

# Long Island

Community-based Organizations

## Services for Newly Arrived Immigrant Children and Families

Resource and Referral Guide



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## OTHER RESOURCES

**211 Long Island** is a free, non-emergency information service that connects Long Island residents to health and human services.

- The online database, which includes a directory of services, is available 24/7 at [211longisland.org](http://211longisland.org).
- 211 Long Island’s call center is open 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Trained operators provide information about available health and human service resources/programs across Long Island. Assistance is available in languages other than English. Dial 211 or 1-888-774-7633.

**The New York State New Americans Hotline** is a resource for non-citizens throughout New York State, providing free, multilingual, confidential, and reliable information on immigration benefits and available services. Information for children and families includes referrals to free English language classes, immigration legal services and more.

- Call 1-800-566-7636, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekdays, with service in 200 languages.

# Listed Agencies

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- Public Health Solutions
- The Safe Center LI
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# Advocacy

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## **Centro Corazon de Maria**

31 Montauk Highway  
Hampton Bays, NY 11946  
Mary Lang, RSHM, Mary Beth Moore, SC  
631-728-5558  
[corazondemaria2@gmail.com](mailto:corazondemaria2@gmail.com)

- Advocacy drop-in Center: Monday-Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Fully bilingual

## **Empire Justice Center**

225 Eastview Drive  
Central Islip, NY 11722  
631-650-2306  
Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 am to 5 p.m.  
[www.empirejustice.org](http://www.empirejustice.org)  
Please call for an appointment

- The Empire Justice Center is a statewide organization that works to improve legal protections for poor, disabled and low-income people. Staff includes advocates who are fluent in Spanish. Interpreter services may be accessed in other languages as needed.
- Public Benefits: Information for Nassau and Suffolk County residents regarding eligibility for Department of Social Services programs such as SNAP (food stamps), Medicaid, Temporary Assistance, emergency housing, emergency financial assistance and child care subsidies. Advocacy for those who are having trouble getting or maintaining assistance, including representation at fair hearings.
- Other benefits: Assistance and advocacy regarding other benefits for low-income and disabled individuals.
- Language Access: Advocacy for people having trouble receiving help in their native language from a Nassau or Suffolk County agency such as the police or the local clinic, schools, the hospital, the courts or any other program. Empire will try to advocate to ensure that people receive meaningful access to these services.

## **Long Island Advocacy Center**

Linda Milch, Executive Director

Nassau County Office  
Herricks Community Center  
999 Herricks Rd.  
New Hyde Park, NY 11040  
516-248-2222, Ext. 10

Suffolk County Office  
490 Wheeler Rd.  
Hauppauge, NY 11779  
631-234-0467, Ext. 10

[www.theliac.org](http://www.theliac.org)  
[info@theliac.org](mailto:info@theliac.org)

- Registration, enrollment assistance for families and students
- Education advocacy for rights to education and special education
- Trainings for parents, community groups, professionals on education advocacy issues
- Intensive Parent Leadership Lay Advocacy Training Series
- Assistance regarding suspension and discipline
- Please call for ahead for Spanish speaking advocate.

### **Long Island Wins**

223 Store Hill Road

Old Westbury, NY, 11568

Maryann Slutsky, Executive Director

[msslutsky@longislandwins.com](mailto:msslutsky@longislandwins.com)

516-333-7331

[www.longislandwins.com](http://www.longislandwins.com)

- Breaking news on immigration
- Immigration information and tools
- Messaging
- Public engagements; forums, presentations and summits
- Welcoming work through Welcoming Long Island initiative

### **New York Civil Liberties Union**

Jason E. Starr, Esq., Nassau County Chapter  
Director

33 Front Street, Suite 205

Hempstead, NY 11550

Phone: 516-741-8520

Fax: 516-741-8534

[nassau@nyclu.org](mailto:nassau@nyclu.org)

Amol Sinha, Esq., Suffolk County Chapter  
Director

225 Eastview Drive, PA 221

Central Islip, NY 11722

Phone: 631-650-2301

[suffolk@nyclu.org](mailto:suffolk@nyclu.org)

- Legal advocacy for students, parents, and community-based organizations; know your rights presentations/workshops trainings and professional development on students' rights for district and school staff; distribution of guidance on legal rights and responsibilities based on state and federal law.

### **Pan American Administrative Services**

101 South Main Street

Freeport, NY 11520

Mary Ann Ojeda – \*Paralegal Specialist/ Yanissa Moran – \*Advocacy Coordinator

516-442-5111

[panamerican101@optimum.net](mailto:panamerican101@optimum.net)

- Advocacy for all newly arrived Central American children
- Accompany children to the Federal Plaza building as a guardian ad litem during their initial hearing and connect them with pro-bono legal services
- Serve as liaison between parent(s) and the school, to ensure the integration to their school academics and extracurricular activities
- Assistance with obtaining taxpayer identification number
- Assistance with access to social services

\* Interpretation services during asylum interview.

\* Assistance with the completion of the school enrollment packet, including certified translation of birth certificates.

**SEPA Mujer (Services for the Advancement of Women)**

Touro Law Center, PAC#210

225 Eastview Drive

Central Islip, NY 11722

631-650-2307 and 631-624-0668

Gabriela Castillo, Esq (Staff Attorney)

[gcastillo@sepamujer.org](mailto:gcastillo@sepamujer.org)

- Community-based nonprofit organization dedicated to the advocacy and empowerment of Latina immigrant women on Long Island.
- Offers monthly leadership meetings during which resources from the community are brought in to educate women on various issues, including housing rights, domestic violence awareness, education issues regarding their children, and immigration matters.

