



**MULTICULTURAL
INSTITUTE**
**Annual Report
2019**



Connecting the Multicultural Institute
MI LINKS
To its Friends & Supporters

A word from MI's Founder and Executive Director

Dear MI friends,

It is miserable to be unsheltered, cold, wet and hungry. Homelessness in our region has reached crisis proportions. 34,682 people are estimated to be homeless in the Bay Area. A cardboard sign found just a couple of blocks from where I live reads: *"Where do we go?"* Living this way is not something we should wish for anyone we know. The majority of day laborers who seek employment at street corners live in crowded conditions, they couch surf and often times sleep in their cars. They are homeless.

It is also heartbreaking to find an estimated 3,014 immigrant children separated from their families and held in detention centers. In the last year, children have died from flu-related illnesses while in immigration jails, officials refuse to offer flu vaccines to children and families. We should not allow these awful things to happen in our community. MI serves some of these immigrant families and serves immigrant children.

Vulnerable communities go to organizations they can trust and for nearly 30 years they have been coming to MI. Why? Because they are treated with respect by dedicated, compassionate staff in a friendly and caring environment. MI's purpose is to provide hope, support and advocacy for those members of our communities that often go unnoticed.

To our friends, thank you for supporting our work with those we serve. Fr. Rigo



***Celebrating 29 Years of mission driven work
in the immigrant community!***

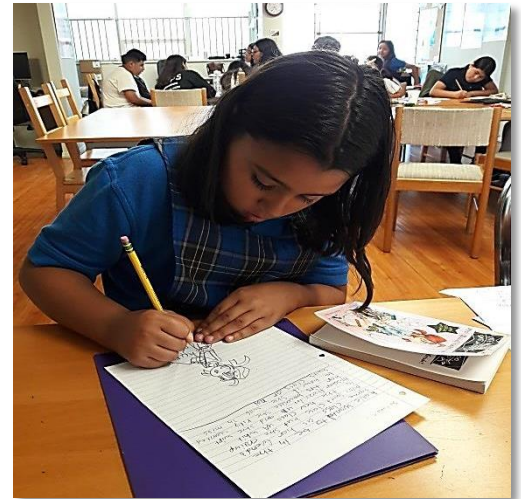
Our MISSION

We accompany immigrants in their transition from poverty and isolation to workforce prosperity and participation.

Our Impact

3,125 individuals served

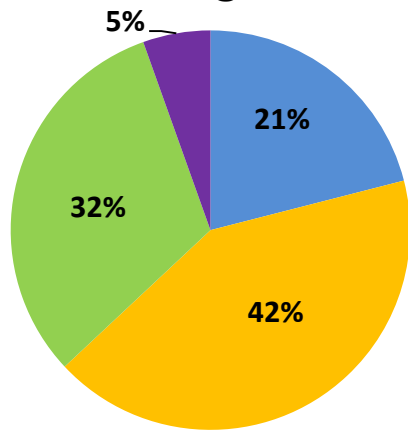
MI serves low-income immigrant families in the Alameda, Contra Costa and San Mateo counties and it has a strong presence in Berkeley, Richmond and Redwood City/North Fair Oaks. Individuals served are primarily monolingual Spanish speakers who receive services free of charge.



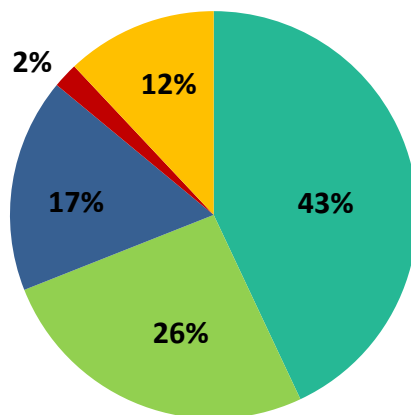
- 848** day laborers registered and linked to jobs
- 1,565** other low-income people served
- 122** low-income youth assisted academically
- 90** parents attending workshops/meetings
- 46** university level tutors working with youth
- 369** employers registered
- 85** volunteers throughout the year

Who are MI's program participants?

