

KITSAP IMMIGRANT ASSISTANCE CENTER

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# 2023 Annual Impact Report



Dear Friends of KIAC,

What an extraordinary year it's been for us here at KIAC! 2023 marked a season of growth and transformation for our organization, and we are humbled by the incredible support shown by our community.

Throughout 2023, KIAC sustained its impactful mission of serving over 2,000 clients through our immigration legal, tax and business, and family services programs. We expanded programming in several ways: we established an in-house free medical clinic for immigrants without access to health insurance, opened a satellite location in Belfair, and introduced youth programming including a student-led mural and a teen knitting circle. We collaborated with community partners to provide workshops on topics such as changes to health insurance eligibility, enrollment in Puget Sound Energy bill discounts, employment and how to purchase a home.

Looking to the future, KIAC is celebrating a significant milestone – our 20-year anniversary! Established in 2004 by a committed group of volunteers with a mission to connect immigrants with social services, KIAC expanded its scope in 2014 by obtaining accreditation from the Department of Justice to provide immigration legal services. What began as a grassroots movement to enhance the lives of immigrants in our community has evolved into a cornerstone for immigrant support in Kitsap County. Along with providing essential direct services, our focus extends to advocacy and promoting immigrant-centric accessibility within our partners' service lines.

In the last two decades, KIAC has emerged as a trusted hub of resources for immigrants in the West Puget Sound region and stands as a steadfast pillar of support for our clients.

We are incredibly grateful to our devoted community of supporters who make our work possible. From our generous donors to our grantors and business sponsors, from our passionate staff and volunteers to our partner organizations – thank you. Your contributions are invaluable to the success of our mission, and we could not continue do so without you.

With gratitude,  
Elizabeth Mohny, Board President and acting  
Executive Director



## KIAC'S MISSION

Recognizing the inherent worth and dignity of all people, KIAC works for the well-being and empowerment of immigrants through education, advocacy and social justice.

## KIAC'S VISION

KIAC envisions a community where everyone, regardless of where they were born, has fair and equitable access to justice, respect and opportunity.

# 2023 IMPACT STORY

Andrea\*, Tomas\* and their young son came to the United States from Central America after escaping violence and persecution in their home country. In 2017, a few months after arriving in Washington, they came to KIAC for help. Our immigration legal team spoke to them about their experience and determined that unfortunately Tomas did not have a legal pathway to becoming documented, but there was a pathway to asylum for Andrea and their son.

Our legal team got to work and was able to present a strong case for asylum. However, a backlog in the immigration court left them waiting four years for an asylum hearing.



While waiting for their hearing, Andrea and Tomas continued to establish their lives here in Washington. They grew their family, used KIAC's tax and business program to obtain a business license and ultimately opened their own company, returning to KIAC each quarter to file their taxes.

Finally, in 2021, the KIAC legal team won asylum for Andrea and her son! Although this was good news, Tomas was still without status and faced the danger of deportation. Fortunately, asylum law allows people in this situation to become asylees because they are the spouse of an asylee.

KIAC immediately got to work with Tomas's asylum application. After two years of waiting, Tomas had his asylum interview in April 2023 and in March of 2024, his asylum was granted! Tomas now has legal status and his family can remain together.

Andrea has since been able to gain status as a legal permanent resident and will be able to apply for citizenship in two years. Tomas will be able to apply for legal permanent resident status in 2025, and KIAC will be here to help them both on their path to U.S. citizenship!



\*Names have been changed to respect client confidentiality.

# KIAC BY THE NUMBERS



**11,547** volunteer hours served, including  
**6,685** immigration legal and  
**4,109** family services hours.

## Family Services Program

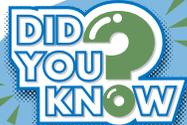
### Distributed

- **466** deliveries of baby and child supplies to **142** children through Kidvantage
- **2,951** hygiene items
- **520** children's books in Spanish or bilingual
- **30** car seats



**458** visits to New Beginnings Clothing Closet.

**\$27,501** Distributed in emergency rent assistance to 13 families, impacting 37 individuals.



Most undocumented immigrants aren't eligible to receive food assistance from programs like SNAP.

KIAC's provides grocery gift cards as well as food bundles including rice, beans and maseca to immigrants experiencing hardship.