# Basic Needs

(food, clothing, household items, housing)

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## **Adelante of Suffolk County**

83 Carleton Avenue  
Central Islip, NY 11722  
631-234-1049

[Info@Adelantesc.org](mailto:Info@Adelantesc.org)  
[www.adelantesc.org](http://www.adelantesc.org)

- Fully bilingual staff
- Offices are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Senior Nutrition Program: Seniors are provided with transportation and meals on weekdays; includes recreation and socialization.
- Housing and Tenant Counseling Services
- If you live outside of Suffolk County, please call for information about which services might be available to you.

## **Catholic Charities: Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC)**

38 St. John's Place  
Freeport, NY 11520  
516-377-0157

**Hours:** Mon., Wed., Fri. 8:30  
a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Tue. 11 a.m.-  
7 p.m.; Thu. 7 a.m.-3 p.m.

143 Schlegel Blvd.  
Amityville, NY 11701  
631-842-4123

**Hours:** Mon., Wed., Fri. 8:30  
a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Tue. 11 a.m.-  
7 p.m.; Thu. 7 a.m.-3 p.m.

Mercy Medical Center  
1000 N. Village Avenue,  
Rockville Centre, NY 11570

516-705-3645  
**Hours:** Mon., Tue., Thu.  
9 a.m.-3 p.m.

- Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program is open to low-income pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding women and their children up to age 5 who are at nutritional risk.
- Program provides food assistance, nutrition education, and health screenings with referrals to health care providers and human service agencies.

## **Centro Corazon de Maria**

31 Montauk Highway  
Hampton Bays, NY 11946  
Mary Lang, RSHM, Mary Beth Moore, SC  
631-728-5558

[corazondemaria2@gmail.com](mailto:corazondemaria2@gmail.com)

- Collaboration with church food pantry
- Hours of operation: Monday to Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Fully bilingual. Call ahead for appointment

## **Christ Episcopal Church**

155 Third Avenue  
Brentwood, NY 11717  
Reverend Alejandra Trillos, Priest-In-Charge  
Reverend Gail Kertland, Deacon  
631-273-9504

- Food Pantry/Mercados Gratis: Every other Tuesday at 5 p.m./Cada dos Martes en el mes a las 5pm.



## **Family Service League**

FSL Family Centers, which can be found throughout Suffolk County, are the primary means for many individuals and families to access a variety of needed services. Three things happen when people come into an FSL Family Center — they explain their primary problem, FSL staff listens and then determines how the agency can help.

**Residents are encouraged to contact the Community Advocacy, Informational, and Referral (CAIR) Services identified below to help individuals and families in times of need by providing information, referrals, access to other community agencies, and practical resources.**

Family Service League's five centers are:

- **Brookhaven Kanas Family Center (East Yaphank): 631-924-3741**
- **Iovino South Shore Family Center (Bay Shore): 631-647-3100**
- **Manor Field Family Center (Huntington Station): 631-425-9694**
- **Olsten Family Center (Huntington): 631-427-3700**
- **Riverhead Family Center (Riverhead): 631-369-0104**

The primary focus at Family Service League is to sustain the health and well-being of Long Island families. The core values of love, support and understanding are the strengths of the family unit — providing a solid, secure haven that enables members to face and overcome the challenges of everyday life. When those challenges become overwhelming and threaten the family's ability to cope with personal problems, FSL is there with counseling and support programs that shore up the family during periods of emotional stress or economic hardship.

## **Health and Welfare Council of Long Island**

150 Broadhollow Road, Suite 118

Melville, NY 11747

[www.hwcli.com](http://www.hwcli.com)

516-483-1110

- SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) Application Assistance (parents can apply for their children who have legal status in U.S.; doesn't affect parents' immigration status)
  - For assistance in Nassau County, call 516-505-4431
  - For assistance in Suffolk County, call 516-505-4433

## **Hispanic Brotherhood of Rockville Centre**

59 Clinton Avenue

Rockville Centre, NY 11570

Margarita Grasing, Executive Director

516-766-6610

[www.hispanicbrotherhood.org/](http://www.hispanicbrotherhood.org/)

- Senior Citizens Nutrition Program: Three days a week, seniors receive a hot meal and recreation (Nassau County residents only)
- Employment: Program helps individuals find jobs
- Landlord/Tenant Counseling
- Housing Counseling
- Foreclosure Prevention Counseling

### **Hispanic Counseling Center**

344 Fulton Avenue

Hempstead, NY, 11550

Phone: 516-538-2613

Fax: 516-538-0772

- The agency aims to provide a single-point-of-access approach to Latino families in Nassau County. Although most of the families served are Latino, the agency welcomes and provides services to English-speaking recipients from a variety of other ethnic backgrounds.
- Supported Housing Program: Provides permanent housing to individuals 18 years of age and older with serious mental illnesses. Program runs through Nassau County's Single Point of Access.

### **Long Island Cares, Inc. – The Harry Chapin Food Bank**

Jessica Rosati, Chief Program Officer

631-582-3663

[jrosati@licares.org](mailto:jrosati@licares.org)

- Long Island Cares assists individuals and families with emergency food, household needs and personal items at the following locations:
  - Nassau Service Center: 84 Pine Street, Freeport, NY 11520-3616
    - Phone: 516-442-5221
  - South Shore Service Center, 163-1 North Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst, NY 11757-4072
    - Phone: 631-991-8106
  - Harry Chapin Food Bank and Humanitarian Center: 220 Broadway, Huntington Station, NY 11746
    - Phone: 631-824-6384
- For information about any other Long Island Cares programs call 631-582-3663.

