

18. Hispanic Affairs

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Resource Directory for Immigrants in Westchester

Westchester Library System

<http://www.willn.org>

Description: Offers easy access to information about a wide range of agencies that provide educational, social, health, economic, cultural and other services to immigrants living and working in Westchester. The information is available in English and Spanish.

The following are bilingual/bicultural organizations in Westchester County that assist with social service issues:¹

Cabrini Immigrant Services - Dobbs Ferry

21 Cedar Street

Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522

Phone: (914) 674-1937

This-not-for-profit agency provides immigrants with information related to obtaining citizenship, entitlements, education, housing, employment and health care. All of the services provided by the program are free. The staff assists the clients in completing applications and forms. English-as-a-Second- Language classes are one of the main services provided by the program staff and volunteers.

El Centro Hispano de White Plains

346 South Lexington Ave.

White Plains, NY 10606

Phone: (914) 289-0500

The mission of El Centro Hispano is to strengthen Hispanic families by providing them with information about housing, employment, translations and immigration matters. El Centro Hispano also provides these families

with outreach, counseling, education, and advocacy programs to help them assimilate their new language and culture, at the same time that they maintain and enrich their own.

Comite Latino – Peekskill

Phone: (914) 734-8508

Under the umbrella of the Hudson River Health Center, this agency assists Spanish-speaking immigrants. Services provided by the organization include English-as-a-Second-Language programs and social service assistance (i.e.. jobs, education, translation, filling out forms, domestic violence referral, clothing drives, cultural events, etc).

The Hispanic Resource Center of Larchmont and Mamaroneck

200 West Boston Post Rd.

Mamaroneck, NY 10543

Phone: (914) 835-1512

Founded in 1998, the Hispanic Resource Center is a not-for-profit community-based organization serving the Hispanic community in Larchmont and Mamaroneck. The organization assists people in need and promotes social, economic and professional integration of the immigrant community into the larger community. It does this by providing needs assessment, identification of issues and resources, direct services, information and referrals, and technical assistance and support to other community-based organizations.

Services, Education, Resources (SER) of Westchester

171 East Post Road

White Plains, NY 10601

Phone: (914) 681-0996

www.serwestchester.org

Eligibility: Hispanic persons in need of assistance.

Fees: Fees for immigration program; others are free.

Services: The mission of SER of Westchester, Inc. is to serve the community by preparing children, youth and adults for the workforce. Priority is given to promoting English literacy skills, academic enhancement, job training, life skills and acculturation support with special emphasis on the needs of cultural and ethnic minorities.

¹ Hispanic Affairs website <http://www.westchestergov.com/hispanicaffairs/>

Spanish Community Progress Foundation

204 Hawthorne Avenue

Yonkers, NY 10705

Phone: (914) 969-5400

Eligibility: Some programs restricted to Yonkers residents.

Fees: Most programs are free.

Description: The Spanish Community Progress Foundation is a not-for-profit grassroots, community-based organization dedicated to improving the economic and social status of the Hispanic population in Yonkers and neighboring communities. The agency provides a variety of services including citizenship, employment, housing, home ownership, special people, immigration and education.

Westchester Hispanic Coalition

46 Waller Avenue

White Plains, NY 10605

Phone: 914 948-8466

345 Lexington Ave. Mount Kisco, NY 10549 Phone: 914 666-3299	216 Westchester Ave. Port Chester, NY 10573 Phone: 914 937-0809
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Eligibility: Hispanic heritage.

Fees: Free except some immigration assistance

Description: Assistance with jobs, housing, health care, immigration, etc.