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 • Health • Immigrant resource center • Multicultural activities

**Project Description**
- **Parent/School Community Liaison Program:** This program offers English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, as well as workshops and information nights for parents whose children attend Littleton Public Schools.
- **One-Stop Information Center for Immigrants:** The Center not only monitors the needs of the immigrant community, but also offers established residents numerous volunteer opportunities to assist newcomers in navigating a variety of community services, including education, employment, health, recreation, housing and transportation. The Center also connects immigrants with members of the receiving community to help them study for their naturalization exams.
- **Community Health Liaison Program:** This effort brings together health care providers to share information and resources, and offers referrals and a variety of health education workshops, including cultural competency training for health professionals.
- **Two-Way Integration Program:** Providing cultural competency training for volunteers from the receiving community, this program is establishing a church-school partnership that provides after-school mentoring for elementary students, as well as exploring a community-empowerment model with Metropolitan Organizations for People (MOP).
- **Multicultural Community Events:** This strategy coordinates opportunities for residents to broaden their understanding of diverse cultures in partnership with other organizations, including Arapahoe Community College and Bemis Public Library.
- **Immigrant Integration Council:** Serving as LI3’s volunteer governing body, the Council is comprised of interested individuals and representatives of local organizations.

**Results**
Since its inception, LI3 has experienced a rapid increase in the demand for its services. Some 13.2% of Littleton’s population – and over 49% of the workforce – is foreign born; 49 languages are spoken in Littleton Public Schools. As such, in addition to helping immigrants navigate community services, LI3 works to increase immigrant involvement in civic and community affairs. In particular, the One-Stop Information Center’s successful one-on-one citizenship mentoring program has been identified as a national model by the federal Office of Citizenship.