### **Long Island Council of Churches**

Tom Goodhue

516-565-0290

[tomgoodhue@optonline.net](mailto:tomgoodhue@optonline.net)

- Emergency food, clothing, household items, prescription and transportation assistance
- Rent and mortgage assistance
- Financial, diversity education
- Three centers:
  - Freeport: 450 North Main Street
    - Contact: Wally Merna, 516-868-4989
  - Hempstead: 40 Washington Street
    - Contact: Yolanda Murray, 516-565-0290
  - Riverhead: 220 Roanoke Avenue, #3
    - Contact: Olga Cortes, 631-727-2210

# Child and Family Welfare

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## **Catholic Charities: Regina Maternity Services**

Merrick, NY

516-223-7888

Hours of Administrative Office: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

- Regina Residence provides housing and supportive services for up to 16 pregnant and/or parenting young women and their children. Emphasis is placed on preparing the girls for the challenges of working and parenting.
- Eligibility and Fees: Single women between the ages of 11 and 24 facing crisis pregnancy without appropriate housing or adequate resources are eligible. Housing fees are paid by foster care, Nassau County public assistance (TANF) housing allowances, or on a sliding scale by the residents and/or their families.

## **Centro Corazon de Maria**

31 Montauk Highway

Hampton Bays, NY 11946

Mary Lang, RSHM, Mary Beth Moore, SC

631-728-5558

[corazondemaria2@gmail.com](mailto:corazondemaria2@gmail.com)

- Short courses for families on parenting, nutrition and budgeting
- Women's group
- Hours of operation: Monday to Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Fully bilingual. Call ahead for appointment

## **Community Programs Center of Long Island: The Children's Community Head Start & Early Head Start**

### Ronkonkoma Center

210 Smithtown Avenue

Ronkonkoma, NY 11779

Phone: 631-585-3131

Fax: 631-585-3298

[www.childrenscommunityhs.org](http://www.childrenscommunityhs.org)

### Port Jefferson Center

400 Sheep Pasture Road

Port Jefferson, NY 11777

Phone: 631-476-9698

Fax: 631-642-9701

[www.childrenscommunityhs.org](http://www.childrenscommunityhs.org)

- The Children's Community Head Start and Early Head Start is a federally funded comprehensive early childhood educational program serving income-eligible families in 13 school districts in central Suffolk County: Comsewogue, Middle Country, Miller Place, Mt. Sinai, Port Jefferson, Rocky Point, Sachem, Sayville, Shoreham-Wading River, Three Village and parts of Connetquot, Longwood and Smithtown.
- Pregnant women and children from birth to age 5 whose family incomes are at or below federal poverty guidelines are eligible to enroll.
- Program offers comprehensive child development services that help children and their families achieve their full potential through education, health, nutrition, social and disability services, and parent involvement activities and training.
- Program has bilingual staff.

## **Family & Children's Association, Family Ties Preventive Services**

31 Main Street

Hempstead, NY 11550

516-485-4289

- Family Ties Program: This preventive service program helps families during periods of crisis to pull together so they can eliminate the risk of placing their children in foster care. This is achieved through a professional staff that provides confidential case management services intended to facilitate such services as crisis intervention, counseling, parent training, job training, medical services and psychological services.
  - Program is available for families residing in Nassau County with children up to 18 years of age who are experiencing at least one of the following problems:
    - Parents or guardians whose ability to adequately care for their families are seriously impaired due to emotional, physical, mental or financial difficulties.
    - Children with special needs (physical, emotional, or behavioral) which require intensive supportive and management services.
    - Parents or guardians who feel they are unable to safely maintain the child in the home.
  - Referrals are officially accepted through the Information Referral and Resource Service (IRRS) of the Nassau County Department of Social Services, 516-227-8472. Family Ties can assist families with this referral process. Bilingual case managers on staff.

## **Hispanic Counseling Center**

344 Fulton Avenue

Hempstead, NY, 11550

Phone: 516-538-2613

Fax: 516-538-0772

- The agency aims to provide a single-point-of-access approach to Latino families in Nassau County. Although most of the families served are Latino, the agency welcomes and provides services to English-speaking recipients from a variety of other ethnic backgrounds.
- Respite Program: Provides support services for families with children who have emotional and behavioral issues and who are severely emotionally disturbed. This program is designed to reduce family stress, the incidence of hospitalization, and the risk of child abuse. The agency provides three hours of respite care per week to families in Nassau County in need of these services.
- Kinship Caregivers Program: Provides a range of services for families in which children are cared for by relatives when their parents do not live in the home.
  - Information about the resources and services available to families and access to services that families need and are eligible for, including financial advocacy, TANF and Medicaid benefits, legal assistance, counseling, support groups, child care and after-school care, workshops, parenting education.
  - Support for families in establishing a nurturing environment for the children
  - Appropriate services to help children in kinship care adapt successfully in their peer, family and school relationships

### **North Fork Spanish Apostolate**

Sister Margaret Smyth

546 St Johns Pl.

Riverhead, N.Y. 11901

631-369-4601

[smythalegria@aol.com](mailto:smythalegria@aol.com)

- Health programs/Programas de salud
- Doctor/Ayuda con doctores
- Mother and child programs/Programas para madres/hijos
- Assistance with immigration issues/Asistencia con asuntos de inmigracion
- Language assistance English/Spanish/Asistencia de lenguaje Ingles/Espanol
- Leadership development/Liderazgo

### **The Safe Center LI**

15 Grumman Road West, Suite 1000

Bethpage, NY 11714

Cynthia G. Scott, Executive Director

[cscott@tscli.org](mailto:cscott@tscli.org)

Phone: 516-465-4700

Fax: 516-465-4740

[www.TSCLI.org](http://www.TSCLI.org)

