

## Gaining Perspective by Helping Others

**G**rowing up in Iran, Amir's parents instilled in him the importance of giving back to the community. When he came to Boston to work for Mass Eye and Ear and apply to medical schools, Amir looked for opportunities to contribute. Fortunately for our students, he found us.

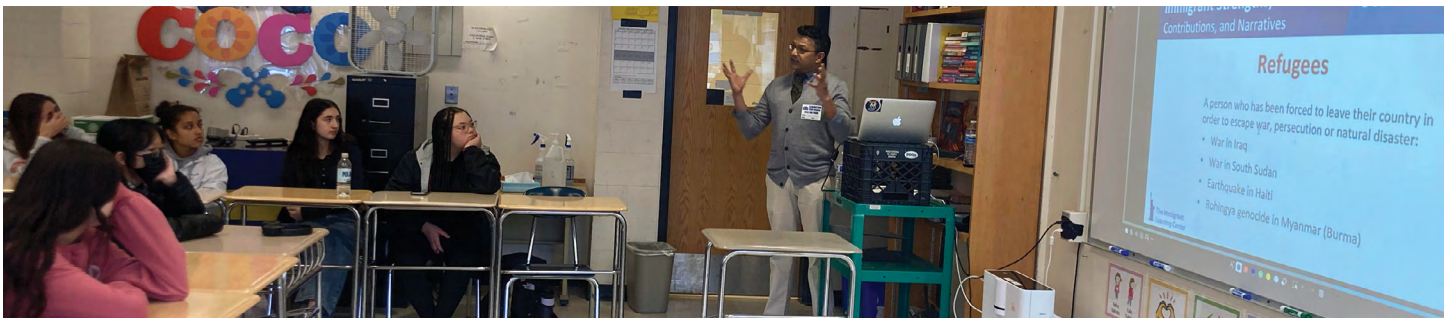
"It gives you more perspective on life," Amir said, explaining why he really enjoys meeting people from different countries and hearing their viewpoints and life stories. "I'm grateful I had the opportunity to learn English as a second language at a young age. It would be too hard to start learning now. I worked with one student who is learning English at 76 years old and another who gave up being an engineer in Haiti to start all over again in the United States. They are inspiring."

Amir started working one-on-one with students remotely two or three times a week in 2020, and in 2022 he started assisting in person in the classroom. In May he started volunteering once a week with students preparing to get their driving learner's permit.



Amir, an immigrant himself, helps The ILC students prepare for their driver's exam.

## Reaching Americans from Sioux Falls to Lexington!



The ILC Public Education Institute Director Denzil Mohammed with Lexington High School students learning about immigration.

While the audience for our virtual resources continues to grow, nothing can replace connecting with people live. The Immigrant Learning Center's Public Education Institute has helped hundreds of people via presentations and talks in the past six months. Here are just a few examples of what The ILC has recently accomplished with educational public outreach:

Rural college students in South Dakota learned about the challenges and opportunities facing refugees.

Young people at Lexington High School learned about immigrants' contributions in Massachusetts.

Teachers at a national social studies conference learned how to integrate immigration into history curricula.

Adult education teachers learned techniques for preparing immigrants and refugees for their citizenship interviews.

If you want to invite someone from The Immigrant Learning Center to speak at your event, reach out to us at [public.education@ilctr.org](mailto:public.education@ilctr.org) or fill out the form on the Public Appearances page on our website.

# Year at a Glance

Throughout the year we try to keep you informed of the most interesting progress your support enables, but there's never enough time or space to share everything. We had that same feeling when deciding what to include in The Immigrant Learning Center's inaugural annual report. Here are some highlights:



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## Values

Our mission is to give immigrants a voice. How we do that is guided by our values. Hopefully, when you see these four words they will remind you of The Immigrant Learning Center.

### Equality

We believe in offering everyone an equal opportunity to share their gifts and achieve their goals.

### Adaptability

We believe in adapting to changing conditions.

