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We support the rights of immigrants and their families, giving priority to those who live or work on the Olympic Peninsula and immigrant detainees within Washington State, through access to legal services, standing witness, family support, community education and advocacy.

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Note from Outreach Coordinator Natalia Durán:
OCEAN: Multicultural Center Field Trip

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One of my priorities as someone who advocates for the immigrant community are children. As an adult, I learned about different issues and history around the world, some far away, and others very close. When I realized these issues and history were never mentioned in school nor in community conversations, I felt very frustrated.

In October, the Multicultural Center hosted a field trip for the OCEAN (Opportunity Community Experience Academics Navigation) Program. OCEAN K-12 Family Partnership Program is an independent study alternative learning experience program for students grade K-12. We started the conversation with a video where children were asked what the word immigrant means to them. I would like to highlight one of the many interesting responses; *“My family is Mexican. We didn’t move, the border moved. We are not immigrants; my ancestors have always lived where they live.”*

We also had two presenters that have different but similar stories occurring at different times in history. First, Joanne Murayama shared her family pictures and quilt that tells the story of her family living in an internment camp during the Second World War. Second, Storya Mamond, a recent immigrant from Afghanistan, read a children’s book about an Afghan family living in camp while the Taliban came to power. As Storya read, she was able to relate and share her own experience and how her family came to Port Townsend.

support of unaccompanied migrant children who need lawyers when they go to immigration court.

"It's never too early to tell our stories."



Michi Murayama and the award-winning quilt she made of the experience in the Japanese American internment camp.

Advocacy: #Let Asylum Seekers Work

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and want to work, and our economy needs them as businesses buckle under the strain of historic labor shortages.

Congress has introduced multiple bipartisan bills to improve access to work authorization for asylum seekers. Members of Congress stand with business leaders, faith leaders, city leaders, and community members throughout the country who all agree: let asylum seekers work.

The **House Asylum Seeker Work Authorization Act (ASWAA, HR 1325)** is a practical and needed step forward. Learn more about how to prompt your representatives to support these efforts [here](#).

Healthcare Expansion Program

Starting November 1, everyone who lives in Washington State can buy health and dental insurance through Washington Healthplanfinder, regardless of immigration status.

For more information in English, go [here](#). Para más información en español ve a este [enlace](#).

Videos are available in different languages using the closed caption functionality in YouTube. Go [here](#) for a video in English. For other languages, turn on closed captions (CC icon) then choose the language using the Settings icon > Subtitles/CC > Auto translate > select language. Note: The translations are auto-generated and may not accurately reflect the presentation.

Everyone in Washington
can buy health insurance on
Washington Healthplanfinder
Starting Nov. 1

Regardless of
immigration
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**Todas las personas
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pueden comprar un seguro médico
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Special volunteer Opportunities

JCIRA has a need for some specialized volunteers—and for both of these positions, you can work from home, but still help immigrants in our community. Prefer another way to volunteer? Check out the choices [here](#).

Do You Have Experience or Interest in Creating Websites?

Whether you've designed a website, created a blog, or would just like to learn to create one for your small business or Etsy page, here's an opportunity to help JCIRA while you learn or enhance your skills. We need help with our website, mostly to backup our web administrator, but you can be more involved if you would like. You don't need HTML because we use a template designed just for non-technical people. If you have experience with a website, blog, or photo-editing program, your skills would be especially valued. It's an ideal position for someone who wants to volunteer, but needs to do it on their own time. After you're trained, you can work from home, and you can choose your hours.

Want to learn more? Contact Rachel Imper at 360-344-8287 or email rimper3@gmail.com.

Are You Bilingual in Spanish and English? Can You Spare Time for a Short-Term Project?

We're making an effort to make one portion of our website more accessible for Spanish-speaking immigrants, especially for those who need help. This short-term project should go quickly if we can get two or three people to volunteer. You could make a difference for people who are in need of assistance.

If you're interested, contact Rachel Imper at 360-344-8287 or email rimper3@gmail.com.

JCIRA Celebrates Day of the Dead at Finn River: In Pictures





COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Medical and Health

JC Mash (free clinic)
136 Water Street, Suite 109

Food

All Food Banks:
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JFC Express Clinic
834 Sheridan St., Suite B
PT, WA 98368 360-385-2204

North Olympic Healthcare Network
Two locations in Port Angeles
360-452-7891 www.nohn-pa.org

Jefferson Dental Clinic
915 Sheridan
PT, WA 98368 360-344-1005

Ecumenical Christian Helping Hands Organization
1110 Jefferson St., PT, WA 98368
360-379-3246 www.echhojc.org

WIC Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and
Children under 5
Jefferson County Public Health
615 Sheridan St., PT, WA 98368
360-385-9432

Quilcene Food Bank
294952 US 101
Quilcene, WA 98376

Tri-Area Food Bank
760 Chimacum Road
Chimacum, WA
98325
360-385-9462

Port Townsend Food
Bank
1925 Blaine Street
PT, WA 98368

Other Services

Dove House Advocacy Services
Advocacy, basic needs, housing assistance, and
other resources for recent and past victims of
domestic violence, sexual assault and general
crime.

www.dovehousejc.org

1045 10th Street, PT WA 98368
Office and 24/7 Crisis Line: 360-385-5291

St. Vincent de Paul
Help with needs like food, gas, prescriptions,
mobile phones/minutes, propane, utilities,
medical/dental expenses, repairs, clothing and
laundry.

<https://svdpejc.org/>

360-379-1325

Olympic Community Action (OlyCAP)

Housing

Bayside Housing and
Services
www.baysidehousing.org

310 Hadlock Bay
Road
Port Hadlock, WA
98339
360-385-4637

Jefferson County
Emergency Shelter
Located in the
basement of the
American Legion
209 Monroe St, Port
Townsend, WA 98368
Regular hours 4:00
PM-8:00 AM 7 days a

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transportation, etc.) for low-income households.

www.olycap.org

823 Commerce Loop Quilcene, WA 98376

360-385-2571

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