Dear Friends,

2019 was a year of growth and gratitude for COIN.

We are grateful to our growing network of partners who work directly with immigrants in our community to determine and meet their ongoing needs.

We are grateful to the growth of our volunteer base. More than 65 attorneys and interpreters gave their time to work with immigrants through our partners who directly service immigrants in our community.

2019 brought growth in governance through our new Board of Directors for the newly incorporated COIN. Their knowledge and involvement in the community adds depth and breadth to COIN.

We are so grateful to our funders, who provide office supplies for volunteers as they work with clients, for a staff of 1-part time director and a full-time AmeriCorps member serving COIN and to keep our coalition meetings robust and meaningful for our partners.

We look forward to a 2020 full of service and collaboration.

Sincerely,
Julie Sommers Neuman
Executive Director

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.

VISION:
A Central Indiana professional community responsive to the unique needs of our Central Indiana immigrant population.
COIN is a great reflection of “servant leadership”. It was originally founded in March of 2016 by Indianapolis attorneys Kent Newton and Lindsay Faulkenberg (now Lindsay Scott). They saw a need to support and coordinate the efforts of organizations and individuals serving immigrant and refugee communities in central Indiana. In the words of Toni Morrison, they were not only ‘touched’ by that need, they were “moved” to do something.

Over the past three years, COIN has begun to live up to its name as a Coalition for Our Immigrant Neighbors. COIN has hosted monthly meetings attended by dozens of individuals representing schools, agencies, faith groups, businesses, health care providers and many others. They have shared information, provided assistance, coordinated gatherings, welcomed refugees, and raised the profile of immigrants as our neighbors and members of our community.

Kent and Lindsay, with the invaluable assistance of Julie Sommers Neuman as the Executive Director, then decided this past year to take the next important step. Over the past few months COIN has established a governing board composed of a variety of individuals who are creative, talented, diverse and committed to continuing COIN’s important mission. That mission remains to support other organizations and individuals that are serving the many needs of our current and future immigrant communities. COIN is not a direct service provider, but it serves, supports, facilitates and coordinates the efforts of others toward a shared goal. COIN will never become a big, bureaucratic organization – our accountability is to our community and a healthy, vibrant future.

As COIN looks back on the past year and builds towards a rich and full 2020, I invite you to visit COIN’s website to see the many organizations and activities and events that COIN supports. Join us at a monthly meeting to learn, share resources, and be inspired. Show up for an event or workshop, or provide assistance for one of COIN’s supported organizations. Together, COIN is helping to weave together the strong and colorful strands of a remarkable community net that welcomes and supports all of our neighbors.

Sincerely,
David Jose
Board Chair
It is with gratitude that COIN welcomes its first Board of Directors.

**Officers:**

David Jose, Board Chair  
Smith Amundsen

Kent Newton, Secretary  
Kent Newton Law

Yuri Rodriguez, Treasurer  
Christ Church Cathedral

**Members:**

Halima Al-Khattab, Hamilton Center  
Jeff Bower, St. Paul's Episcopal  
Sarah Burrow, Lewis Kappes  
Tyler Cho, Faegre Baker Daniels  
Wandini Riggins, Indiana Court of Appeals  
Diane Willis
Power of the Coalition

**COIN connects** organizations and **augments** existing community programs available for immigrants through monthly meetings.

**COIN strives** to reach organizations who serve immigrants: faith communities, non-profits, legal service providers, mental health providers, schools, government programs, and more. 2019 continued to be a year of growth, and we look forward to expanding our network in 2020.

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**2019 MEETING SNAPSHOT:**
- **131** total individuals representing **75** different organizations
- **81** new individuals and **34** new organizations
- **10** immigration law updates
- **5** speakers on legal services
- **6** speakers on mental health initiatives
- **11** speakers on other community resources for immigrants

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**Hear what community organizations say about COIN:**

"I am blown away by the power of this group" -Rachel Sever, MSD of Washington Township

"I never leave a COIN meeting without having made at least one new contact that frequently turns into a collaboration partner" -Bruce Garrison, The Dwelling Place
The Coalition for Our Immigrant Neighbors consists of the many organizations that come together monthly to learn, share and collaborate on the important issues facing immigrants in Indianapolis and beyond. These organizations attended at least one COIN meeting in 2019:

