

## Immigrant Rights Task Force

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### Overview

Immigrants in New Jersey, and the United States as a whole, face a unique set of challenges in their daily lives. In order to support the large number of immigrant, first-generation and undocumented families that we serve, Middle Earth has created a task force under the larger banner of our trauma-informed subcommittee. Goals of the task force include educating staff and families about state and local support services, connecting with other organizations to conduct advocacy, and training staff to be knowledgeable about immigrant rights.



### Mission Statement

Our mission is to ensure that immigrant, first-generation and undocumented families have the resources they need to succeed in all aspects of their lives, including employment, post-secondary education and engagement with the community.

### Objectives

- ◆ Educate staff and families about available resources and support services
- ◆ Train staff to be knowledgeable about immigrant rights, and to use that knowledge to make all programs accessible to immigrant clients
- ◆ Connect with other organizations to advocate on behalf of immigrant, first-generation and undocumented clients

### Summer 2021 Update

The Immigrant Rights Task Force has been working on a few exciting projects over the last couple of months. First, we are putting together an evaluation chart that will allow us to assess how each program is doing in regards to making immigrant families feel welcome and involved. In addition, we have also begun coordinating with each program to determine what barriers they are currently facing in making these families feel welcome, as well as creative solutions that have already been implemented. Finally, we have translated all of our intake forms into Spanish, as well as the resource guide that we put together earlier in the year. As we move forward, we plan on putting together a survey to assess the greater needs of our clients, which we will use to develop advocacy and education strategies for all the families we serve.