

## About Jewish Family Service of San Diego

Founded in 1918, Jewish Family Service (JFSSD) is one of San Diego's most impactful nonprofit agencies – providing resources and support to individuals and families across San Diego. Through integrated services, the organization empowers people of all ages, faiths, and backgrounds to overcome challenges, set goals, and build more stable, secure, and connected lives. Since its inception, JFSSD has a rich tradition of Welcoming the Stranger with compassion and dignity. Currently, JFSSD provides immigration legal services, respite shelter services, refugee resettlement, and social services to individuals and families of all immigration statuses.

JFSSD provides an array of services to support asylum seekers, refugees, immigrants and their families in the face of heightened border restrictions and evolving federal policies. The agency works to serve as many people as possible within eligibility requirements and available funding.

## Legal Services

JFSSD provides pro bono immigration legal services to non-citizens in San Diego County. Call 858-637-3365 or email [immigration@jfssd.org](mailto:immigration@jfssd.org) to determine eligibility and availability. Services include:

- **Higher Education Legal Services** provides free immigration legal services to students, staff, and faculty and their families at 12 San Diego and Imperial County community and state colleges. These colleges and universities include San Diego City College, San Diego Mesa College, San Diego Miramar College, Cuyamaca College, Grossmont College, Imperial Valley College, MiraCosta College, Palomar College, Southwestern College, San Diego College of Continuing Education, San Diego State University and California State University San Marcos.

More outreach opportunities are currently available on all community college campuses in response to changes in immigration law. Visit the website for more information and to determine eligibility: [jfssd.org/hels](http://jfssd.org/hels).

- The **Immigrant Legal Rights Program** provides pro bono immigration legal services to non-citizens in deportation proceedings, including unaccompanied children. This program receives a high number of calls, and there are limitations on the number of cases accepted. Please contact the program for up-to-date information as its capacity is constantly changing.
- The **Affirmative Immigration Services Program** provides free immigration legal services to low-income San Diego County residents seeking immigration benefits for themselves or for their family members living in the U.S. Schedule an appointment at [jfssd.org/affirmative](http://jfssd.org/affirmative).

For **Know Your Rights** informational videos in English and Spanish and details on other resources for immigrants and their families, visit [jfssd.org/knowyourrights](http://jfssd.org/knowyourrights).

## Additional Social Service Resources at JFSSD

For more information on the wide range of resources provided by JFSSD available to people of all immigration statuses, including food and aging care services, visit [jfssd.org](http://jfssd.org) or call the access line at 858-637-3210.

### **Immigration Legal Services Line**

San Diego Rapid Response Network (SDRRN) maintains an Immigration Legal Services Line, operated by Jewish Family Service of San Diego. Callers are encouraged to leave a detailed message with their name and phone number, and dispatchers will respond to determine if they are eligible for any available legal services.

The phone number is 619-536-0823. Due to a high volume of calls and limited capacity, calls may not be returned on the same day you called.

### **SDRRN Migrant Shelter Services**

Since October 2018, JFSSD has operated the [San Diego Rapid Response Network Migrant Shelter Services](#) for people seeking asylum who are processed through the San Diego-Mexico border by the Department of Homeland Security. It has assisted more than 248,000 adults and children with medical screenings, food, basic case management, legal support, as-needed respite shelter, and travel coordination to reunite asylum seekers with loved ones and sponsors across the country. With CBP One applications currently closed, no new migrants are being released from short term federal custody into our care at the Migrant Shelter Services.

### **Refugee Resettlement Services**

JFSSD is a national refugee resettlement agency, assisting refugees who have fled persecution in their countries of origin – including Afghanistan, Ukraine, Syria, Iraq and Haiti – with their relocation to San Diego. JFSSD provides a wide range of services to refugees from all faiths and backgrounds including assistance with housing, school, language and cultural orientation course enrollment, employment counseling, translation, and more. Although refugee reception and placement are currently on hold, JFSSD continues to provide supportive services to refugees who have resettled in the past five years, including many who arrived in the past few months. For more information on the resettlement program, visit [jfssd.org/refugee](http://jfssd.org/refugee).

### **Ways for the Community to Support**

Funds are needed to maintain and grow vital operations. Donations of any amount can be made at [jfssd.org/welcomethestranger](http://jfssd.org/welcomethestranger). For information on existing volunteer opportunities that support immigrants and refugees, visit [jfssd.org/WelcomeTheStrangerVolunteer](http://jfssd.org/WelcomeTheStrangerVolunteer)

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