



Empowering individuals. Embracing cultures. Strengthening community.



OUR SERVICES

HELP CENTER

Assistance accessing:

- Healthcare services
- Employment
- Housing and shelter
- Food and nutrition
- Emergency financial support
- Education and school system navigation

IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES

Legal guidance for:

- Residency card replacement/renewal
- Change of status
- Naturalization
- Work authorization
- Certificates of Citizenship
- DACA Renewal

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MULTICULTURAL COALITION VOL 1 NEWSLETTER

YTD MISSION BY THE NUMBERS

- 1795 people reach through services
- 916 clients served
- Clients from 32 countries
- 28 new citizens
- 178 families have been impacted by our services

Raúl Arcos Hawkins is no stranger to the nonprofit world. He has impacted the nonprofit sector for almost a decade. He's held various roles throughout the years such as program coordinator, community outreach coordinator, community organizer and most recently as a business development specialist. Previously, Raul spent 17 years in the food service industry, ten of which were in management. Raúl has lived in Nebraska since 1993 and resided in Grand Island for the last six years.



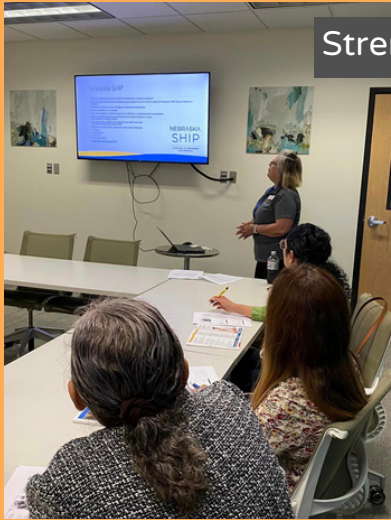
Meet our Director

An active advocate for people of color, disadvantage, and low to moderate income, Raúl has devoted his time in leadership roles and promoting civic engagement. His philosophy is to help as much as you can when you can.

"Today, as generations of new immigrants are seeking refuge from violence, poverty and scarce resources, we must remember how we welcomed generations before them and provided them with the hope of achieving the American Dream. Immigrants are the foundation of this great nation, becoming the backbone of the workforce. We must continue providing hope and being the beacon of liberty, freedom, and justice for all." - RAH



Strengthening Community Outreach



One of our goals is to increase awareness of the services that MC provides and grow our community outreach by increasing our community presence. Betty, our Lead Client Advocate, presented in Spanish “Navegando Medicare”. During the session, participants learned about their Medicare benefits, different coverages and options available.

DID YOU KNOW?

“ DACA recipients pay into social security and Medicaid. Due to “no status”, if no pathway to citizenship is created; DACA recipients can not collect their social security or receive benefits from Medicaid. They do not qualify for any government benefits on either state or federal level. ”

Empowering One Individual at a Time

Many of the proud moments the staff is fortunate to witness is clients becoming US citizens. This turning point in their lives allows clients to continue building on their American Dream and their never-ending pursuit of happiness.

Staff were included in the naturalization ceremony held at the Grand Island Public Library on August 17. Staff greeted and welcomed the new US citizens. As a small token of their accomplishment, newly sworn US Citizens were gifted a replica of the Statue of Liberty, a symbol of freedom and justice.



Embracing New Experiences



After enjoying a bountiful meal together at our co-picnic, clients from both Literacy Council and Multicultural Coalition enjoyed a train ride around Stolley Park. It was a perfect culmination of an amazing afternoon full of laughter, fun, and delicious food from various countries and cultures. The children were delighted to ride the the train. Even some adults lined up to enjoy being on board for a short ride around the park.

A sense of belonging is key to feeling welcomed into a community. Seeing clients from different countries and cultures warmly embrace being part of a growing immigrant community was heartwarming. Sharing a meal and stories of settling in Grand Island created a genuine sense of belonging. They are Grand Islanders! They are Nebraskans!



Fostering Community Belonging

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