



Unity Is Strength

Louisiana Organization for Refugees and Immigrants

Who We Are

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LORI assist Refugees and immigrants throughout their various stages of integration to advance their social and economic well-being. We connect Refugees and immigrants to critical services, help refugees develop as leaders, and empower our communities to advocate for issues impacting them and their families. LORI plays an integral part in fostering diversity, supporting equitable pathways to protection, fighting racism and injustice by building power, developing leaders, and driving structural change with and for Refugees and immigrants in Louisiana and the United States.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Disaster relief -by providing food & necessities to over 240 families, including emergency cash assistance. 60% of those families are immigrants & refugees.
- Celebrated World Refugee Day event with over 900 attendees, including elected officials & faith leaders who were keynote speakers.
- Proclamation from Mayor-President Sharon Weston Broome acknowledging June 20th as World Refugee Day
- Hosted 6 Covid-19 awareness events, with doctors educating the community and dispelling Covid myths. This resulted in over 90% of participants receiving vaccines.
- Held three leadership training with 24 leaders focused on power mapping, organizing & advocacy.
- Hosted seven Covid-19 community vaccinations where 350 refugees and immigrants were vaccinated.
- Hosted five citizenship workshops, Know Your Rights, and voter education and registration.
- Advocacy Days - In collaboration with RCUSA, USSJ, and other national organizations, we held nine meetings with US Senators and Congressional offices advocating for immigrant and refugee-friendly policies

PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

- Advocacy
- Leadership and Career Development
- Health Promotion & Equity
- Cultural Competence and Promotion
- Language Access
- Youth Engagement Programs
- Women's Empowerment
- Immigration Legal Clinic
- Citizenship Workshops
- Disaster Response



VISION FOR 2022

- Increase civic engagement, community outreach, & capacity building among the refugee & immigrant community.
- Increase refugee youth in advocacy participation by 85% & civic engagement of refugee women by 75%.
- Increase staff capacity to reach our true potential.
- Provide English Language Classes for adults and youth.
- Launch Immigration Clinics -Offer low-cost or free legal services through
- Increase Naturalization by 90% of the more than 2500 eligible immigrants in Louisiana



"A nation that opens its doors to those seeking safety is a nation blessed with"

VALUE ADDED PEOPLE