



We are committed to connecting community leaders and community organizations to create a network of support, communication, and safety. When we mobilize quickly to address community concerns, we hope to engage in meaningful dialogue and promote education on the issues that directly impact our community. Foundational to this work is understanding local, state, and federal partners that can provide us with information so that we can make informed decisions on how to be proactive and protect and empower vulnerable community members. Please take this opportunity to review these resources and agencies:

[Michigan Department of Health & Human Services Children's Protective Services](#)

Find information here about reporting process and mandated reporters for human trafficking, child abuse, and neglect. *Please note that MI DHHS does not share information about a victim's immigration status with immigration enforcement. Victims of crime are eligible to apply for asylum, T visa, U visa, and other immigration remedies regardless of their current immigration status.*

[Department of Labor – Understanding Child Labor Laws and Regulations](#)

*The federal child labor provisions, authorized by the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (FLSA), also known as the child labor laws, were enacted to ensure that when young people work, the work is safe and does not jeopardize their health, well-being or educational opportunities. These provisions also provide limited exemptions. **Being sensitive to the fact that many children must work to help support their families, it is important to be informed on policies and protections in place to ensure that youth can work and are able to do so in a safe environment.***

[Federal Unaccompanied Children Resettlement](#)

[Fact Sheet](#)

[State and Local Unaccompanied Children Resettlement](#)

[Bethany Article: Unaccompanied minors at the border: What's happening and how you can help](#)

[Migrant Legal Aid](#)

Access to legal services and education opportunities through Know Your Rights Presentations. Migrant Legal Aid Office staff are all English-Spanish bilingual

Office Phone: 616-454-5055

Google Voice and WhatsApp: 616-303-1529

[Anti-Trafficking \(AT\) and Mental Health Support Programs in Kent County:](#)

[Puertas Abiertas](#) Phone: 616-690-8267

(AT and Mental Health) – Spanish-English bi-lingual

[Safe Haven Ministries](#) Phone: 616-452-6664

(AT and Mental Health referrals) – Spanish-English bi-lingual

[Manasseh Project](#) National Hotline Phone: 888-373-7888 TEXT BEFREE 233733

(AT and Mental Health)

[Kent County Sheriff's Office Human Trafficking Task Force](#) Phone: 616-632-6189

[City of Grand Rapids Human Trafficking Work Group](#) Phone: 616-456-3860

[Essential Services](#)

[Hispanic Center of Western Michigan](#) Phone: 616-206-3150

<https://www.211.org/> Phone: 211



Visit <https://www.kentcountynewamericans.org/> to learn more about the Kent County Welcome Plan and how you can become a part of the Welcome Plan Collaborative network.