Distributed **857** food bundles to **283** unique families and **\$5,650** in grocery gift cards.



### Healthcare

- **267** free medical clinic appointments for **138** unique patients
- **23** dental clinics with Peninsula Community Health Services
- **104** free specialist appointments coordinated
- **64** community members advocated in Olympia for accessible health insurance



## Immigration Legal Services

**382** New Immigration Legal Matters Opened Including:



- **29** naturalizations
- **39** employment authorizations
- **7** green card renewals
- **19** adjustment of status

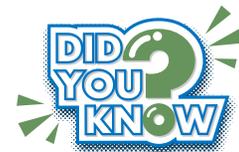


- **22** removal defense cases
- **12** SIJS cases for unaccompanied children
- **9** asylum cases
- **220** consultations

### Countries of Origin of Immigration Legal Clients



## Tax & Business Program



Immigrants without permanent status are able to work in Washington by opening their own businesses and filing for ITINs (individual taxpayer identification numbers) which allows them to pay taxes. This helps them contribute to the economy, support themselves and it looks favorably in their immigration legal proceedings.



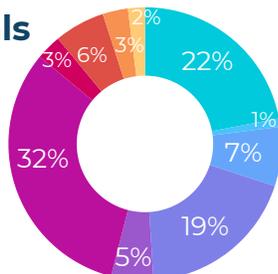
**67** new business licenses obtained for immigrant entrepreneurs.



**96** state tax filings  
**90** federal tax filings

### Resource Navigation and External Referrals

- **1100** in-person appointments
- **3,000** client phone calls



# CURRENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS & STAFF

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Family Services Director  
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Paralegal  
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Family Services  
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Administrative Assistant  
Nanci Mendoza

Operations & Tech  
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Family Services & Youth  
Program Associate  
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**Community Partners:** Angelica Yanten-Winter Real Estate, Belfair Community Church, Bremerton School District, Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Connection Credit Union, Culturally Speaking, Evergreen Home Loans, Goodwill, Jefferson County Immigrant Rights Advocates, KidVantage, Kitsap Great Give, Kitsap Legal Services, Kitsap Mesa Redonda, Kitsap Public Health District, Kitsap Regional Library, Kitsap Strong, Local Lions Clubs, New Beginnings Clothing Closet, Northwest Washington Family Medicine Residency, OESD 114 Early Learning, One America, One Call for All, Peninsula Community Health Services, Producciones Pablo360, Puget Sound Energy, Project Access NW, Silverdale Dental Center, United Way, Urbanist Collective, Washington Immigrant Solidarity Network, West Sound Free Clinic, and many more!

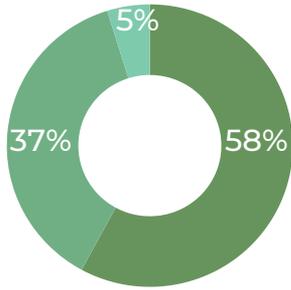
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# 2023 FINANCIALS

KIAC is grateful for each and every individual, business, grantor and foundation who contributed to the success of our work this past year. Your continued support helped us work towards ensuring that everyone has fair and equitable access to justice, respect and opportunity.



## 2023 Revenue

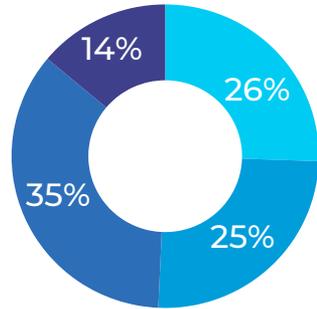
● Grants	\$ 759,580
● Donations	\$ 488,716
● Client Fees	\$ 63,289

Total Revenue \$ 1,311,585

## 2023 Expenses

● Family Services	\$ 241,672
● Legal Services	\$ 238,549
● General Operations	\$ 334,893
● Fundraising	\$ 131,706

Total Expenses \$ 946,820



## Assets, Liabilities & Net Assets

### Assets

Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$1,368,019
Grants & Accounts Receivable	\$311,329
Prepaid Expenses	\$5,602
Fixed Assets	\$30,464

### Liabilities & Net Assets

Accounts Payable	\$13,280
Accrued Liabilities	\$28,787
Net Assets:	
with donor restrictions	\$87,200
without donor restrictions	\$1,586,147