- 24 hour Hotline: 516-542-0404, crisis counseling and advocacy for victims of domestic/dating violence and rape/sexual assault.
- Counseling Services (group and individual): For victims of domestic abuse, dating violence and sexual assault, victims of child abuse, commercially sexually exploited children and child witnesses to domestic violence
- Child Advocacy Center: Child friendly environment for victims of child sexual abuse and severe physical abuse to relate their stories to co-located police, social services, district attorney and hospital investigators while addressing their trauma.
- Advocacy: For adult and child victims — support, case management, court accompaniment and helping victims navigate the criminal justice and court systems
- Legal Services: Advocacy, consultations and representations in and out of court
- Shelter: For victims of domestic violence
- Transitional Housing: For longer-term housing assistance
- Hospital Advocacy: To assist sexual assault, domestic abuse and child abuse victims at emergency rooms
- Education Services: How to prevent abuse, recognize it and respond to needs of victims
- Domestic Sex Trafficking: Prevention and services to victims

**SEPA Mujer (Services for the Advancement of Women)**

Touro Law Center, PAC#210

225 East view Drive

Central Islip, NY 11722

631-650-2307 and 631-624-0668

Gabriela Castillo, Esq (Staff Attorney)

[gcastillo@sepamujer.org](mailto:gcastillo@sepamujer.org)

- Community-based nonprofit organization dedicated to the advocacy and empowerment of Latina immigrant women on Long Island
- Offers monthly leadership meetings during which resources from the community are brought in to educate women on various issues, including housing rights, domestic violence awareness, education issues regarding their children, and immigration matters.
- In area of immigration law, represents victims of domestic violence and sexual assaults in obtaining immigration status through special reliefs afforded to immigrant victims.

# Education

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## **Adelante of Suffolk County**

83 Carleton Avenue  
Central Islip, NY 11722

Phone: 631-234-1049

[Info@Adelantesc.org](mailto:Info@Adelantesc.org)

[www.adelantesc.org](http://www.adelantesc.org)

- Fully bilingual staff
- Offices are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Family and Youth Services: After-school tutoring, college preparation, recreational time, SAT prep, leadership workshops, vocational and computer training classes.
- Drop-In Center: Recreational program for adults with mental disabilities.
- Computer, ESL and citizenship classes are provided weekdays from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturdays 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (Open registration during the whole year).
- If you live outside of Suffolk County, please call for information about which services might be available to you.

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31 Montauk Highway

Hampton Bays, NY 11946

Mary Lang, RSHM, Mary Beth Moore, SC

631-728-5558

[corazondemaria2@gmail.com](mailto:corazondemaria2@gmail.com)

- English classes
- Short courses for families on parenting, nutrition and budgeting
- Hours of operation: Monday to Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Fully bilingual. Call ahead for appointment

## **Christ Episcopal Church**

155 Third Avenue

Brentwood, NY, 11717

Reverend Alejandra Trillos, Priest-In-Charge

Reverend Gail Kertland, Deacon

631-273-9504

- Wednesdays/Miercoles at 7 p.m.: Free English Classes and help with homework for children / Clases de Inglés gratis y ayuda con las tareas de los Niños.

## **Community Programs Center of Long Island: The Children's Community Head Start & Early Head Start**

### Ronkonkoma Center

210 Smithtown Avenue  
Ronkonkoma, NY 11779  
Phone: 631-585-3131  
Fax: 631-585-3298

[www.childrenscommunityhs.org](http://www.childrenscommunityhs.org)

### Port Jefferson Center

400 Sheep Pasture Road  
Port Jefferson, NY 11777  
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Fax: 631-642-9701

[www.childrenscommunityhs.org](http://www.childrenscommunityhs.org)

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- Pregnant women and children from birth to age 5 whose family incomes are at or below federal poverty guidelines are eligible to enroll.
- Program offers comprehensive child development services that help children and their families achieve their full potential through education, health, nutrition, social and disability services, and parent involvement activities and training.
- Program has bilingual staff.

## **Hispanic Brotherhood of Rockville Centre**

59 Clinton Avenue  
Rockville Centre, NY 11570  
516-766-6610

[www.hispanicbrotherhood.org/](http://www.hispanicbrotherhood.org/)

- After School Tutorial Child Care Program: Monday through Friday, children receive assistance with homework and other supports.
- ESL Program: English classes twice a week for adults (free)

## **Hispanic Counseling Center**

344 Fulton Avenue  
Hempstead, NY, 11550  
Phone: 516-538-2613  
Fax: 516-538-0772

- The agency aims to provide a single-point-of-access approach to Latino families in Nassau County. Although most of the families served are Latino, the agency welcomes and provides services to English-speaking recipients from a variety of other ethnic backgrounds.
- Youth and Family Program: After-school program for teenagers that offers homework help, educational and recreational activities, and more.



### **Hofstra Law School's Juvenile Justice Clinic**

516-463-5934

Service area: Nassau County

- The JJCP advocates for immigrant children who are having trouble registering for school.
- To request representation, children or their guardians should call the clinic and indicate that they would like representation to help register in school.
- The JJCP only accepts clients who meet specified income eligibility criteria.
- All legal services are free.

### **Long Island Advocacy Center**

Linda Milch, Executive Director

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999 Herricks Rd.  
New Hyde Park, NY 11040  
516-248-2222, Ext. 10

Suffolk County Office  
490 Wheeler Rd.  
Hauppauge, NY 11779  
631-234-0467, Ext. 10

[www.theliac.org](http://www.theliac.org)

[info@theliac.org](mailto:info@theliac.org)

- Registration, enrollment assistance for families and students
- Education advocacy for rights to education and special education
- Trainings for parents, community groups, professionals on education advocacy issues
- Intensive Parent Leadership Lay Advocacy Training Series
- Assistance regarding suspension and discipline
- Please call for ahead for Spanish speaking advocate.