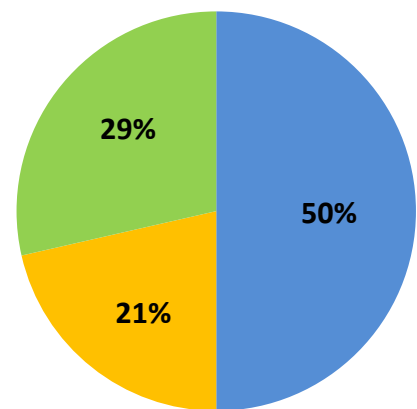
Age



County of Origin



% Served by Site



■ 17-25 ■ 26-40 ■ 41-65 ■ 66+

■ Guatemala ■ Mexico
 ■ El Salvador ■ Honduras
 ■ Other

■ Berkeley
 ■ Richmond
 ■ NFO/Redwood City

2019 Highlights at a Glance

Economic Development

MI addresses the issue of economic inequity by offering access to skills and competencies that direct workers on pathways to economic security.

We provide participants with workforce development opportunities, job placement assistance, advocate for fair wage paying jobs and offer life skills trainings.



1,008 job placements secured for short-term and long-term opportunities



77 workshops/trainings offered on street corners to **1,077** participants



6 day laborers living in permanent housing at MI's NFO *Casa de Paz y Bien*

Learning Opportunities

Our mentoring programs offer under-represented students after school tutoring, academic guidance and support to partners. MI's summer camp provides an opportunity for students to work on their writing skills and prevents students backsliding over the summer.



280 tutoring and mentoring hours offered



8 parent meetings and workshops



28 STEAM hands-on activities



Vocational Skills Development

These courses assist participants in acquiring the skills and certifications required to continue on pathways to better employment and careers. Participants benefit from business and education related courses that increase their capacity to apply to better paying jobs or to open a business.



69 adults participated in 6-week intensive GED/HiSET Spanish preparation courses



35 entrepreneurs participated in Spanish Business seminars and received free legal advice



15 adults participated in Spanish Computer courses

Immigration & Health Support

MI hosts health, legal and immigration workshops, and cohosts on-site screenings throughout the year. MI's Naturalization Course prepares green card holders who qualify to apply for citizenship by offering them exam and interview preparation, application assistance and individual legal guidance.



375 Immigration and legal referrals



4 Naturalization courses held in the Spanish and English language



30 low-income individuals received free eye exams and eye glasses



799 health referrals and screenings offered



12,826 Snacks and food baskets distributed to day laborers and other low-income families





Event Sponsors

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Alan & Judy Zafran
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Chevron



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Argumedo Garzon Law Group



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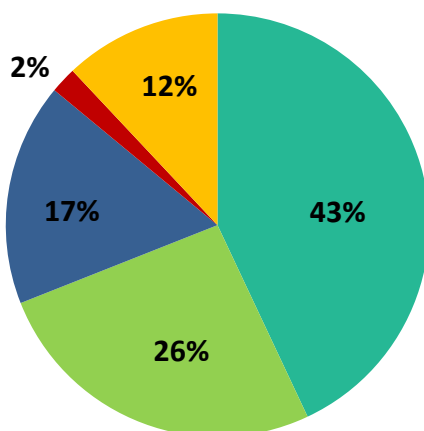
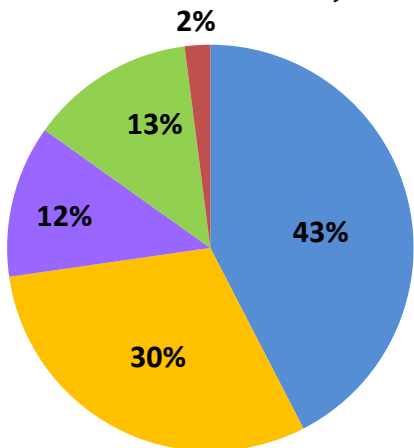
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UCB New Business Practicum
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Contra Costa County

Financials Fiscal Year Ending June 2019

Revenue \$914,906

Expenses \$914,160



- Contracts
- Grants
- Fundraising/Gifts
- In-kind Donations
- Program Fees

- Day Laborer-East Bay
- Day Laborer-San Mateo County
- Mentoring for Academic Success
- GED
- Administration

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