



# TCUS Resource List



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CLICK THE BLUE LINKS IN ORDER TO GO TO THE WEBSITE

ALSO, TRY TO EXPLORE EACH WEBSITE SINCE THEY HAVE DIFFERENT RESOURCES

- **Immigrant Rights:** learn more here about what your rights are, how to exercise them, and what to do when your rights are violated.
  - [Immigrants' Rights | ACLU of New Jersey](#)
  - [American Friends Service Committee NJ](#)
  - [Red Cards / Tarjetas Rojas - ILRC](#)
  - [Office of New Americans | Know Your Rights](#)
  - [A Guide for Employers: What to Do if Immigration Comes to Your Workplace - NILC](#)
  - [How Does IER Protect Your Rights? | United States Department of Justice](#)
  - [ILRC Know Your Rights Tool Kit](#)
  - [New Jersey Alliance for Immigrant Justice](#)
  - [Clinic Legal Know Your Rights](#)
  - [ACLU x Brooklyn Defender Services: We Have Rights - YouTube](#)
  
- **Notifica App:** This is an app developed by United we Dream. By pressing one button, Notifica sends an alert simultaneously to people you trust and community groups who can support you. It also offers know your rights information.
  - [Notifica](#)
  
- **Family Preparedness Plan:** This packet will help everyone create a Family Preparedness Plan, regardless of immigration status.
  - [ILRC family preparedness plan](#)
  - [ILRC family preparedness plan step by step](#)

- **School Preparedness Plan:** This website provides resources that are designed to support school officials, staff, and communities in safeguarding the physical well-being of students and their fundamental right to be enrolled in New Jersey schools.
  - [School-Related State and Federal Requirements Pertaining to Immigrant Students and Families](#)
- **Analysis of Day Executive Orders:** These websites offer a comprehensive review of executive orders issued by Donald Trump, focusing on their purpose, implications, and impact.
  - [Analysis of Trump Day 1 Executive Orders](#)
  - [After Day One: A High-Level Analysis of Trump's First Executive Actions](#)
  - [Executive and Regulatory Actions Under the Second Trump Administration](#)
  - [BAJI Policy explainers](#)
- **Immigration News:** Learn more about the new immigration updates.
  - [Migration Policy Institute](#)
- **Immigration Law Help:** A link to different organizations providing immigration legal services by state. Immigrant Rising's free legal intake service is no longer in operation (as of May 2024).
  - [Immigration Law Help](#)
- **Deportation Defense Manual:** The purpose of this manual is to provide information, resources and a guide to create a plan of action to protect targeted communities against hyper enforcement perpetuated by ICE.
  - [Deportation Defense Manual from Make the Road NY](#)
  - [Defend and Recruit](#)

- **Online Detainee Locator System (ODLS):** This website provides an accessible tool provided by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to assist individuals in locating detained noncitizens in ICE custody. Users can search for detainees by entering biographical information or an Alien Registration Number (A-Number).
  - [Online Detainee Locator System](#)
  
- **Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR):** In this website you will find the component of the **U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)** that oversees immigration courts and adjudicates immigration-related cases. It plays a critical role in interpreting and applying U.S. immigration laws.
  - [EOIR's Pro Bono Portal](#)
  - [EOIR Automated Case Information](#)
  
- **Mental health support:** Resources designed to help undocumented people feel less alone and more understood.
  - [Informed Immigrant Mental Health Resource Library](#)
  - [Wellness Support Groups - Immigrants Rising](#)
  - [UndocuHealth toolkits from United We Dream](#)
  - [Latinx Therapists & Speakers](#)
  
- **Scholarships:** These websites guide you through all scholarships available for undocumented students as well as DACA students
  - [Immigrants Rising Scholarship List](#)
  - [Get Schooled Scholarship List](#)
  - [My Undocumented Life Blog Scholarships List](#)
  - [United We Dream Scholarships for Undocumented Students and Daca Recipients](#)
  - [Cause Chicago Resource Guide](#)

- [Browse Scholarships for College Students](#)
  
- **NJ State Financial Aid:** If you are an NJ Dreamer (a resident who was brought to the United States as a child without documentation and meets all the criteria) and are not eligible for financial assistance under the (FAFSA®), you may still be eligible for state financial aid through the New Jersey Alternative Financial Aid Application if you have completed 3 years of high school in the United States.
  - [New Jersey Alternative Application](#)
  
- **Internships & Careers:** Internships open for students regardless of immigration status. Includes opportunities for high school seniors, undergraduate (community college and 4-year university) and students in graduate/professional programs.
  - [Pre-health Internships](#)
  - [Best Colleges Internships and Fellowships for DACA and Undocumented Students](#)
  - [UC MERCED Internship and Fellowship Resource List](#)
  - [Undocumented Professionals Non-Employment Based Opportunities](#)
  
- **Undocumented graduate students :** A list of key information & resources to help you navigate the graduate school application process and experience as a graduate school student while undocumented, including fellowship opportunities that are open to undocumented students and advice from former/current undocumented graduate students.
  - [Navigating Graduate School: Guide for Undocumented Students](#)
  - [My Undocumented Life Resources for Undocumented Graduate Students](#)
  - [Graduate Portal - Presidents' Alliance](#)