### **Long Island Latino Teachers Association**

P.O. Box 636

Central Islip, NY 11722

Dafny Irizarry

Phone: 631-374-8878

- Scholarships for high school senior students pursuing a career in education
- Summer Youth Program
- College/Career conferences for high school students
- Advocacy efforts for parents and students rights and cultural events

### **Make the Road New York**

1090 Suffolk Avenue

Brentwood, NY 11717

Phone: 631-231 2220

Fax: 631-231 2229

- ESL Classes
- GED classes for those seeking Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals
- Youth Programming: Assistance with college applications, other college support, support group, political education and more

## **Nassau Community College**

One Education Drive

Garden City, NY 11530

[www.ncc.edu](http://www.ncc.edu)

- **Center for Workforce Development (516-572-7489)**

Nassau Community College's Center for Workforce Development provides quality, affordable and customized training to meet the ever-changing needs of institutions and their employees. Courses are tailored to develop competencies of employees on topics ranging from conflict resolution to effective team-building, from human resources law to workplace Spanish. Courses are scheduled to meet a client's schedule and may be conducted on campus or at the workplace. Additionally, the Center is open to partnering with local schools to provide on-campus space for instruction or training needed to support special educational efforts in the coming year. For more information, please contact the Center for Workforce Development.

- **Language Center (516-572-7062)**

Nassau Community College's Language Center serves the needs of the community and is geared toward students who want to strengthen their overall language proficiency. English core classes, level 1 through 5, focus on the simultaneous development of all English language skills, including writing, listening, speaking, reading and grammar. Specialized classes include Conversational Skills, Grammar, and Pronunciation Skills. The Language Center also has an Introduction to the English Language course for beginning English language learners. Courses are offered on campus and can also be customized to be offered to groups at other locations. Contact the Language Center for more information.

## **New York Civil Liberties Union**

Jason E. Starr, Esq., Nassau County Chapter  
Director

33 Front Street, Suite 205

Hempstead, NY 11550

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Director

225 Eastview Drive, PA 221

Central Islip, NY 11722

Phone: 631-650-2301

[suffolk@nyclu.org](mailto:suffolk@nyclu.org)

- Legal advocacy for students, parents, and community-based organizations; know your rights presentations/workshops trainings and professional development on students' rights for district and school staff; distribution of guidance on legal rights and responsibilities based on state and federal law.

## **Pan American Administrative Services**

101 South Main Street

Freeport, NY 11520

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- Serve as liaison between parent(s) and school, to ensure newly arrived immigrant children are integrated into academics and extracurricular activities.

\* Interpretation services during asylum interview.

\* Assistance with the completion of the school enrollment packet, including certified translation of birth certificates.

# Faith-Based Services

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## **Centro Corazon de Maria**

31 Montauk Highway  
Hampton Bays, NY 11946  
Mary Lang, RSHM, Mary Beth Moore, SC  
631-728-5558  
[corazondemaria2@gmail.com](mailto:corazondemaria2@gmail.com)

- Advocacy drop-in center, Monday-Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Short courses for families on parenting, nutrition and budgeting
- Women's group
- Collaboration with church food pantry
- Fully bilingual. Call ahead for appointment
- Hours of operation: Monday-Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## **Christ Episcopal Church**

155 Third Avenue  
Brentwood, NY, 11717  
Reverend Alejandra Trillos, Priest-In-Charge  
Reverend Gail Kertland, Deacon  
631-273-9504

- Worship: Bilingual (English and Spanish) Sunday Service at 11:30 a.m. with Sunday School for children/ Servicio de adoración bilingue todos los domingos a las 11:30 AM con Escuela Dominical para los niños y niñas
- Tuesday: Healing prayers and Bilingual (English and Spanish) Bible Study @7:30pm/Oraciones de Sanación y Estudio Bíblico a las 7:30 pm (Todos Los martes)
- First Friday of the Month: Prayer Vigil at 8 p.m./Primer Viernes del mes a las 8pm-- Vigilia de Oración
- Christian counseling for couples in distress (per appointment ask for Rev. Alejandra Trillos)/Consejería Cristiana para Parejas en problemas (solo con cita previa pregunta por Reverenda Alejandra Trillos)
- Counseling and emotional support with Immigration/Consejería y apoyo con asuntos de inmigración. For more info/Para mayor información llamar/call: 631-273-9504 (Leave a message/Deje el mensaje)

## **Long Island Council of Churches**

Tom Goodhue  
516-565-0290  
[tomgoodhue@optonline.net](mailto:tomgoodhue@optonline.net)

- Emergency food, clothing, household items, prescription and transportation assistance
- Rent and mortgage assistance
- Financial, diversity education
- Three centers:
  - Freeport: 450 North Main Street. Contact: Wally Merna, 516-868-4989
  - Hempstead: 40 Washington Street. Contact: Yolanda Murray, 516-565-0290
  - Riverhead: 220 Roanoke Avenue, #3. Contact: Olga Cortes, 631-727-2210

## **North Fork Spanish Apostolate**

Sister Margaret Smyth

546 St Johns Pl.

Riverhead, N.Y. 11901

631-369-4601

[smythalegria@aol.com](mailto:smythalegria@aol.com)

- Health programs/Programas de salud
- Doctor/Ayuda con doctores
- Mother and child programs/Programas para madres/hijos
- Assistance with immigration issues/Ayuda con asuntos de inmigracion
- Language assistance English/Spanish/Asistencia de lenguaje Ingles/Espanol
- Leadership development/Liderazgo

# Health Services

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## **Health Insurance Coverage for Children**

In New York State, children under the age of 19 may be eligible for public health insurance coverage through a program called Child Health Plus regardless of immigration status. Eligibility is based on gross family income.

