An immigrant-led 501(c)3 organization that partners with educators to ensure immigrant and undocumented students thrive in the K-12 education system

**OUR WHY**
Research indicates that students need a safe and supportive learning environment in order to learn.

Immigrant students and families show a unique resilience and have endless potential as they navigate the K-12 system. For immigrant students, the perceived and real fear of losing their parents to deportation can have a detrimental impact in their well-being and academic success. As former undocumented students, we know that when educators create a safe and supportive learning environment, the likelihood for success is greater.

**THE OPPORTUNITY**

- **12 MILLION** undocumented immigrants live in the U.S.
- **3.9 MILLION** K-12 immigrant students live in mixed-status families
- **→ YET ONLY 1%** of school districts have adopted immigrant-friendly policies

**OUR SOLUTION**
ImmSchools creates a supportive net for immigrant and undocumented communities in K-12 schools by 1) partnering with educators to establish schools as safe havens, a Constitutional Right; 2) empowering families as leaders and embracing students as change agents, and 3) advocating for immigrant-friendly policies within the K-12 system.

**SUPPORTIVE EDUCATORS**

Educators have the knowledge, skills, and capacity to support undocumented students and families.

**IMMIGRANT-FRIENDLY POLICIES**

School districts pass and implement effective immigrant-friendly policies and resolutions.

**COLLECTIVE POWER**

Schools and local organizations work in partnership to support undocumented students and families.

**SAFE & INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS**

Immigrant and undocumented students and families thrive in the K-12 system.

**OUR IMPACT**

**IN YEAR ONE**

- **960** immigrant students & families participated in ImmSchools programming, increasing their access to legal and educational services
- **950** educators and schools staff received training to better support undocumented students and families, with 20 orgs bringing ImmSchools programming in
- **96%** agreed or strongly agreed that training from ImmSchools for increased educators’ knowledge and felt better to support undocumented students

“ImmSchools workshops have helped me understand that it doesn’t matter if you have DACA or legal status, that you can achieve your goals by arming yourself with the right support and information.”

**IMMIGRANT STUDENT**

“I didn’t know about my rights and how I could become the best advocate for my children’s education until I attended an ImmSchools workshop.”

**IMMIGRANT PARENT**

“I really liked how applicable the information was. It’s one thing to tell us about a problem, it’s another to tell us exactly how we can help.”

**EDUCATOR**
OUR STORY

ImmSchools was co-founded in Fall 2017 by two formerly undocumented educators, Viridiana Carrizales and Vanessa Luna. They both moved to the United States as children and experienced the resilience of their community as well as stressors and difficulties they hope to change today. They began their work with ImmSchools in New York and Texas, both states home to the largest undocumented populations in the country.

Upon reflecting on their own families and those of the students they serve, the ImmSchools team noted how critical access to resources for undocumented students and families and access to safe spaces within schools are for student success. For immigrant parents and students, the recent raids have instilled fear and anxiety making them less likely to participate in school activities or enroll their children in school programs. Schools can play a vital role in creating a safe and supportive culture where immigrant families can become active participants and advocates of their children’s education.

ImmSchools has been supported by dozens of organizations around the country, and has collaborated with hundreds of educators and families. We plan to expand to states with high number of immigrant and undocumented families.

OUR PARTNERS & SUPPORTERS

COMMUNITY & PARTNERS

SUPPORTERS

ADVOCACY & STRATEGY

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

PROGRAMMING & PARTNERSHIP
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