

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.



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

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

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

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

OUR IMPACT FROM 2018 THROUGH TODAY*



2,027

students and families participated in ImmSchools programming, increasing their access to **legal and education resources**



1,950

educators and schools staff received **training to better support** undocumented students and families, with 30+ orgs bringing in ImmSchools programming



96%

of educators agreed or strongly agreed that training from ImmSchools increased their knowledge and felt could better 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."

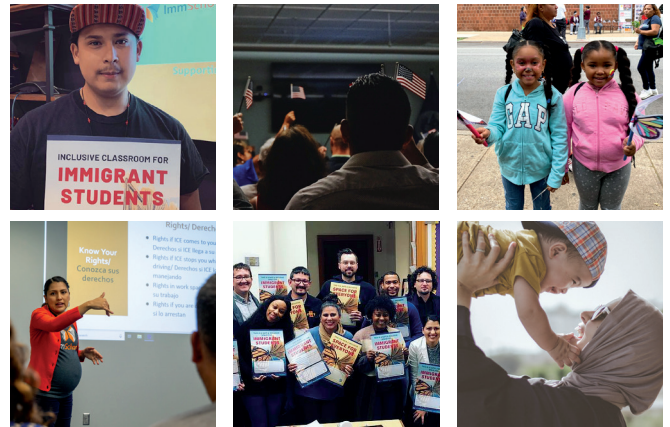
EDUCATOR

OUR STORY

ImmSchools was co-founded in Fall 2017 by three formerly undocumented educators, Viridiana Carrizales, Vanessa Luna, and Lorena Tule-Romain. They 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.



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HOW TO GET INVOLVED

PROGRAMMING & PARTNERSHIP

Partner with ImmSchools for school, organization, or community workshops in NY or TX } admin@immschools.org

CHARLAS

ASISTA A UNA CHARLA PARA FAMILIAS

Contáctenos para recibir más información sobre nuestra próxima charla en San Antonio, Texas

ATTEND A CHARLAS FAMILY MEETING

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