



2021 MIRC POLICY PRIORITY PLATFORM

TOP ISSUES IMPACTING IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES

COVID-19 Racial, Ethnic & Vaccine Disparities*Vaccine
Access/Distribution/Hesitancy/Confidence *Community-led Needs
Assessments *BIPOC Community Investment *Contract/Grant Support for
Ethnic Based Organizations *Digital Equity

Legal & Immigration Reforms*Racial & Equity
Social & Juvenile Justice Issues
Workforce Development Assistance Adult Education
*Credentialing and Licensing

Accessing Benefits: MAINECARE, HealthCare, Child Care,
General Assistance & Housing
Language Access: Translation/Interpretation Services

MISSION STATEMENT:

To improve the legal, social and economic conditions experienced by Maine's
immigrants - enhancing their lives while strengthening Maine - through
advocacy, information sharing and collaboration both through and among our
member organizations

73 Member Organizations!

MIRC recognizes that member organizations have priorities beyond that shared vision and values collaboration and a shared sense of purpose. We actively prioritize the voices, perspectives, and decision-making of New Mainer communities as we acknowledge the status quo of systems that consistently disadvantage them.

Legislative priorities that would advance the lives of immigrants

Legal & Racial Equity

- o **LD 132** An Act To Implement the Attorney General's Recommendations on Data Collection in Order To Eliminate Profiling in Maine
- o **LD 2** An Act To Require the Inclusion of Racial Impact Statements in the Legislative Process
- o **LR 436** - An Act Regarding the Permanent Commission (Sponsor: The Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous & Maine Tribal Populations)

LR 1773 An Act To Establish the Career Advancement and Navigation Initiative in the Department of Education To Lower Barriers to Career Advancement

Work Development

- o **LD 149** An Act To Facilitate Licensure for Credentialed Individuals from Other Jurisdictions
- o **LR 1095** An Act To Expand and Strengthen Maine's Workforce by Awarding Grants To Create Industry-specific English Language Acquisition and Workforce Training Programs and To Expand English Language Acquisition Instruction (***LR 277** - An Act To Promote Immigrant Workforce Development and Community Integration)

Benefits: HealthCare; Housing & General Assistance

- o **LR 1419** An Act To Improve Housing Security by Improving Access to General Assistance (GA)
- o **LR 1781** An Act To Improve the Health of Maine Residents By Closing Coverage Gaps in MaineCare and the Children's Health Insurance Program
- o **LD 473** An Act To Create the Maine Rental Assistance and Voucher Guarantee Program

Bills to Oppose within our priorities

LD107 "RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Specify the Qualifications of Electors"

Bills to Watch

- o **LD 320** An Act To Clarify the Right to Counsel for Juveniles Improve Due Process for Juveniles.

*SIMILAR BILLS