Register for the Virtual Event Series

Immigrant Families: Spreading and Adapting 2Gen Working Practices

As 2020 unfolded with the COVID-19 pandemic, a weakened economy and increasing anti-immigrant rhetoric, the need for effective design and delivery of 2Gen services grew -- and nonprofit organizations responded with quick thinking and action, inventiveness, and adaptation. Hosted by the Aspen Institute Community Strategies Group in partnership with the Migration Policy Institute and Ascend at the Aspen Institute, this four-part webinar series will unpack the nuts and bolts of creative strategies that nonprofit organizations have implemented to deliver 2Gen services to immigrant families, youth and children. These events are open to anyone interested in learning more about work with immigrant families, and no prior 2Gen knowledge or experience is necessary.

Webinar Dates (may be subject to change):

Building Trust on August 12 from 2:00 to 3:30 PM ET. Learn how three very different organizations all use innovative approaches and incorporate immigrant family voice in program design to build trust within the community. Speakers include Hispanic Unity Compass (Florida), Denver Public Schools (Colorado) and Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Baton Rouge (Louisiana).

Working Through Immigrant Status on September 16 from 2:00 to 3:30 PM ET. Participate in a deep-dive discussion on designing and implementing a 2Gen program that serves immigrant families when some family members may be undocumented. Hear strategies for building staff capacity, innovative partnerships to assist with documentation and funding that can legally go directly to emergency help for immigrant families. Speakers include Chicago Commons (Illinois) and On the Move (Napa Valley, California).

Growing Language Skills on October 14 from 2:00 to 3:30 PM ET. Hear new approaches for establishing clear and more effective communications and language services to immigrant families. Organizations will share their experience translating materials, increasing organizational capacity and tailoring language programs for the needs of families. Speakers include CAP Tulsa (Oklahoma) and Charlotte Bilingual Preschool (North Carolina).

Cultural Competence Secrets to Success on November 10 from 2:00 to 3:30 PM ET. Learn how providers are building cultural competency to better connect with and understand the worldview of the immigrant and refugee families they serve. The conversation will explore issues of gender norms, trauma-informed care, immigrant and refugee mental health, and financial literacy. Speakers include the Arab American Family Support Center (New York, New York) and the Family Partnership (Minnesota).