



Immigrant Family Services Institute (IFSI-USA) at a Glance

Who we are: IFSI-USA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit agency targeting the immigrant community in Massachusetts with a focus on children of new immigrants with very limited English proficiency. We identify critical issues facing the community and we bring funders, providers and stakeholders together to meet the future emerging needs of immigrants in the States.

Founded: 2014

Mission: Offer a better future to new immigrants by reducing barriers to accessing services, thus facilitating their successful transition into the social and the economic fabric of their cities.

How We Do It: We pursue a set of innovative strategies to facilitate the integration of our target population and improve their quality of life. We adopt a holistic approach to serving immigrants by integrating children, parents, extended families, and other stakeholders into a village model that resonates positively with immigrants in general. All IFSI-USA programs and services are culturally appropriate, and make use of strategic partnerships, and computer applications when appropriate to connect immigrants with services and organizations to immigrants.

Services: We provide the following services:

- Quality afterschool programming during the academic year from Monday through Friday from 2:30 – 6:00 p.m. with activities designed to support and enhance the school day.
- Weekend Academy: A test prep programming- Every Saturday:
 - From 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 - A five-week intensive summer program and year around

music education for elementary and middle school age children.

- Parents workshops and outreach through weekly radio programming and monthly meetings
- Easy access to information by developing a tool kit to provide basic information about housing, school choices, job search, credentialing process, health issues, and other social services. The tool also connects new immigrants to many providers in their own communities.
- Leadership Workshop for community Leaders

Number of Children Served: 40 during the academic year-
115 over the summer and
60 in music education.

Number of youth leaders trained and employed: 30

Number of Parents served: over 300

Funding: 2016 agency budget: \$120,000
70% funding from foundations
20% from program fees
10% funding from individuals

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