

# What can I do?

Once you have discerned who your community is, what they need, and what you're able to offer, consider the action options below. Many of these actions require collaboration. Find a list of CLINIC affiliates at [cliniclegal.org/directory](http://cliniclegal.org/directory).

An important note about safety: Be mindful about not putting immigrants at risk while trying to help. Do not publicly advertise that groups of undocumented immigrants will be at an event or publicly expose the identity of an undocumented person. Exercise extreme caution at all times.

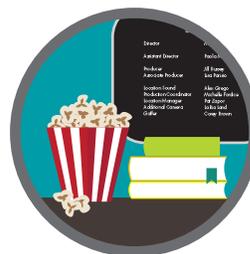
**Although offering sanctuary may be most likely to carry consequences, be aware that many of these options may have consequences. An important part of your discernment process may be reflecting on risks and seeking legal counsel as necessary.**

For more information and resources, visit [cliniclegal.org/welcome](http://cliniclegal.org/welcome).



## Support immigrant-owned businesses

Identify and support immigrant-owned businesses locally and beyond. Use immigrant-owned restaurants to cater events.



## Increase fellowship

Host a prayer/discussion group, book club, movie night, or other event to create a dialogue on immigration and refugee issues.

Resources: [cliniclegal.org/cst/parish](http://cliniclegal.org/cst/parish)



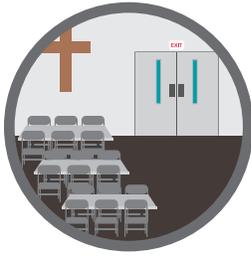
## Form partnerships

Collaborate on a project with other local groups. Host a potluck to discuss issues affecting immigrants and refugees. Organize a food/supplies/resources drive to support an immigrant family in need or a church that is providing sanctuary. Furnish the apartment of a newly arrived refugee family. Some of these activities may constitute harboring, seek legal counsel as necessary.



## Make a plan

Help immigrants at risk of detention or deportation connect with local legal service providers (find one at [cliniclegal.org/directory](http://cliniclegal.org/directory)). Create a referral list of local legal services and consulates. Have it translated.



### Offer free space for community education events

Host a workshop or class for people in the area. Examples: Know Your Rights trainings, immigration screenings, family emergency planning for parents who are at risk of deportation, English as a Second Language classes, citizenship test preparation classes.

Resource: [cliniclegal.org/resources/know-your-rights](http://cliniclegal.org/resources/know-your-rights)



### Provide financial support

Fundraise to cover the costs of legal filing fees, to provide micro-loans, or otherwise support vulnerable immigrant and refugee families.

Resource: [cliniclegal.org/feeincreases](http://cliniclegal.org/feeincreases)



### Speak out

Support immigrants and refugees via social media or write an op-ed or letter to the editor to a local newspaper or magazine. Please be sure to carefully review the note about safety before doing media work.



### Engage your leaders

Write a letter to your church leadership, local bishop or state bishops' conference, religious community leadership or the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops supporting their legislative efforts around immigration. Let your conference know how important these issues are!



### Advocate for pro-immigrant policies

Hold a phone bank, rally, or respond to a specific piece of legislation affecting immigrants or refugees in your locality, state, or on the federal level.

Resource: [cliniclegal.org/state-and-local](http://cliniclegal.org/state-and-local)



### Walk with your neighbor

Accompany immigrants to their Immigration and Customs Enforcement or U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services appointments.



### Offer someone a ride

Provide rides for immigrants who are afraid to drive for fear they may be stopped by police. This activity may have consequences, seek legal counsel as necessary.



### Offer sanctuary

Although this is a powerful action and statement, it may carry serious consequences, including fines, criminal prosecution, jail time, etc. Anyone considering this option should consult with an attorney first. You might be agreeing to house, clothe, and feed a person (or family) for an indefinite amount of time. Make sure you have the resources.