



## **Community Planning Council**

The Community Planning Council was established by Greenwich United Way to encourage the most effective and efficient health and human service delivery system for Greenwich. Comprised of community leaders, nonprofit service professionals, Greenwich United Way board members, and community volunteers, the work of the Planning Council, particularly through its periodic Needs Assessments, has led to the development of some of the Town's most valued programs and institutions.

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## **Community Planning Council Meeting Thursday, 4/49, 8:30am, Immigration Services in Greenwich**

### **Speakers:**

Anka Badurina – Building One Community (B1C)  
Rachel Kornfeld - Jewish Family Services  
Ann O'Brien - Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services (IRIS)  
Lisa Sandstrom - Family Centers

**According to the Greenwich United Way's 2020 Needs Assessment, twenty-two percent (22%) of Greenwich's population are ALICE (Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed). ALICE is a family of four earning significantly less than what it takes to meet basic needs such as housing and childcare. Additionally, with 7% of the population below the federal poverty level, almost one-third of our residents are just one family illness or missed paycheck away from financial catastrophe.**

### **Highlights from the Presentation:**

The presentation covered the immigration services available in and around Greenwich.

Jewish Family Services of Greenwich provides a wide range immigrants and refugee services in order to help new families become part of the Greenwich community, while connecting them with their Jewish heritage.

Building One Community (B1C) helps immigrants become self-sufficient contributors to the community. As an organization solely dedicated to this underserved population, their mission is to advance the successful integration of immigrants and their families. Some of their programs include: English and Adult Literacy, Workforce Development and Individual and Family Support Services.

Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services (IRIS) is a non-profit agency whose mission is to help refugees and other displaced people establish new lives, strengthen hope, and contribute to the vitality of Connecticut's communities.

Literacy Volunteers at Family Centers believes that access to education is critical to becoming economically self-sufficient and independent. Their adult students acquire the literacy skills and knowledge necessary to achieve personal and occupational goals. With the help of dedicated volunteer tutors, Literacy Volunteers at Family Centers offers free English language instruction and basic literacy programs for adults and families.

**Full Presentation Video Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8exQsIubHA>**

### **Next Community Planning Council Meeting:**

Thursday, 5/20, 8:30am, via Zoom, Topic: Substance Abuse/Mental Health

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