



**Coalition for Our
Immigrant Neighbors**

2018

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The Beginning

In March of 2016, Indianapolis attorneys Kent Newton and Lindsay Faulkenberg founded the Coalition for Our Immigrant Neighbors in order to address what they witnessed to be the needs of the immigrant and refugee communities in Central Indiana.

Since its founding, COIN has been building valuable partnerships with service providers and members of the community who focus primarily on legal and psychological needs, as well as housing, employment, medical and other needs of immigrants and refugees. Since COIN does not provide direct services itself, these partners have been critical to the COIN mission:

COIN is a coalition of service providers working together to facilitate and coordinate community efforts to provide legal, psychological, and other services for immigrants in Central Indiana.

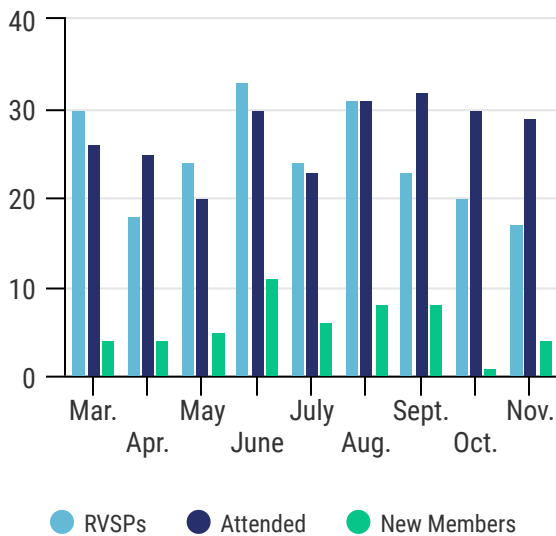


Meetings by the Numbers

In 2018, COIN hosted monthly meetings to update partners on issues of immigration and mental health and to provide a space for coalition-strengthening. Each meeting featured speakers on a broad spectrum of topics affecting immigrants and their mental health as well as an opportunity for our partners to share current news and events.

Speakers and Topics

- Katie Blum: Faith in Indiana
- John Cannaday: International Language Connection
- Tim Winn: Catholic Charities
- Katie Sutton: Trauma Informed Care
- Clare Corado: USCIS Fraud Issues
- Danielle Pierce: American Red Cross
- Courtney Sweeney: Butler Communications Project
- Diana Feliciano: MCH MOMS
- Jen Hund: ICE Detention Check-Ins
- Sabrena Suggs: NAMI FaithNet
- Molly Johnson: ESL-IUPUI Grant
- Liz Marcello: Immigrants and Mental Health
- Dija Henry: Felege Hiywot Center





Our Partners:

Organizations that attended at least one COIN meeting

- American Immigrant Lawyers Association - Indiana Chapter
- American Civil Liberties Union - Indiana
- Angela Adams, Immigration Attorney
- Ascension-St. Vincent
- Catholic Charities
- Center for Interfaith Cooperation
- Center for Victim and Human Rights
- Christ Church Cathedral
- Consulado de Mexico
- Congressman André Carson's Office
- Exodus Refugee Immigration
- Families First
- Felege Hiywot Center
- Hope For Tomorrow
- Immigrant Support
- Immigrant Welcome Center
- Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- Indiana Legal Services - Immigrants & Language Rights Center
- Indianapolis Bar Association
- Indianapolis Public Schools
- Indiana Undocumented Youth Alliance
- IUPUI
- Indy Reads
- Institute for Quality Education
- International Language Connection
- IU McKinney School of Law Student Immigration Society
- Jewish Community Center
- Kent Newton, Family Law Attorney
- Kids' Voice of Indiana
- La Plaza
- Lewis Kappes
- Marion County Public Defender
- Mayor's Office of International and Latino Affairs
- MSD of Perry Township
- MSD of Pike Township
- MSD of Washington Township
- MSD of Wayne Township
- Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic
- pilotED Schools
- Regions Bank
- Shepherd Community Center
- St. Philip Neri
- Su Casa
- The Clowes Fund
- The Dwelling Place
- Women4Change

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Naturalization Workshop

In 2018, COIN partnered with Hope For Tomorrow, Christ Church Cathedral, Indiana Legal Services, St. Vincent, and Douglas MacArthur Kindergarten Academy to help immigrants apply for citizenship during quarterly Naturalization Workshops. COIN and its partners have served clients from many different countries during these workshops.





Family Safety Planning Clinics

In addition to Naturalization Workshops, Family Safety Planning Clinics have been part of COIN programming. In 2018, COIN co-hosted one Family Safety Planning Clinic and has four additional clinics planned for 2019 in and around Indianapolis.

