structurally and relationally with migration, moving beyond service to collective organizing for justice. |
| First Friends of New Jersey & New York | An organization that supports detained immigrants through volunteer visitation, bonds, resettlement assistance, pen-pal programs, and advocacy for those impacted by the immigration enforcement system. (firstfriendsnjny.org/) | Addresses one of the most acute and hidden realities of immigration—detention—and provides a tangible way to engage with individuals at the margins of our immigration system. |
| Immigration Law & Justice Network (ILJ Network) | A national network of free/low-cost legal clinics and advocacy rooted in faith, offering legal counsel, support services, and policy advocacy for immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers. (iljnetwork.org/) | Legal representation and policy engagement are essential to migration justice; both direct legal service and wider reform efforts. |