

2025 Resource Guide

A Guide for Family Preparedness
and Resources



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This information is intended as guidance for use by the general public and is not intended to be legal advice or to be relied upon as legal advice. For legal advice about your own case, consult with an attorney or authorized immigration representative.



Dear Residents,

Anne Arundel County's history consists of resilient and vibrant stories of migration. Throughout the years the County has experienced many social, cultural, economic, and physical changes. Although our reasons for migrating may vary, we all share the same dream of making a home. During the best and toughest times, we know we need each other.

Although there is uncertainty and challenges ahead of us, we want you to know that our government is here to serve all residents. This guide provides an overview of key resources available to all residents in Anne Arundel County. Preparation is not about fear but about empowerment.

In Service,
Stuart Pittman
County Executive



Important Phone Numbers

911: For Emergencies that require immediate assistance from the police, fire department, or ambulance, please dial 911.

311: For non-emergency issues and neighborhood complaints, dial 311.

410-768-5522: 24/7 mental health and substance use disorder support.

1-800-485-0041: Call resource line for assistance with all basic needs including housing, food security, resources for parents and more.

202-201-3329 (Adult Detention): If you or someone you know is detained by ICE, the Amica Center for Immigrant Rights' has a detention line for Marylanders.

202-331-3320 (Children Under 18 Detention): If you or a child you know is detained by ICE, the Amica Center for Immigrant Rights has a detention line for Marylanders.

Safety

Call 911

It is important to report any incidents where you or your family feel threatened or have been the victim of a crime.

Anne Arundel County Police Officers take an oath to uphold the law and serve our communities with integrity, fairness, and respect. This commitment extends to all individuals, regardless of their immigration status. By prioritizing safety and justice for everyone, officers foster trust and cooperation within the community, ensuring that all individuals can seek help and report crimes without fear of discrimination or deportation. The Anne Arundel County Police Department reinforces the core values of public service and community trust that are essential for effective law enforcement.

Interacting with the Police

Anne Arundel County Police Department officers are not allowed to ask about your immigration status. Additionally, enforcement of civil federal immigration law falls exclusively within the authority of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

If you are questioned by the police, you have the right to remain silent. If you are placed in police custody, you have the right to speak with an attorney before or during police questioning. Police officers should treat you with professionalism. You may file a complaint if you think that a police officer acted inappropriately while interacting with you to the [Police Accountability Board \(PAB\)](#). Contact online at: aacounty.org/police-accountability-board or call 410-222-2770.

Reporting Hate Crimes

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, a hate crime is generally motivated by bias against “race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, or disability.” The crime is often violent, such as “assault, murder, arson, vandalism, or threats to commit such crimes.” If you or someone you know has been a victim of a hate crime, please report to:

1. Dial 911 to report to your state or local police.
2. Quickly follow up this report by reporting the crime to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Online at tips.FBI.gov or call 1-800-225-5324.

Maryland Crime Victims Resource Center

You can receive advocacy and legal support as a victim of a crime from the Maryland Crime Victims Resource Center. Visit online at mdcrimevictims.org or call 301-952-0063.

Avoiding Immigration Scams

When seeking assistance with you or your family’s immigration case, **only seek legal help from qualified legal providers**. Organizations and representations that have been recognized and accredited can be found online at justice.gov/eoir/recognition-accreditation-roster-reports of the U.S. Department of Justice Executive Office for Immigration Review. You can verify your legal provider using American Immigration Lawyers Association’s lawyer search at ailalawyer.com.

Do **NOT** contract immigration assistance from someone who identifies as a **notary, notario, licenciado, and visa consultant**. Make sure before providing any type of payment, you verify their legitimacy.

Family Preparedness

Guidelines for interacting with enforcement agents:

- Ask for an ID and to see a warrant. Both items can be shared through window or under door.
- You have the right to remain silent.
- You have the right to speak to a lawyer.
- If you are outside your home, ask the agent if you are free to leave and if they say yes, leave calmly.
- If you have a Know Your Rights card, give it to the agent. If you are inside of your home, show the card through the window or slide it under the door.

Family Preparedness Planning

- Find and contact an attorney or accredited representative.
- Register with your local consulate.
- If you've resided in the U.S. for longer than two years, consider carrying copies of evidence that prove two year residency such as mail to your home with a postmark, a signed lease, or school records.
- Make a family plan in a scenario that a family member were to be detained or deported.
 - If you have children under 18 years old, consider updating the Emergency Card Contact Information with Anne Arundel County Public Schools.
 - Inform the person you would designate temporary guardianship, that they would need to contact the school systems Pupil Personal Worker of this hardship.
 - Make sure children born in the United States have passports.
 - Inform your children or family members of your family plan.
- Centralize and make copies of all immigration and important papers for all members of the family. Keep them in a safe place. Important papers:
 - Work authorization, copies of identification, passports, copies of immigration papers, birth certificates, marriage certificates, social security cards, attorney's contact information, medications family members take.
- Speak to an attorney about signing a power of attorney. A power of attorney will allow someone you trust to make decisions involving your finances, children, and other needs if you are detained or deported.
- Information you should memorize:
 - Your attorney's phone number
 - Your consulate's phone number
 - Your family's member phone numbers

Legal Assistance: Nonprofits

AMICA Center for Immigrant Rights

1 North Charles Street, Suite 2305,
Baltimore, MD 21201
P: 202-331-3320
E: contactus@amicacenter.org
W: <https://amicacenter.org/>

Services:

- Filings with USCIS
- Representation at Asylum Interviews (Credible Fear Interviews, Reasonable Fear Interviews)
- Representation before the Immigration Court
- Representation before the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA)
- Federal court appeals
- **Services for detained individuals only. Detention Line: (202) 201-3329.** Can serve clients throughout the DC metropolitan area.