Families First hosted the 2018 Family Safety Planning Clinic on December 5. Eight volunteer attorneys, seven interpreters, and three general volunteers were able to help five families create emergency family safety plans. These plans go into effect if a single parent or both parents are detained and/or deported and provide temporary guardianship for their children and Power of Attorney over their affairs.





Volunteers

COIN does not provide direct services, rather COIN works to connect existing organizations that already provide services to immigrants and refugees with each other and volunteers who can help fill legal, mental health, and other needs.

COIN recruits and trains non-immigration attorneys to work with clients, and volunteer attorneys are supervised by an immigration attorney or a BIA-accredited representative. Volunteer attorneys receive Continuing Legal Education credit(s) while learning about Immigration Law and then meet with clients to execute their naturalization application or family safety plan.

In 2018:

63

Attorneys

volunteered for at least one COIN workshop

15

Law Students

shadowed attorneys during Naturalization Workshops

10

General Volunteers

helped immigrants and refugees in at least one COIN workshop

55

Interpreters

helped remove language barriers between volunteers and clients

COIN appreciates all of its volunteers and partners and thanks them for making 2018 a year of growth and accomplishment.



Digital Marketing Report

Digital marketing has been crucial to the success of COIN and its partners. Through social media, the COIN website, and emails, COIN was able to expand its viewership and participation in 2018. Facebook has been a popular form of communication for many people, and at the end of 2018, COIN had 332 🍷s. Instagram has been found to be popular among a younger demographic, and it ended the year with 100 followers. COIN added Twitter to its social media toolbox at the end of 2018.

In 2018, COIN worked with an undergraduate student group from Butler University to create a newsletter and to improve COIN branding for marketing purposes. They designed COIN branded icons and graphics which can be seen throughout this report. COIN also worked with a group of graduate students from IUPUI to draft a PR plan for future fundraising which also included social media as an important tool for COIN's future success.



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345
FOLLOWERS
332
LIKES



@indy_coin

102
FOLLOWERS



@indy_coin

2*
FOLLOWERS

*Brand new!



Mental Health Efforts

Although mental health has been a part of COIN's mission since its founding, legal services for immigrants took precedence due to changing U.S. immigration policy.

In 2018, COIN expanded its focus to also include immigrants' and refugees' underlying mental health needs. As a result, COIN more closely partnered with the Center for Interfaith Cooperation, through which they already had an AmeriCorps Member in the Immigrant and Refugee Service Corps, and re-branded CIC's AmeriCorps program into the Interfaith Enrichment Corps.

Both CIC and COIN recognized that faith communities play an integral role in the mental health of their community members, many of whom are immigrants who seek familiarity through their faith backgrounds. Through AmeriCorps Members, CIC and COIN hoped to provide trainings to faith leaders and lay leaders in the Indianapolis community who can address mental health needs in their communities and provide referrals, if necessary. Each AmeriCorps Member serves to establish relationships with faith communities in order to enrich their community outreach efforts.

COIN is committed to building sustainable partnerships with anchor institutions and faith communities to address these and other needs of our immigrant neighbors.



New AmeriCorps Member Rainie Grant



In September 2018, AmeriCorps Member Rainie Grant joined COIN as a recent graduate of Butler University, with majors in Political Science, French, and Religion. Rainie is an inaugural member of the Interfaith Enrichment Corps through the Center for Interfaith Cooperation.

Rainie comes from a pre-law and legal services background, layered with a variety of interfaith and mental health experiences. These experiences, paired with interests in human rights and organization, led her to serve with COIN. She looks forward to continuing to serve the Indianapolis community.



Our Vision for 2019

In 2019, under the leadership of Julie Sommers Neuman, Executive Director, COIN is looking forward to another year of growth and accomplishment:

- A week-long trip at the end of February to the detention center in Dilley, Texas through the Dilley Pro Bono Project to help detained women prepare for their credible fear interviews. COIN is taking 8 attorneys and 7 Spanish interpreters...
- Increase in social media activity and followers to spread awareness of COIN involvement...
- 4 Family Safety Planning Clinics located in and around Indianapolis...
- More Naturalization Workshops with a new model...

And most of all, stronger partnerships to increase sustainability, capacity, and awareness of resources.



THANK YOU



The Coalition for Our Immigrant Neighbors sincerely thanks The Clowes Fund for their support and for their dedication to our immigrant neighbors.

COIN also thanks Christ Church Cathedral, Ascension-St. Vincent, Kids' Voice of Indiana, and other supporters for their in-kind contributions.

Thank you,

Julie Sommers Neuman, Executive Director
Rainie Grant, AmeriCorps Member



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