- **Entrepreneurship:** This guide includes what it means to be an independent contractor, the personal information needed to pursue this option, tax liability, and independent contractor guidelines.
  - [Independent Contractor](#)
  - [Income Generation Webinar Series \(English\)](#)
- **Utilities assistance in NJ:** Improve the quality of life for all New Jersey residents by developing and preserving affordable housing, providing services to maintain housing affordability, providing housing education, and helping communities meet their legal and moral housing obligations.
  - [Low Income Home Energy Assistance \(LIHEAP\)](#)
  - New Jersey Shares 609-883-1626
- **Free and Charitable Health Clinics:** This website is a database of clinics that offer free or low-cost services. The site also provides infographics of each state and advocacy articles. This is especially helpful for those looking for a clinic that will offer affordable care.
  - [National Association for Free and Charitable Clinics](#)
  - [Free Clinics](#)
- **Advance Parole:** An overview of what Advance Parole is and how it works, how to fund your trip, the requirements of the application, preparing to travel, experiences abroad, and readjusting to life in the States. *Note. Recent changes to immigration law may mean guidance in this area is shifting. Speak to an immigration attorney to determine whether these options are still admissible or recommended in your case.*
  - [Immigrants Rising the Advance Parole Travel Guide](#)
  - [Informed Immigrant Traveling with Advance Parole in 2025](#)
  - [U.S. Custom and Border Protection](#)
  - [Form I-131: The Advance Parole Travel Document Explained](#)

- **Community Organizing and Advocacy:** The following are good pages to follow and check on weekly as they have meetings either online or in person about different topics surrounding immigration. They also provide resources and support.

- *New Jersey Based*

- [Make the Road NJ](#)
- [Wind of the Spirit](#)
- [Resource Hub - New Jersey Alliance for Immigrant Justice](#)
- [Movimiento Cosecha](#)
- [First Friends of New Jersey and New York](#)
- [New Jersey Consortium for Immigrant Children](#)
- [AAPI New Jersey](#)
- [Interfaith-RISE](#)

- *National*

- [Black Alliance for Just Immigration](#)
- [Define American](#)
- [Detention Watch Network](#)
- [Haitian Bridge Alliance](#)
- [Ignatian Solidarity Network](#)
- [United We Dream](#)
- [UndocuBlack Network](#)
- [Immigrants Rising](#)
- [Immigrant Justice Network](#)
- [American Immigration Lawyers Association](#)
- [National Immigration Law Center](#)
- [UnLocal In](#)

- **TOOLKIT FOR “SCHOOL AS SANCTUARY”:** To better understand the sanctuary school movement and consider how its key tenets could manifest in my school or learning community.

- 2020 [Toolkit for school as sanctuary spaces](#)
- 2025 [CTU's Sanctuary Toolkit](#), [Sanctuary Lessons: How Chicago Teachers Are Defending Their Students](#)
- *Note. On January 20, 2025, the sensitive locations memo/protected area policy, which offered some protection to areas like places of worship, schools and hospitals from immigration enforcement, was rescinded. For more, see [Rescission of Protected Areas Policies - NILC](#).*
  
- **New Jersey Policy Perspective:** Performs independent research and analysis on the state's most pressing policy issues
  - [New Jersey Policy Perspective](#)
  
- **Legal Resources for Undocumented Immigrants:** List of legal resources.
  - [Legal Services of New Jersey](#): Coordinates the statewide Legal Services system, which provides free legal assistance to low-income New Jerseyans for their civil legal problems.
  - [AILA's Immigration Lawyer Search](#): A searchable immigration attorney database from the American Immigration Lawyers Association.
  - [Office of New Americans | Legal Services](#): New Jersey's Detention and Deportation Defense Initiative.
  - [American Immigration Council](#): Works to strengthen America by shaping how America thinks about and acts towards immigrants and immigration and by working toward a more fair and just immigration system that opens its doors to those in need of protection and unleashes the energy and skills that immigrants bring.
  - [Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund \(AALDEF\)](#): Nonprofit organization on the East Coast to address the civil rights issues affecting Asian Americans locally and nationwide.

- [Latin American Legal Defense and Education Fund \(LALDEF\)](#): Promotes the rights of all immigrants; facilitates access to health care, education and legal representation; advocates for the integration of immigrants; and fosters intercultural communication to strengthen our communities.
- [Mexican American Legal Defense Fund \(MALDEF\)](#): 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.
- **Resources for Educators:** These are platforms that integrate data, policy analysis, and resources to support DACA and undocumented, refugee, other immigrant, and international students.
  - [Key Criteria for Undocumented Student Higher Education Access and Success](#)
  - [The President's Alliance Higher Ed Immigration Portal](#)
  - [Guide for Educators by Learning 4 Justice](#)
  - [Reimagining Migration: Preparing educators](#)
  - [Harvard Immigration Initiative](#)
  - [A Guide to Support Undocumented Youth](#)
  - [Educator Resource Hub](#)
- **Pre-health Dreamers** -> promotes a culture of inclusion in higher education and healthcare by working with institutions to establish equitable holistic support and processes for undocumented communities
  - [Pre-health Dreamers](#)
- **Guide to Personal Finance and Support for Undocumented Immigrants** – resource to help you manage everyday finances, regardless of your immigration status in the U.S.
  - [MoneyGeek](#)



- **How to Build Credit as an Immigrant** – You’ll learn what you can do to create and maintain good credit as an immigrant, using a range of tools and resources to help establish your financial life in the U.S.
  - [MoneyGeek](#)
- **How to Buy a House in the US as an Immigrant** – understand residency requirements, visa restrictions and how mortgages and loans function.
  - [MoneyGeek](#)