

Letter Writing Campaign

The media undeniably affects people's perceptions about immigration, and individuals can positively influence the media by writing letters to the editor. CFIR provides talking points and guidance for strengthening your voice and improving the chances that your letters will be published.

Workshop Facilitation

AFSC and CFIR developed and are available to facilitate popular education workshops on Immigration Through a Faith Lens, Solidarity and Allyship, Immigration 101, The Legal Way Who Can Come?, Globalization and Migration, LGBTQ and Immigration Intersections, Joe Gets Detained Who Profits?, Mapping and Resisting Immigration Enforcement, Non-Violent Direct Action Training, Security and Marshaling Training, and The Four I's: Unpacking Oppression and Creating Joint Liberation.

Resource Library

CFIR has a lending library of over 200 books and films about immigration and the immigrant experience that we make available to the public. CFIR members are prepared to facilitate a dialogue about the resources in our library.

Listserv

CFIR maintains a moderated Immigrant Justice listserv to share urgent actions and upcoming events.

Monthly Vigil and Protest

We hold a vigil in front of the immigrant detention center (30th and Peoria in Aurora) at 6 PM the first Monday of the month. All Are Welcome!

We Work Towards:

Just & Humane Immigration Reform

- ◆ Creates justice with humane economic policies.
- ◆ Protects the labor rights of ALL workers.
- ◆ Develops a clear path to permanent residence.
- ◆ Respects the civil and human rights of immigrants.
- ◆ Demilitarizes the US-Mexico border.
- ◆ Makes family reunification a top priority.
- ◆ Ensures that immigrants and refugees have access to services.

To become involved in any of our work, or if you have any questions about our materials, please contact Jordan T. Garcia, Immigrant Ally Organizing Director at 303.623.3464 or jgarcia@afsc.org
Also, please visit our website at <http://www.afsc.org/denver> or our blog <http://coloradansforimmigrantrights.blogspot.com>

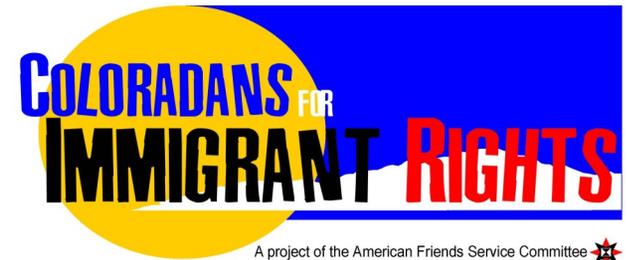


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Immigrant Rights ARE Human Rights!

Why *Coloradans* For Immigrant Rights?



CFIR members at a rally in support of immigrant justice.

Across the country, immigrants are organizing to claim their dignity and make an impact on policies affecting them. However, the media is often heavily slanted against the idea that immigrants should have full

human rights, making it harder for immigrants to organize. The general public needs to better understand the challenges immigrants face and the contributions they make.

With this realization, AFSC created **Coloradans for Immigrant Rights (CFIR)** in 2005 to work with the public. CFIR's current focus on citizen allies builds on past programs in which we worked directly with immigrants. This past work led to the creation of two independent organizations, **Rights for All People** and **El Centro Humanitario para los Trabajadores**. Strong relationships with both of these organizations, and the larger immigrant community, guide our work. We also contribute to the statewide immigrant rights movement through our active membership in the **Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition (CIRC)**.

Our Mission & Our Vision

Coloradans For Immigrant Rights' primary goal is to create a welcoming climate for all people by building broad support for immigrant justice. We advocate for humane immigration policies and work to eliminate unjust immigration practices. We educate and organize citizens in support of human rights for all people in the belief that a diversity of voices grow and strengthen the movement for immigrant justice.

Coloradans For Immigrant Rights envisions communities that welcome all people, regardless of immigration status...

We envision communities where all people, immigrants and host community members alike, have the power to determine the conditions under which they live; are valued for who they are; take responsibility for each others' growth; and can live their lives creatively, inspired by their histories and identities.

Many CFIR members have the privilege of citizenship. We believe it is our responsibility to help change the systems that affect immigrants and our entire community. CFIR knows that immigrants are the best equipped to define their liberation. We take guidance from and work together with immigrant led groups and reach out to citizens with a pro-immigrant message.

Our Work..

CFIR members write letters to the editor; testify and participate in legislative visits; attend and organize rallies and counter-protests supporting immigrant justice; and speak to faith communities, educators, and community and business groups about issues affecting our communities.

Weekly Committee Meetings

CFIR has a weekly meeting of core members. We examine current legislation, further educate ourselves about immigration, and organize actions in support of immigrant justice.

Monthly Meetings

One Tuesday each month, CFIR provides a skill share. These skill shares include: speakers, trainings, discussions, and movies, etc. They are open to the public and we encourage anyone who is interested in learning more about Immigrant Justice to join us.



CFIR members at a rally in support of Day Laborers at El Centro Humanitario para los Trabajadores.