

**DEPARTMENT
OF
ENGLISH LANGUAGE ACQUISITION**

**DIRECTORY OF SERVICES
FOR
PARENTS OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS**

Agency:

**Asian-Pacific Center for
Human Development**
1825 York St.
Denver, CO 80206

303- 393-0304
303-388-1172 - FAX

Description of Services:

- Serves Asian and Pacific Islanders from age 3 (for counseling) adolescents, marital, and family therapy. Drop-in center for high school student recreations.
- Peer Leadership- a camp for development of leadership and peer counseling.
- ASCENO Program- Places high school seniors in corporations for internships.
- CAVEY Program- Teaches violence prevention, conflict resolution. For high school students only.
- Victim Assistance and Services- Full range of mental health services.
- Asian Youth Mentorship Program - Child gets a mentor for 1 year or more.
- Psychiatric evaluations and medical evaluations
- Psychological evaluations and testing, Day treatment, Substance education
- Relay Project- Merrill Middle School in Denver, Hodgkins and Scott Carpenter Middle Schools in Adams County. -Teaches leadership skills-
- School Program- In service on the needs of Asian students.
- Referrals from the court system, school and individual

Contact: Carey Tanaka-Clinical Director, or Wrong Harlan

Agency: **Colorado Refugee Mental Health Program**
4200 E. Ninth Avenue, Box B-155

Denver, CO 80262
303-372-9745
303-372-9746 FAX

Description of Services:

- Mental health evaluations and treatment for all age groups. The only requirement is that the children must have refugee status to be given services. The services are free to those that have refugee status. Other services such as consultations and in service education can be easily arranged given proper advanced notification. There are no fees for services. Insurance is accepted.

Contact: Dr. Dan Savin, M.D. at 303-372-9745

Agency: **Denver Public School's Psychological Service**
900 Grant St. 2nd Floor
Denver, CO 80203

303-764-3612
303-764-3412 Fax

Description of Services:

- Services are provided to all DPS students with mental health and learning needs. Mental health counseling, learning intervention and consultations are provided to students as well. Services are accessed through the building psychologists. There are no fees for services.

Contact: School's psychologists
Pat Lopez- Manager of Psychological Services

Agency:

**Department of English Language
Acquisition**

1330 Fox St. 2nd Floor North
Denver, CO 80204
303-405-8152
303-405-8290- FAX

Description of Services:

The Department of English Language Acquisition (ELA) assists in implementing and monitoring the Le/99 court mandated improvement program of services for English language learners. This entails that the ELA students not only learn to speak English, but also become proficient in the English language. Other services include presentations, staff development (150 training hours), interpret/ations/translation for parents or schools, consultations, Language Assessment Scales (LAS) testing, and organizing public relations. The services are assessed through the ELA Teacher on Special Assignment (TOSA) designated for specific schools. There are no fees for services.

Contact:

Joaquina Fuentes de Munoz, Secretary 303-405-8152

Agency:

Ecumenical Refugee Services

190 E. 9th Ave. Suite 420

Denver, CO

303-860-0666

303-860-0066- FAX

Description of Services:

- Services in a variety of areas including case management, are provided for children and adults of all ages. The agency provides assistance such as housing to families for one full year. There is a difference between types of refugees helped. There are free cases where refugees want to become self-sufficient as soon as possible, and there are sponsored cases where refugees have relatives in the United States to help them. There are no fees for services.

Contact:

Genevieve Cruz

Agency:

Jewish Family Services

1355 S. Colorado Blvd. STE 400
Denver, CO 80222
303-759-4890
303-759-5998- FAX

Description of Services:

- Services such as mental health and resettlement are provided to all ages and adults, primarily for Russian speaking families. Also, there is a Youth Partner Program that is similar to the Big Brothers/ Sisters program sponsored by the agency. ESL and medical services are also provided with limited translating services for medical purposes. The agency accepts Medicaid and works with insurance companies. There is a sliding fee scale regarding services.

Contact:

Yana Vishnitsky, Executive Director
303-759-4890, ext. 314

Agency: **LULAC (League of United Latin American Citizens)**
715 Galapago Street
Denver, CO 80204
303-893-0100

Description of Services:

- Services are provided to first generation high school students of low income families. The agency works one-on-one with students to help prepare them for post-secondary education, including preparation for the ACT and SAT exams. The fees for the exams are waived. In addition, there are services that help students with financial aid and scholarship applications. There are no fees for services.

Contact:

Eddie L. Duarte

Agency: **Lutheran Refugee Programs**
1075 S.Yukon St.
Lakewood, CO
303-980-5400
303-980-8588- FAX

Description of Services:

- Service is provided to all ages focusing on Russian, Bosnian, African, and Kosovan children. Housing and cash assistance are provided to families. There also are employment services for adults to help them get a job. The agency provides transportation, health referrals, and mentoring services. There are no fees for services.

Contact:

Karen Haatja, Case Manager
James Horan, Director

Agency:

Newcomer Center

South High School and Merrill Middle School

South High School 303- 698-6100

Merrill Middle School 303- 756-3621

Description of Services:

- The Newcomer Center teaches students who are new to the Denver Public Schools system. These students do not speak any English and have had little, no, or interrupted education in the native countries. The center teaches students how to take notes, study for tests, interact with classmates and learn about the American culture and customs while learning English. There are no fees for services.

Contact:

Rob Madison @ South High School- 303-698-6100

Cindy Durichek @ Merrill M.S. 303-756-3621

Agency:

Rocky Mountain Survivors Center

1547 Gaylord St. #100

Denver, CO 80206

303-321-3221

303-321-3314- FAX

Description of Services:

- Service is given to all people typically with no documentation or people who have recently immigrated. However, the primary focus is on the survivors of torture. This includes the parents of children that have experienced torture in their homeland. The agency provides individual and group mental health counseling, legal, and social services to survivors and their children. In addition, the agency provides teacher training to learn how to help survivors of torture. Also, the agency focuses on the non-foreign population to help kids understand about refugees, torture, and human rights by giving school-wide presentations. Assemblies and presentations can be given at schools with proper notification. Consultation to staff is also available. There are no fees for services.

Contact:

Paul Stein 303-321-3221

Individuals Frequently Contacted
To help ELA Students

1. **Admissions, International Student Services**
 - a. Community College of Denver
 - b. 303-556-2430

2. **Mrs. Yvette Hunt**
 - a. Educational Opportunity Center
 - b. Helps with Financial Aid Forms and help with scholarship searches
 - c. 303-629-9226

3. **Sam Casso- 303-556-2774**
 - a. G.E.D. Information
 - b. Also see Emily Griffith Opportunity
 - c. 1250 Welton St.
 - d. Denver, CO 80204
 - e. 303-575-4700

4. **Denver Public Schools-Transportation Office**
 - a. 303-825-2611

5. **Patty Lohman, Immigrant and Refugee Admissions**
 - a. Counselor
 - b. Metropolitan State College
 - c. 303-556-3676
 - d. ** Excellent Resource**

6. **Van Trinh Tran, Vietnamese Translator, Department of English Language Acquisition**
 - a. 303-727-5064