ACLU
Adams Immigration Law
Alison Finkelmeier Law Office, LLC
AmeriCorps
Ascension St. Vincent
Benchmark Human Services
Bethany Christian Services
Brooke’s Place
Catholic Charities
Center for Interfaith Cooperation
Center for Victim and Human Rights
ChristelHouse DORS
City of Indianapolis
The Clowes Fund
Comunidad Hispana Bautista
Consulado de México en Indianápolis
Department of Child Services
Domestic Violence Network
The Dwelling Place
Eskenazi Health
Esperanza Alonzo Law Office, P.C.
Fair Housing Center
Faith in Indiana
Families First
Family Development Services
First Baptist Church
Grassroot Projects
Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Indiana Immigration Law Group
Indiana Legal Services
Indiana University
Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department
Indianapolis Public Schools
Indy Reads

IUPUI
Jane Pauley Community Health Center
Jewish Community Center
John Boner Center
Kent Newton Law
Kids' Voice of Indiana
Lewis Kappes
Linda Kelly Law Office
Lucas Sayre, Attorney-at-Law
Marion County Office of Public Defenders
Marion County Office of Social Work
Masjid Al-Fajr
MCH MOMS
MSD of Washington Township
MSD of Wayne Township
National Alliance on Mental Illness
National Immigrant Justice Center
Necessary Ingredients for a Simple Existence
Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic
Office of Rep. Andre Carson
PilotED Indiana
Riley Foundation
Rural and Urban Access to Health
SCORE Indianapolis
SENSE Charter
Shalom Health Care
Shepherd Community Center
Smith Amundsen
St. Monica’s Catholic Church
St. Paul’s Episcopal Church
St. Philip Neri Catholic Church
Their Story is Our Story
UNITE INDY
United Way of Central Indiana
COIN partners with community organizations and mobilizes volunteer attorneys and interpreters to provide pro-bono legal services to immigrants and their families.

**Family Safety Planning Clinics**

COIN's partnerships with Families First, MSD of Wayne Township, The Office of André Carson, Kids' Voice of Indiana, St. Philip Neri, and Christ Church Cathedral ensured the success of three of these clinics in 2019, with more planned for 2020.

**Naturalization Workshops**

COIN participated in four workshops to help lawful permanent residents apply for U.S. citizenship. Thanks to Catholic Charities, Christ Church Cathedral, Hope for Tomorrow, Immigrant Welcome Center, Indiana Legal Services and Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic.

**Legal Efforts**

- **39 Lawyers**
- **26 Interpreters**
- **10 Law Students**
- **10 General Volunteers**
- **560+ Volunteer Hours**
In 2019, COIN continued its partnership with the Center for Interfaith Cooperation's AmeriCorps program, the Interfaith Enrichment Corps, to present mental health resources and trainings to AmeriCorps members serving in faith communities with immigrant congregations or immigrant outreach programs.

Many thanks to:
NAMI Greater Indianapolis
Community Health Network
The Julian Center
Families First
Brooke's Place and
many others for sharing their mental health programs with us.
COIN coordinated a team of 15 attorneys and interpreters to provide pro bono services for one week to women and children at a detention center in Dilley, TX. Our second team returns to Dilley in February 2020 as the crisis at the border continues.

To my COIN group: God bless you all for your generosity, for giving your time and expertise in immigration law and for letting me be part of a wonderful program -Suyapa Bender

"This experience has been a treasure. It has been an experience of a lifetime. No doubt many of us will never be the same after Dilley"
-Maria Pimentel-Gannon

COIN hosted an art exhibit: Images from the Border: Here and There.

Many thanks to the artists, Jim Burklo, Valarie Lee James, Ana Maria Ferreira and Joy Hernandez and our partners, AILA Indiana Chapter, Christ Church Cathedral, First Baptist Church, Indiana Interchurch Center, Jewish Community Center of Indianapolis, and St. Monica's Catholic Church for their contributions.
COIN looks forward to another year of growth and sustainability through our 2020 goals to:

- Continue to build the coalition of service providers who work with our immigrant neighbors to augment connections and collaboration
- Continue to strengthen and be a catalyst for Mental Health programs for our immigrant neighbors
- Continue to bring vibrant educational programs to our monthly meetings
- Increase awareness surrounding immigrant experiences through another trip to the border
- Continue to organize and offer Family Safety Planning Clinics and Naturalization volunteers throughout Indianapolis
- Continue to fill needs with attorneys willing to give their time to serve immigrants
We sincerely thank The Clowes Fund, Kids' Voice of Indiana, Christ Church Cathedral and Ascension St. Vincent for their contributions.

The generous support from organizations and individuals allows COIN to do the work it does best: connecting organizations with legal and mental health resources for immigrant communities, and mobilizing volunteer attorneys, interpreters, and others to assist in such efforts.

Thank you for being a part of Coalition for Our Immigrant Neighbors.

Stay connected via @indy_coin!