

ALL ABOUT JCIRA

Who are we? Jefferson County Immigrant Rights Advocates (JCIRA), a 501(c)(3) and Washington State non-profit corporation.

What do we do? We support the rights of immigrants on the Olympic Peninsula and of detainees at the Northwest Detention Center, through legal services, standing witness, advocacy, family support, and community education.

Legal Services Referrals, Financial Assistance and Family Support

- Collaborate with Kitsap Immigration Assistance Center (KIAC) and connect immigrants to KIAC's low-cost legal services (include obtaining and renewing green cards, adjustment of status, asylum and more) in our Port Townsend office.
- Offer financial assistance for immigrants and their families through our JCIRA Fund.

Standing Witness

- Support the right of immigrants with a Hotline phone number and a rapid response team ready to stand witness if a situation arises with ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) or Border Patrol.
- Encourage public support of Hotline. Call or text 360-531-2656 if you see ICE or Border Patrol anywhere on the Olympic Peninsula.
- Support detainees and their families at the Northwest Detention Center.

Advocacy

- Organize frequent rallies based on immigrant-related issues, such as DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals), TPS (Temporary Protected Status) and family separations at the border and in detention centers.
- Support immigrant and refugee rights through state and national legislation.

Family Support

- Assist immigrant families in finding local resources to help meet their needs.
- Support education and summer programs for immigrant youth.
- Provide financial assistance when needed.

Community Education

- Give presentations to faith communities, public libraries and other organizations to educate the community about the history and complexities of immigration.
- Meet with local and state groups to extend the network of people engaged in similar immigrant rights support.

Community Involvement

- Work closely with local groups such as Jefferson Interfaith Action Coalition (JIAC), Indivisible Huddle, ESL classes, Habitat for Humanity, health and social service agencies, and the Olympic Peninsula Social Justice Coalition (OPSJC).
- Present the immigrants' rights perspective to local political parties and candidates running for office.