### Patriotism

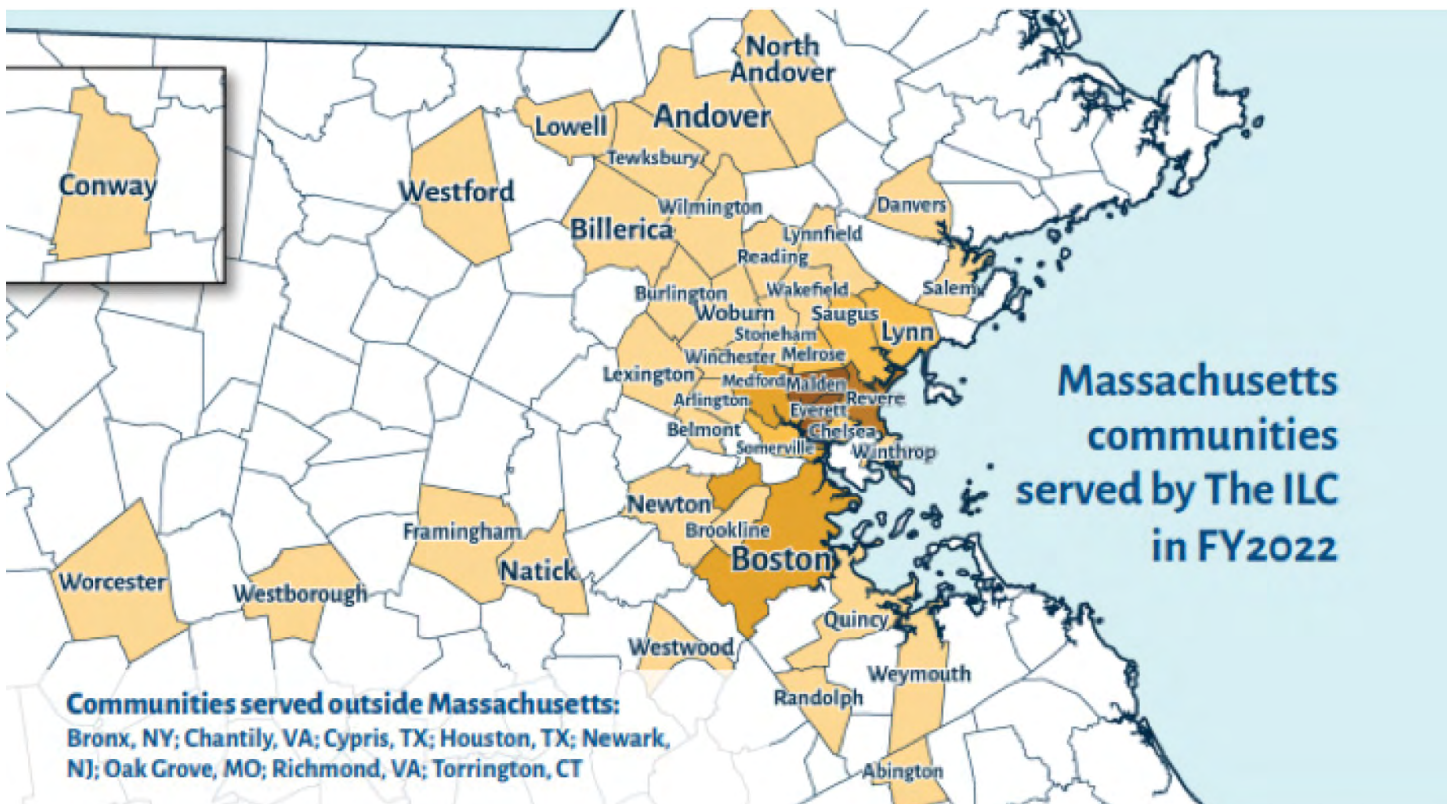
We believe that immigrants make our country stronger.

### Focus

We keep our resources focused on maximizing our impact by doing what we do best.

## Students

In fiscal year 2022, we served 620 students from 56 countries living in 57 local communities.



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## Teacher Resources

We know firsthand that you can help a lot of people when you help a teacher. That's why The Immigrant Learning Center is dedicated to helping teachers with immigrant students in all subjects as well as integrating immigration into lessons for all students.

In FY 2022:

- 253 educators participated in the Immigrant Student Success Conference
- Two new curricula were published for Teaching U.S. Immigration
- 13 new resources were released for K-12 and adult educators



## Institute for Immigration Research (IIR)



The ILC's partnership with George Mason University is going strong. In 2022, the Institute for Immigration Research's work was referenced in The New York Time, PBS, NBC and other high profile news organizations.

In FY 2022 the IIR produced:

- Six research reports
- 35 on-demand fact sheets
- Six webinars

## Join us at The ILC's 24th Annual Golf Classic



**Golf Tournament • Lunch • Dinner**

Monday, June 12, 2023 at Pine Brook Country Club



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# Giving Immigrants a Voice Since 1992

## Like You, Liliana Values Giving Immigrants a Voice

The ILC's mission has always been to give immigrants and refugees a voice. This year, one of our students decided to adopt that mission as her own.

After learning sufficient English, Argentinian American Liliana worked on choosing her next steps toward achieving her goals in The ILC Next Steps class. Her teacher suggested a medical interpreter program and helped her apply. Liliana was excited by the opportunity to help other new Americans navigating important and challenging health care situations and enrolled in the program. She explains:

*"I want to help people, because I know how hard it is in a country with not the same language, and ... that is the reason I want to help people. That way they can feel better. And it's like they can speak through me. It's like I give them a voice, you know? I give them a voice through myself and for me that is a blessing."*

When you support students like Liliana, they go on to support others. We can't wait to see what our students do next.



Liliana is studying to help other immigrants as a medical interpreter.

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