Community Legal Services

P: 240-391-6370
E: info@clspgc.org
W: <https://www.clspgc.org/>

Services:

- Lawyer Referral Program
- Foreclosure Prevention Program
- Bankruptcy Program
- Domestic Violence Wellness Program
- Anne Arundel County Eviction Prevention Program
- Assistance with Standby Guardianship

Global Refuge

700 Light Street,
Baltimore, MD 21230
P: 410-983-400
E: info@globalrefuge.org
W: <https://www.globalrefuge.org/>

Services:

- Eligible Afghan Humanitarian Arrivals
- Eligible Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees
- Eligible participants in the Case Management Pilot Program (CMPP)
- Certain refugees and Special Immigrant Visa holders
- Certain lawful permanent residents seeking to naturalize

Immigrant Legal Resource Center

W: <https://www.ilrc.org/>

Services:

- Assist Immigration Law Professionals and Advocates
- Educate and Train Immigrant Communities to Advocate for Themselves
- Communication and Informational Toolkits

Annapolis Immigration Justice Network (AIJN)

1125 West Street, Suite 227,
Annapolis, MD 21401
P: 443-203-9175
E: info@aijnetwork.org
W: <https://aijnetwork.org/>

Services:

- General Legal Consultation, \$0
- Financial Assistance
- Transportation
- Connection to pro-bono and other services

Esperanza Center

430 S Broadway,
Baltimore, MD 21231
P: 667-600-2922
E: esperanzainfo@cc-md.org
W: <https://cc-md.org/programs/esperanza-center/>

Services:

- Immigration consultations
- Trafficking, crime victim, and domestic violence-based immigration applications
- Removal defense (Defense against deportation)
- Asylum, withholding of removal, and relief under the Convention Against Torture
- Family-based petitions
- Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA)
- Immigrant visa processing
- Temporary Protected Status (TPS)

International Rescue Committee

1900 N. Howard Street, Suite 200,
Baltimore, MD 21218
P: 410-327-1885, extension 111
E: baltimore@rescue.org
W: <https://www.rescue.org/united-states/baltimore-md>

Services:

- General consultation, starting at \$50 for adults
- Adjustment of status (green card)
- Family petitions
- Citizenship
- Employment Authorization Document (EAD)
- Temporary Protected Status (TPS) renewal
- Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) renewal
- Renewal or replacement of documents

Legal Assistance: Nonprofits

Luminis

10400 Little Patuxent Parkway, Suite 450,
Columbia, Maryland 21044
P: 410-992-1923
E: info@beluminus.org
W: <https://www.beluminus.org/>

Services:

- General Consultations, \$100
- Employment Authorization Documents
- USCIS/EOIR Change of Address
- Asylum Applications
- U-Visas
- T-Visas
- Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) renewal applications
- Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) (I-360)
- Adjustment Status
- Relative Petitions
- Citizenship Applications

Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service

201 North Charles Street, Suite 1400
Baltimore, MD 21201
P: 410-539-6800
E: info@mvlslaw.org
W: <https://mvlslaw.org/>

Services:

- Consumer Issues
- Criminal Record Relief
- Estate Planning & Administration
- Family Law
- Housing Issues
- Income Tax Controversy

Maryland Office for Refugees and Asylees

W: <https://www.beluminus.org/>
Contact Form: <https://dhs.maryland.gov/maryland-office-for-refugees-and-asylees/contact-us/>

Services:

- Financial Assistance
- Health Assistance
- Employment Services
- Case Management
- Youth Services

Path to Hope

255 West Street,
Annapolis, MD 21401
P: 443-203-8020
E: info@yourpathtohope.org
W: <https://www.yourpathtohope.org/>

Services:

- General Consultation, \$60
- Humanitarian Based Relief
- U.S. Permanent Residency
- U.S. Citizenship

Tahirih Justice Center

211 E. Lombard, Suite 307,
Baltimore, MD 21202
P: 1-866-575-0071
E: baltimore@tahirih.org
W: <https://www.tahirih.org/>

Services:

- Gender-based asylum (for individuals who have suffered or fear that they will suffer persecution in their home country)
- Violence Against Women's Act Petitions (for battered spouses, parents, and/or children)
- T Visas (for survivors of trafficking)
- U Visas (for survivors of certain types of crimes on U.S. soil)
- Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (for abused, abandoned, or neglected children)



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