

N-WIN

Northwest Immigrant Network

In August 2024, Judith Bernstein-Baker, M.S.W., Esq. in collaboration with the Sisters of Saint Joseph's Newcomer Housing Alliance and Welcoming Homes, began the Northwest Immigration Network with the goal of sharing information and resources to amplify their work in support of refugees and immigrants.

N-WIN is now a fast-growing network of congregations, organizations and individuals in the Northwest Philadelphia region focused on building inclusive communities that protect and defend immigrants and refugees.

We do this work through:

- (1) Direct support of refugees and immigrants
- (2) Community education
- (3) Advocacy

N-WIN connects immigrants to existing organizations providing services, including employment opportunities, transitional housing, meal and rent assistance, resettlement and asylum for vulnerable populations and people fleeing persecution in their countries, and ESL training.

N-WIN also hosts events to educate and advocate for collective action in support of refugees and immigrants.

The network started out as a group of about 15 to 20 people who were representatives of different congregations that were already working to support immigrants. Early network members came from places such as St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Mishkan Shalom Synagogue, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, and the Germantown Jewish Centre. The network now includes representatives from 14 congregations. The network meets every six weeks to exchange information and ways to access resources, speak on local and national updates, and form plans around collective action. Network participants receive weekly updates of direct service needs of at-risk immigrants and refugees, news about upcoming events and policy changes in immigration.

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