

Barriers to Immigrant Women in the Raleigh Metropolitan Area

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Child Care

There is no social Childcare system in the US. Immigrant women, are denied services based on funding availability, are deemed ineligible because they cannot gain employment before finding childcare, or miss out on services because they are unaware they are eligible.

Education

The United States visa system favors traditionally male dominated fields, and immigrant women are less likely to migrate on employment-based visas, and more likely to face challenges legitimizing their education and experience



Language

64 percent of immigrant women reported speaking little to no English, even after living in the United States for several years



Documentation

Lack of documentation prevents immigrant women from accessing social services, employment, and safely interacting with law enforcement

Interlocking barriers to employment, health and safety

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1.8/5

on the New American Economy Index, which measures positive immigrant outcomes

Policy Solutions

- Increase funding for early head start
- Expand ESOL classes and Ready to Work Program
- Implement a municipal ID program and limit law enforcement agencies' cooperation with ICE

Raleigh scored the lowest of the 22 SE cities included

17%

of Immigrant women are in poverty

2X

Immigrant women are over twice as likely to be uninsured as American-born women

51%

of female-identifying intimate partner homicide victims were foreign-born