MISSION: To strengthen the whole community by actively enhancing the healthy integration of immigrants

LOCATIONS: Mount Kisco (headquarters), Ossining, Yonkers

2018 BY THE NUMBERS

- Over 1,400 parents and children enrolled in Family Center programs
- 2,400 residents attended community engagement programs
- 125 people received legal assistance applying for U.S. citizenship or DACA
- 4,000 immigrants served
- The Worker Center facilitated jobs for 600 workers with over 1,400 employers
- 280 legal cases handled
- 400 volunteers (half high school students)
- Over 800 English language learners
- 125 parents and children enrolled in Family Center programs
- 1,400 legal cases handled
- 50 volunteers
- 2018
On June 17, 2019, Governor Andrew Cuomo signed the Green Light bill, which grants driver’s licenses for ALL New Yorkers! The passage of this bill is a win for the safety of all New Yorkers. We are all safer when ALL drivers are properly licensed, tested, and insured. Hardworking immigrants will now be able to access a driver’s license to drive to work or take their children to school without fear that a minor stop could lead to detention or even deportation.

Throughout 2018, Neighbors Link worked closely with the Green Light NY Coalition. We are extremely grateful to all the advocates who attended rallies and to all the elected officials who championed this bill.

“Westchester County is a melting pot of many cultures, and strives to be a place where all members of our community can thrive regardless of race or ethnicity. As we work towards this goal, Neighbors Link has been an excellent community partner. They support our County’s immigrant population, and have been with us for the signing of the Immigrant Protection Act and an Executive Order ensuring vital County documents are available in multiple languages.

Carola Otero Bracco, and her team at Neighbors Link, provide valuable services to the newest members of our community. They empower immigrants through ESL classes, family support programs, and by helping them find jobs and obtain legal services. They provide valuable information on immigrant issues and help our County thrive.”

- Westchester County Executive George Latimer
Since opening our center in Ossining on April 9, 2018, we have served 1,200 people with the following programs:

- Parent Education
- English as a Second Language
- Workforce Development
- Legal Services
- Neighbors Link in Ossining
- Family and Individual Support Services
- Community Engagement

“We are fortunate to have Neighbors Link in our downtown. Their educational programming opens doors for Ossining families to successfully integrate into our community.”
- Victoria Gearity, Mayor of Ossining
Obtaining a green card is a complex and difficult process. The law only allows a few categories of people to qualify and for those who are eligible, it can often take several years to complete the process. We are thrilled for all the individuals and families who worked with Neighbors Link Community Law Practice and were able to secure green cards in 2018.

Neighbors Link has been a New York State Office for New Americans Opportunity Center since 2016.

In 2019, we were also selected to be part of the Liberty Defense Project Rapid Response Program to provide dedicated attorneys to assist immigrants in urgent, time-sensitive legal jeopardy.
Throughout 2018, Neighbors Link and the North American Family Institute (NAFI) brought together staff from the Westchester County Department of Social Services and Yonkers and Mount Vernon police departments for intensive trainings designed to develop trust and improve communication.

“Building Trust, Breaking Stereotypes

We look forward to the regular trainings that Neighbors Link does for our law enforcement officers, both at the police academy and at Neighbors Link. It gives us an opportunity to learn more about the communities we serve, develop trust, to improve communication and to reduce fear and stigma for everyone. The more I see and learn about Neighbors Link and the work that they do, the more impressed I am. Westchester County is a safer place because of our partnership with Neighbors Link.”

- Thomas A. Gleason, Commissioner-Sheriff, Westchester County Dept. of Public Safety
Neighbors Link recently launched a new program in Mount Kisco for parents of school-age children. The goal of this program is to ensure that parents understand how the local school system functions and have the skills needed to navigate school routines, homework and report cards so they can help their children succeed.

Our new Culinary Skills class teaches students the basic skills needed to work in a restaurant kitchen! The class includes a site visit to a local restaurant and preparation for the ServSafe Food Handler Exam. It is a great addition to the many workforce development programs already offered at Neighbors Link.

“Neighbors Link’s education programs, workforce development, and family center provide vital services that assist those newly arrived to our country successfully integrate into life in our village. Neighbors Link is a valued partner in our community.”

- Gina Picinich, Mayor of Mount Kisco
Awards and Recognitions

New York Immigration Coalition
2018 Member of the Year

Carola Otero Bracco
Senate District 40
2019 Woman of Distinction

“As the grandson of three immigrants, I’ve always appreciated the work of Neighbors Link. I remember when Neighbors Link was just in Mount Kisco. Carola has done a phenomenal job of not only expanding the service area of the organization, but also of growing the influence of the organization through activism and legislation.”

- Senator Peter Harckham

Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University
Immigration Law Society
Immigrant Advocate Award

“In recognition of outstanding partnership and dedication to enriching Westchester community life by empowering immigrant community members through education, service provision, and tireless advocacy.”

- Catherine Borgia, District 9, Certificate of Merit
Westchester County Board of Legislators

Child Care Council of Westchester
2018 Champion for Children Award
Thank you to our volunteer photographers: Amy Baker, Randy Matusow and RoseMarie Wallace.
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Special recognition for all our teachers, facilitators and coordinators.

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**2018 FINANCIALS**

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**Source of Funds**

- Individual Contributions: 24%
- Foundation Grants: 24%
- Event Income: 19%
- Other Organizations: 10%
- Government Grants: 10%
- Program Income: 4%
- Donated Services and Goods: 9%

**80% of Funds Allocated to Program Expenses**
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