

IMMIGRANT & REFUGEE SERVICES

1) BERKSHIRE LATIN AMERICAN COUNCIL

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c/o Berkshire Center for Families & Children at 413-236-1911

480 West Street

Pittsfield, MA 01201

Provides information for Latino community. Meetings, open to the public, are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at Pittsfield City Hall, Basement Lunchroom, 70 Allen Street, Pittsfield.

2) CARE COMMUNITIES

c/o Elizabeth Freeman Center 413-499-2425

146 First Street

Pittsfield, MA 01201

CARE Communities is a joint effort of the Elizabeth Freeman Center, the Batterers Intervention Program, and Berkshire County Kids' Place & Violence Prevention Center, funded by the Department of Public Health. Its mission is to ensure that the Latino community of Berkshire County has access to needed services. CARE provides community education, community outreach, translation of support material and community presentations. Its goals are to bring about awareness of language barriers, access to services, awareness of cultural barriers, creation of social justice and fairness, and family violence intervention through outreach and education.

3) NEW AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP COALITION

c/o Jewish Federation of the Berkshires 413-445-4881

235 East Street

Pittsfield, MA 01201

Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:30 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.

The Coalition offers free assistance to Berkshire County residents with all aspects of the citizenship process. Services range from eligibility assessment to application assistance to English as a second language and U.S. Civics classes to prepare for the citizenship interview. The Coalition also offers general support to the immigrant and refugee community.