### **HOW TO ENROLL:**

- **ONLINE:** Individuals and families can enroll directly via the New York State of Health insurance marketplace's website, which is available in both English and Spanish.
  - For English: <https://nystateofhealth.ny.gov/>
  - For Spanish: <https://nystateofhealth.ny.gov/individual?lang=es>
- **OVER THE PHONE:** Enrollment can be done over the phone by calling the state's call center at 1-855-355-5777. Assistance is available in multiple languages, including Spanish.
- **IN-PERSON ASSISTANCE:** Community-based organizations offer in-person assistance to help families/children assess eligibility and enroll in coverage via the marketplace. **The agencies listed below offer assistance in multiple languages.**

### **Health and Welfare Council of Long Island**

- HWCLI assists with health insurance enrollment at Family Service League's Manor Field Family Center (90 East Fifth Street, Huntington Station, NY 11746)
- For an appointment, call 631-425-9694, Ext. 4235 (English and Spanish)
- Service area: All appointments are at Manor Field Family Center

### **Make the Road New York**

1090 Suffolk Avenue  
Brentwood, NY 11717

- For an appointment, call 1-866-365-2724 and leave a message

### **Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council**

631-435-3000/ 631-656-9783

[www.coverage4healthcare.com](http://www.coverage4healthcare.com)

- In-person assistance offered at various sites across Long Island on a daily basis. Go to [www.coverage4healthcare.com](http://www.coverage4healthcare.com) for a calendar of dates, times and locations for enrollment.
- First come, first served basis at all sites. No appointments. Walk-ins only.

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## **Public Health Solutions**

- In Nassau County, contact Vanessa Cisneros at 646-632- 5986 or [vcisneros@healthsolutions.org](mailto:vcisneros@healthsolutions.org)
- In Suffolk County, contact Luz Guardado at 646-640-7327 or [lguardado@healthsolutions.org](mailto:lguardado@healthsolutions.org)

## **Medical and Dental Services**

### **Nassau University Medical Center**

2201 Hempstead Turnpike

East Meadow, NY

Main phone: 516-572-0123

Appointment phone: 516-486-6862

[www.NuHealth.net](http://www.NuHealth.net)

- All primary and specialty services, including routine pediatric appointments
- Specialty services include:
  - Allergy
  - Immunology
  - Cardiology
  - Center for Autism
  - Developmental Pediatrics
  - Endocrinology
  - Genetics
  - Hematology-Oncology
  - Infectious Diseases
  - Neurology
  - Nephrology
  - Orthopedics
  - Surgery/Urology
  - Weight Management

### **Long Island Federally Qualified Health Centers (Nassau)**

David Nemiroff, Executive Director

[www.lifqhc.org](http://www.lifqhc.org)

#### **South Ocean Care**

101 So. Bergen Place, Freeport, NY

516-296-3742

- Primary Care
- Women's Health
- Podiatry
- Cardiology
- Dentistry
- Optometry
- Nutrition
- Behavior Health

#### **Roosevelt**

380 Nassau Road, Roosevelt, NY

516-296-3742

- Primary Care
- Women's Health
- Pediatrics
- Podiatry
- Dentistry
- Nutrition
- Behavior Health

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**Elmont**

161 Hempstead Turnpike, Elmont, NY  
516-296-3742

- Primary Care
- Women’s Health
- Pediatrics
- Podiatry
- Cardiology
- Dentistry
- Nutrition
- Behavior Health

**Hempstead**

135 Main St, Hempstead, NY  
516-296-3742

- Primary Care
- Women’s Health
- Pediatrics
- Podiatry
- Nutrition
- Behavior Health

**Westbury**

682 Union Ave, Westbury, NY  
516-296-3742

- Family Medicine
- Women’s Health
- Podiatry
- Nutrition
- Behavior Health

**Health Centers (Suffolk)**

The Suffolk County Department of Health Services operates two family health centers and is affiliated with eight others.

For an appointment, call 631-439-1551.

For specific hours of operation, visit:

<http://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/HealthServices/PatientCare/HealthCenters.aspx>

**Brentwood Family Health Center**

1869 Brentwood Road, Brentwood, NY 1171  
631-853-3400  
Operated by Suffolk County

**Health Center at Riverhead**

300 Center Drive, Riverhead, NY 11901  
631-852-1800  
Operated by Suffolk County

**Dolan Family Health Center (Greenlawn)**

284 Pulaski Road, Greenlawn, NY 11740  
631-425-5250  
Operated by Huntington Hospital

**Elsie Owens Health Center at Coram**

82 Middle Country Road, Coram, NY 11727  
631-320-2220  
Operated by Hudson River HealthCare

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**Greenport Health Center**

327 Front Street, Greenport, NY 11944  
631-477-2678  
Operated by Hudson River HealthCare

**Kraus Family Health Center of the Hamptons**

330 Meeting House Lane, Southampton, NY 11968  
631-268-1008  
Operated by Hudson River HealthCare

**Maxine S. Postal Tri-Community Health Center (Amityville)**

1080 Sunrise Highway, Amityville, NY 11701  
631-716-9026  
Operated by Hudson River HealthCare

**Martin Luther King Jr. Community Health Center (Wyandanch)**

1556 Straight Path, Wyandanch, NY 11798  
516-214-8020  
Operated by Hudson River HealthCare

**South Brookhaven Family Health Center (Patchogue)**

365 East Main Street, Patchogue, NY 11772  
631-866-2030  
Operated by Hudson River HealthCare

**The Marilyn Shellabarger Health Center (Shirley)**

550 Montauk Highway & Dorsett Place, Shirley, NY 11967  
631-490-3040  
Operated by Hudson River HealthCare

**Mental and Behavioral Health Services**

**Catholic Charities: Mental Health Outpatient Clinics**

1727 No. Ocean Avenue  
Medford, NY 11763  
631-654-1919

**Hours:** Mon., Tue., Thu.  
9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Wed., Fri., Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

9 Fourth Avenue  
Bay Shore, NY 11706  
631-665-6707

**Hours:** Mon., Wed., Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.;  
Tue., Thu. 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

- Services are provided to children, adolescents, adults, and seniors.
- Services include individual and group therapy, as well as prescribing and managing medications.
- Sliding scale fees, Medicaid, Medicare, and other third-party insurance accepted.



