



# **OUR IMPACT THIS YEAR: FY 2021-22**

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# **COLLEGE PROGRAMS**

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During the COVID-19 pandemic, an unprecedented number of **undocumented college students nationwide dropped out of school** in order to support themselves and their families. Now they are struggling to continue their higher education journeys.

# COLLEGE PROGRAMS

Immigrants Rising helps **undocumented college students** get all the funding they're eligible for, as well as the coaching and mentoring they need to stay motivated. We also work with **educators and institutions** to build long-term systemic support for undocumented student success.



# COLLEGE PROGRAMS



**150 undocumented college students** received **1,234 hours** of 1:1 mentorship, coaching, or group support to help them achieve their educational goals.



**4,133 educators** received specialized training and technical assistance to support undocumented students.



**710,000 users** accessed our online resources about college.



**“A mentor with similar experiences or an ally to undocumented folks makes the greatest difference because we feel supported, seen, and know someone can listen to us. I don't have to be scared of sharing my status.”**

**— Estefanía Escalante,**  
College Mentorship Program



# **CAREER PROGRAMS**



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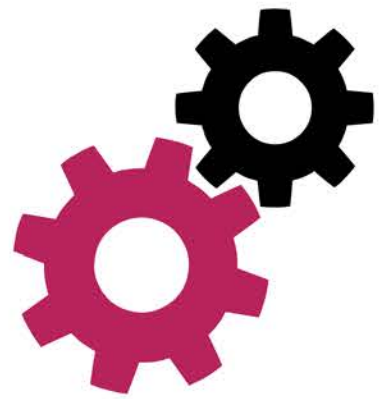
Undocumented professionals often **struggle to start their careers** due to a lack of work authorization, professional networks, relevant work experience, and role models.

# CAREER PROGRAMS

Immigrants Rising provides **undocumented professionals** with the hands-on training, professional development, and mentoring they need to launch and grow their careers.



# CAREER PROGRAMS



**35 undocumented professionals** received **4,148 hours** of training, mentorship, and hands-on career experience, **four** of whom gained **1,680 hours** towards their mental health provider licensure.



**“The Mental Health Career Program has opened the doors to incredible people and an empowering community. It has given me hope that I can get through this journey of career licensing.”**

**— Julio Cesar Zamarripa,  
Career Program Participant**





# **LAW SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

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Many undocumented people are motivated and qualified to pursue careers in law due to their own experiences navigating the legal system. Unfortunately, **financial assistance for law school and professional contacts are often unavailable** to undocumented students.



# LAW SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Immigrants Rising provides **undocumented law school applicants** with financial support, help navigating the application process, and a network of other pre-law students and legal professionals.

# LAW SCHOOL PROGRAMS



**58 undocumented students** participated in a “Pre-Law Bootcamp” with 12 hours of workshops about applying to law school.



**20 undocumented students** received **\$50,000** in “Pre-Law Fund” grants in order to apply to law school.



“**After attending the Pre-Law Bootcamp, I am even more determined to become an attorney to confront systemic injustices and advocate for human rights.”**

— **Ana Hyo Young**, Pre-Law Fund Recipient





# **ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAMS**

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Undocumented entrepreneurs have proven essential to our country as we recover from the **crippling economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic**. Our nation needs their tenacity and innovation to forge a path forward.

# ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAMS

Through a \$5.41 million SEED grant, Immigrants Rising provides training and micro-grants to help **undocumented entrepreneurs across California** start or grow their businesses. Entrepreneurship Programs are offered in English, Spanish, Korean, and Tagalog.



# ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAMS



**789 undocumented entrepreneurs** received entrepreneurship training and were selected to receive over **\$4,075,000** in grants to launch or grow their businesses.

“**Being a solo undocumented entrepreneur is overwhelming, but receiving training and a \$5,000 grant from Immigrants Rising has enabled me to develop a vision for scaling my business up.”**

— **Tobore Oweh**, Entrepreneurship  
Grant Recipient



**LEGAL SERVICES**



# LEGAL SERVICES

Despite the gridlock in immigration reform and the challenge of navigating a complex legal system, undocumented people have **opportunities to adjust their immigration status and to live and travel with confidence.**

# LEGAL SERVICES

Since 2009, Immigrants Rising has helped over **4,600 undocumented people** identify their potential immigration remedies and benefits. Our other legal resources offer valuable insights for navigating life, and making informed legal decisions.



# LEGAL SERVICES



**243 undocumented people** learned about their immigration legal remedies through our online intake service.



**118,000 users** accessed our information and resources created for undocumented people to confidently travel.



**I got a very good understanding of my options and the tools I could use to work towards possible sponsorship. If it wasn't for Immigrants Rising, I may never have known what my true options were."**

**— Seung Eli Oh, Legal Intake Service User**



**MENTAL HEALTH**

# MENTAL HEALTH

Undocumented people are resilient and adaptive to change, but living without status amid a **constant stream of toxic anti-immigrant rhetoric and policies** can take a significant toll on a person's well-being.



# MENTAL HEALTH

Immigrants Rising's **Wellness Support Groups** help undocumented people stay grounded and connected to community, while our **Mental Health Connector** provides them with direct culturally competent psychological support.

# MENTAL HEALTH



**300** undocumented people received **15,000** hours of **individual therapy**.



**350** undocumented people received **2,100** hours of **group mental health support**.



**I can safely say that Immigrants Rising saved my life. For a long time I felt alone and hopeless being undocumented. But therapy has steadied me mentally and emotionally when I needed it most."**

**— Wayne Rasto, Wellness  
Group Participant**



**COVID RELIEF**



# COVID RELIEF

As immigrant communities faced the brunt of the fallout from COVID-19, Immigrants Rising provided direct **financial support** and continued to foster undocumented leadership in California.

# COVID RELIEF



**422 undocumented high school and college students** received **\$211,000** in COVID-relief emergency grants.



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**I've had to struggle to support myself because I'm here alone in this country. It became more difficult when COVID hit because I couldn't work as much and struggled to pay for stuff."**

**— Mission High School Student, Grant Recipient**

**STORYTELLING**



# STORYTELLING

Undocumented people are too often the **subjects, rather than the protagonists** of stories in mainstream media. There is an urgent need for nuanced, complex narratives that are told by undocumented immigrants themselves.

# STORYTELLING

Immigrants Rising is committed to ensuring that a diverse array of storytellers, including marginalized groups within the undocumented community, have the opportunity to **reclaim and share their personal stories** in order to heal, strengthen community bonds, transform hearts and minds, and advance policy legislation.



# STORYTELLING



**62 undocumented people** of diverse backgrounds had opportunities to share their stories publicly.

**“Undocumented folks’ willingness to share our stories is very telling of who we are as a community, in and beyond this country. It gives me hope to hear how we are living our best lives.”**

**— Alejandro Espinoza,  
Storytelling Fellow**

