



HELPING NEWCOMERS THRIVE

The YMCA's New American Welcome Centers



At the Y, strengthening communities is our cause and we are committed to helping all people reach their full potential. We believe the strength and cohesiveness of our communities is linked to the overall prosperity of the nation. With more than **42 million foreign-born individuals living in the United States**, it is more important than ever to foster an environment that **encourages immigrant integration** and **community cohesion**.

The **YMCA's New American Welcome Centers (NAWC)** are designed to help immigrants—also referred to as newcomers—fully integrate into American society and prepare receiving communities to be welcoming and inclusive. NAWCs accomplish this through a combination of integration services, collaborations with community leaders and businesses, and strategies to connect and build cross-cultural understanding between immigrants and U.S.-born residents.

FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

New American Welcome
Center Model



The NAWC integration model empowers immigrants to achieve their full potential and prepares receiving communities to be inclusive through a focus on:

Language
and
Education



Economic
Integration
and
Employment



Health
and
Well-being



Citizenship
and Civic
Engagement



Community
Development



NEW AMERICAN WELCOME CENTERS BUILD COMMUNITIES THAT ARE:

- **Cohesive:** A vibrant society shared and valued by established and newcomer residents of different experiences, histories, ethnicities and backgrounds.
- **Revitalized:** A revitalization of declining communities through the contributions of immigrant families working in tandem with their U.S.-born neighbors.
- **Inclusive:** Communities welcome and embrace all dimensions of diversity and celebrate the rich cultural fabric of our society.
- **Globally connected:** Increased productivity and a robust global economy through an expanded base of multi-lingual and multicultural workers, consumers, taxpayers and entrepreneurs.
- **Vibrant democracies:** A social and cultural environment in which all groups are accepted as equal members of society with the opportunity—and responsibility—to engage and contribute to the common good.
- **Secure:** A more secure nation where all members of society—regardless of race, national origin, or socio-economic status—live in dignity and equality.

NATIONWIDE, 15 YMCA ASSOCIATIONS HAVE ESTABLISHED NEW AMERICAN WELCOME CENTERS TO SERVE THEIR COMMUNITIES:

- YMCA of Central Ohio
- YMCA of Greater Boston
- YMCA of Greater Charlotte
- YMCA of Greater Houston
- YMCA of Greater Kansas City
- YMCA of Greater Long Beach
- YMCA of Greater New York
- YMCA of Greater Seattle
- YMCA of Greater Twin Cities
- YMCA of Metropolitan Los Angeles
- YMCA of San Francisco
- YMCA of Snohomish County (WA)
- YMCA of Southern Maine
- YMCA of the University of Illinois
- YMCA of York and York County (PA)



For more information on the **Y's New American Welcome Centers**, contact YMCA of the USA at 800 872 9622 or international@ymca.net.