### **Catholic Charities: Chemical Dependence Services**

- Programs serve people 18 years of age and older.
- Talbot House Chemical Dependence Crisis Center: 24-hour voluntary chemical dependence crisis center licensed by New York State to provide short-term medically monitored inpatient withdrawal services to adult men and women who are in crisis. This facility provides nourishing meals, counseling, limited transportation, support groups, and referrals.
  - Address: 30-C Carlough Road, Bohemia, NY 11716
  - Phone: 631-589-4144
- Outpatient clinics: Reclaiming one's life from addiction can be a lengthy and heartbreaking process. Catholic Charities' New York State-licensed clinics assist people at all stages of recovery as well as their families. Spanish language services are available at both facilities:
  - Outpatient Clinic, Commack. 155 Indian Head Road, Commack, NY 11725. 631-543-6200
  - Outpatient Clinic, Hampton Bays. 31 East Main Street, Hampton Bays, NY 11946 631-723-3362

### **Christ Episcopal Church**

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Brentwood, NY, 11717

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Reverend Gail Kertland, Deacon

631-273-9504

- Neurotics Anonymous/Neuroticos Anónimos (En Español solamente): Sábados @6pm, Lunes @7pm & Miércoles @7pm.

### **Family Service League**

- The agency's Mental Health Clinics employ evidence-based treatment methods applied through multiple clinical specialties. Various treatment modalities are used, as well as supportive services, including advocacy and referral, entitlement assistance, and other community sponsored self-help programs. The goal is to reduce mental health symptoms, strengthen and build self-sufficiency, and improve quality of life by providing expert, professional services to those living with mental illness.
- To apply for services at clinics in the following locations, call the numbers provided below:
  - Bay Shore: 631-647-3100
  - East Yaphank: 631-924-3741
  - Riverhead: 631-369-0104
  - Westhampton Beach: 631-288-1954
  - North Fork: 631-298-8642
  - Center Moriches: 631-874-2700
  - South Fork: 631-324-3344

### **Hispanic Counseling Center**

344 Fulton Avenue

Hempstead, NY 11550

Phone: 516-538-2613

Fax: 516-538-0772

- Agency aims to provide a single-point-of-access approach to Latino families in Nassau County. Although most of the families served are Latino, the agency welcomes and provides services to English-speaking recipients from a variety of other ethnic backgrounds.
- Hours: Monday through Thursday (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.), Friday (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.), Saturday (9 a.m. to 2 p.m.)
- Mental health program
  - Individual, family and group therapy to children, adolescents and adults
  - All therapists, psychiatrists, support staff and secretarial staff are bilingual
  - Most insurances, Medicaid and Medicare are accepted, as well as self-pay on a sliding scale
  - Intakes are triaged; many appointments can be given within one to two weeks
  - Applicants for services can call the agency, and the caller will be connected with a therapist for a telephone screening
- Chemical dependency licensed outpatient program
- Ryan White Program: Provides mental health treatment services to individuals diagnosed with HIV/AIDS.

### **Long Island Federally Qualified Health Centers**

David Nemiroff, Executive Director

[www.lifqhc.org](http://www.lifqhc.org)

- Please see listing in “Medical and Dental Services” on Pages 17-18 for detailed information on locations and specific services offered at centers.

### **North Shore Child & Family Guidance Center**

480 Old Westbury Road, Roslyn Heights, NY / 999 Brush Hollow Road, Westbury, NY

Regina Barros-Rivera, Associate Executive Director

516-626-1971, Ext. 330

- The Guidance Center is the leading children’s mental health agency on Long Island. The staff — composed of psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, mental health counselors, family advocates, and drug and alcohol counselors — is bilingual and bi-cultural. The agency offers a number of services in Spanish:
  - Outpatient mental health services for children and youths ages birth to 24 and their families
  - Outpatient chemical dependency services for youths and their families
  - Good Beginnings for Babies Program for pregnant and parenting teens (including screening for maternal depression)
  - Latina Girls Project for girls ages 12-16 who are emotionally at-risk, and their parents
  - Triage and Emergency Services for children, families, and communities
  - Wilderness Respite Program
  - Maternal Depression Program

# Legal Services

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## **Catholic Charities: Immigration and Refugee Resettlement**

143 Schlegel Blvd.  
Amityville, NY 11701  
631-789-5210

**Hours:** Mon. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Tue. 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Wed.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

- As a Board of Immigration Appeals Recognized agency since 1979, Catholic Charities' BIA accredited representatives and attorneys currently handle cases including adjustments of immigration status, family reunification, work authorizations, political asylum, visa extensions, temporary protected status, deferred action for childhood arrivals, religious visas, naturalization and citizenship applications and appeals.
- Offers legal assistance to victims of human trafficking and immigrant victims of various crimes including domestic violence.
- Provides representation before immigration court, representing clients on various petitions, including asylum, stay of deportation, prosecutorial discretion, unaccompanied minors, and Special Immigrant Juvenile petitions.
- Part of the Long Island Anti-Trafficking Task Force and offers resettlement services to refugees, persons granted asylum, victims of human trafficking as well as Cuban/Haitian Entrants.
- Provides services in many languages: English, Spanish, Polish, Russian, French, Creole, and Italian.
- Anyone is eligible to receive services, regardless of status, documentation, or national origin. Fees are based on ability to pay for some essential services.

## **CARECEN**

Central American Refugee Center  
91 N. Franklin St., Suite 208  
Hempstead, NY 11550  
David Williams: 516-489-8330

- Immigration legal assistance for unaccompanied children under the age of 18 when they came to the United States

## **Empire Justice Center**

225 Eastview Drive  
Central Islip, NY 11722  
631-650-2306

Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 am to 5 p.m.

