



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 2

NEWSLETTER

MISSION BY THE NUMBERS

- 2665 individuals reached through our services this year
- Clients from 27 countries
- 32 clients have become new citizens
- 201 families have been impacted by our services

Grand Island community leaders united in 2001 to resolve challenges faced by newcomers. It was then, that the Multicultural Coalition went from an idea to a coalition. Two years later, the Multicultural Coalition became an official nonprofit.

In 2023 the Multicultural Coalition celebrated 20 years of empowering individuals, embracing cultures, and strengthening community. For over 20 years, Multicultural Coalition has been a key stakeholder in welcoming newcomers. With presentations, conferences, and panels the Multicultural Coalition has been a pillar of diversity and inclusion.



Celebrating 20 years

From its inception, the Multicultural Coalition has been in the forefront of empowering individuals by providing programming like citizenship classes, English as a second language, and health fairs. Multicultural Coalition has passionately embodied embracing cultures with the Ethnic Festival, Hot Cocoa in the Mornings, and Dead Fiesta. Strengthening community is the ultimate vision of the Multicultural Coalition by offering opportunities like the conferences such as Journey of an Immigrant; Immigration: Hopes, Change and Trauma; Race, Diversity, Identity; Unity Walk; as well as our current experience through Immigrant Story Walk.





Fostering Community Belonging

Embracing cultures means welcoming newcomers into our community. This year MC participated in Welcoming Week. The key mission of the Welcoming Initiative is to ensure everyone feels welcome no matter where they come from. Music is a key factor in bringing cultures together to enjoy a warm afternoon in share safe spaces.

DID YOU KNOW?

“ Lawful permanent residents only obtain about 80% of retirement benefits if they don't become a naturalized citizen. Five years after becoming a permanent resident and one is able apply for citizenship. The filing fee is \$725 plus travel and potential legal representation. ”

Walk a mile in their shoes entwined with the Game of Life, became inspiration for the Immigrant Story Walk. Participants embark in a journey of sometimes unfair considerations, outdated policies, and broken systems. Throughout the simulation, participants endure hardships of life; language barrier, loss of employment, and delayed processing time while hoping for a positive outcome.

This year participants walked more than a mile in an immigrants shoes by enduring the barriers to achieving the American Dream.

Empowering Simulation



Enchanting Cultural Embrace

Multicultural Coalition, in partnership with the Fourth Street BID, hosted the Day of the Dead trick or treat event. With the help of staff and volunteers, Multicultural Coalition handed out more than 500 pieces of candy. The turnout raised the dead! Fourth Street was brought to life as business were provided an opportunity to showcase their storefront and increase foot traffic.

Increasing community outreach is one of the goals for the Board of Directors. Staff has had the opportunity to be present at many events in the community this past year, sharing resources. Strengthening communities has allowed staff to work hand-in-hand with volunteers and Board members to practice the agency's mission. In 2024, MC looks forward to new opportunities to grow our community outreach.



Strengthening Communities

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