Supporting Immigrant and Refugee Families

Supporting residents in working together for healthy communities

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Focus Areas
- Community and leadership
- Education and training
- Immigrant resource center
- Multicultural activities
- Transportation and housing
- Workforce and economic development

Project Description
- Community Integration Resource Center: The Center helps immigrants and refugees to navigate a variety of community services – including education, employment, health and recreation, housing and transportation. The Center also provides translation and interpretation services, as well as assistance with forms and documents. Additionally, the Center promotes relationship-building by sponsoring community activities and cultural events.
- Laws and Norms Training Workshop: In partnership with local attorneys, this effort educates immigrants about their rights, as well as workplace and community norms.
- Business Workgroup: By engaging the business community in local integration efforts, this workgroup fosters relationships among business owners in the immigrant and receiving communities, and helps businesses to attract more diverse clientele.
- Cultural Awareness Training: Provided to community members on request, training sessions promote an understanding of cultural awareness for law enforcement, school personnel, community members and students.
- Education Coffee Talks: These roundtable discussions among Lake County School District parents, teachers and administrators provide a platform for sharing concerns and working together to create solutions toward increased parent participation and improved academic success among students.

Results
Since 2005, CIC’s four-year plan to increase integration among Lake County residents has provided community trainings and translation services, and served as a clearinghouse for community services and other information. Through a variety of trainings and meetings – and by responding directly to the needs of walk-in clients – CIC serves over 200 community members annually.

Cultural sensitivity has increased dramatically throughout the community and interpreters have made available critical information regarding community emergency procedures. As well, Colorado Mountain College is offering computer classes in Spanish, more professionals are learning Spanish, and local businesses are exploring ways to support immigrant entrepreneurs. CIC has also demonstrated success in raising funds to continue and grow its integration efforts.