[www.empirejustice.org](http://www.empirejustice.org)

Please call for an appointment

- The Empire Justice Center is a statewide organization that works to improve legal protections for poor, disabled and low-income people. Staff includes advocates who are fluent in Spanish. Interpreter services may be accessed in other languages as needed.
- Empire Justice Center's Long Island office provides legal services at no cost to low-income Long Islanders, regardless of their immigration status, in noncriminal matters. Services are geared toward those who do not qualify for help from other local legal service programs, particularly those who are undocumented.
- Immigration: Legal consultation and representation for low-income Suffolk County residents regarding different forms of available immigration relief. *(continued on next page)*

- Public Benefits: Consultations regarding immigrant eligibility for public benefits.
- Fair Hearings: Representation at fair hearings regarding benefits administered by the Department of Social Services
- Housing: Information regarding legal rights; some court representation in landlord-tenant matters.
- Trainings: Empire Justice Center provides legal consultation and trainings for other service providers and community organizations.

### **Hispanic Brotherhood of Rockville Centre**

59 Clinton Avenue  
Rockville Centre, NY 11570  
516-766-6610

[www.hispanicbrotherhood.org/](http://www.hispanicbrotherhood.org/)

- Immigration: Program provides assistance with immigration paperwork.

### **Hofstra Law School's Juvenile Justice Clinic**

516-463-5934

Service area: Nassau County

- The JJCP advocates for immigrant children who are having trouble registering for school.
- To request representation, children or their guardians should call the clinic and indicate that they would like representation to help register in school.
- The JJCP only accepts clients who meet specified income eligibility criteria.
- All legal services are free

### **Hofstra Law School's Youth Advocacy Clinic**

516-463-5934

Service area: Nassau and Suffolk counties

- The YAC represents immigrant youth under 21 in immigration and family court matters.
- Legal assistance is provided in guardianship and Special Immigrant Juvenile proceedings.
- To request representation, children or their guardians should call the clinic and indicate they would like representation to help with an immigration and/or family court matter.
- The YAC only accepts clients who meet specified income eligibility criteria.
- All legal services are free.

### **Long Island Advocacy Center**

Linda Milch, Executive Director

Nassau County Office  
Herricks Community Center  
999 Herricks Rd.  
New Hyde Park, NY 11040  
516-248-2222, Ext. 10

Suffolk County Office  
490 Wheeler Rd.  
Hauppauge, NY 11779  
631-234-0467, Ext. 10

[www.theliac.org](http://www.theliac.org)

[info@theliac.org](mailto:info@theliac.org)

- Registration, enrollment assistance for families and students
- Education advocacy for rights to education and special education
- Trainings for parents, community groups, professionals on education advocacy issues
- Intensive Parent Leadership Lay Advocacy Training Series
- Assistance regarding suspension and discipline
- Please call for ahead for Spanish speaking advocate.

### **Make the Road New York**

1090 Suffolk Avenue

Brentwood, NY 11717

Phone: 631-231 2220

Fax: 631-231 2229

- Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals: Application assistance

### **New York Civil Liberties Union**

Jason E. Starr, Esq., Nassau County Chapter  
Director

33 Front Street, Suite 205

Hempstead, NY 11550

Phone: 516-741-8520

Fax: 516-741-8534

[nassau@nyclu.org](mailto:nassau@nyclu.org)

Amol Sinha, Esq., Suffolk County Chapter  
Director

225 Eastview Drive, PA 221

Central Islip, NY 11722

Phone: 631-650-2301

[suffolk@nyclu.org](mailto:suffolk@nyclu.org)

- Legal advocacy for students, parents, and community based organizations; know your rights presentations/workshops trainings and professional development on students' rights for district and school staff; distribution of guidance on legal rights and responsibilities based on state and federal law

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Riverhead, N.Y. 11901

631-369-4601

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- Assistance with immigration issues/Ayuda con asuntos de inmigracion
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- Translations
- Assistance with labor wage disputes
- Assistance with completing all types of applications or forms concerning immigration
- Notary services
- Paralegal services
- Accompany children to the Federal Plaza building as a guardian ad litem during their initial hearing and connect them with pro-bono legal services
- Helping children complete screening forms.
- Assistance with obtaining taxpayer identification number
- Assistance with acquiring social services

\* Interpretation services during asylum interview.

\* Assistance with the completion of the school enrollment packet, including certified translation of birth certificates.

### **SEPA Mujer (Services for the Advancement of Women)**

Touro Law Center, PAC#210

225 Eastview Drive

Central Islip, NY 11722

631-650-2307 and 631-624-0668

Gabriela Castillo, Esq (Staff Attorney)

[gcastillo@sepamujer.org](mailto:gcastillo@sepamujer.org)

- Community-based nonprofit organization dedicated to the advocacy and empowerment of Latina immigrant women on Long Island
- In area of immigration law, represents victims of domestic violence and sexual assaults in obtaining immigration status through special reliefs afforded to immigrant victims.

### **Touro Law Center**

#### **Immigration Legal Clinic**

225 Eastview Drive

Center Islip, NY 11782

631-761-7094

[mcaldere@tourolaw.edu](mailto:mcaldere@tourolaw.edu)

[wbrooks@tourolaw.edu](mailto:wbrooks@tourolaw.edu)

- Touro offers representation to immigrant children and their families in family court and immigration matters, including removal defense in immigration court. The following types of cases are accepted:
  - Immigration, including asylum, VAWA, and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status matters
  - Family court matters, including guardianship matters
  - Civil matters such as Landlord/Tenant cases and uncontested divorces will be referred to Jack Evans, Staff Attorney for the Public Advocacy Center at Touro Law School