

Annual Report

Fiscal Year



Message from OIRA's Director:

Behind every number is a story of perseverance, rebuilding, and belonging. The data reflected in this report underscores not only the scale of need, but also the vital role immigrant and refugee communities play in Orange County's workforce, economy, schools, and civic life. These residents are workers, parents, students, entrepreneurs, and neighbors whose contributions strengthen the region every day.

The findings highlight the importance of sustained, equity-centered policy approaches that expand language access, strengthen cross-sector service coordination, and invest in culturally responsive systems that meet residents where they are. Continued collaboration across government, community-based organizations, and local partners is essential to ensure services are not only accessible, but also responsive and inclusive.

OIRA remains committed to advancing policies and partnerships that foster belonging, reduce systemic barriers, and build a county where every resident is seen, supported, and uplifted.

— Jose A. Serrano



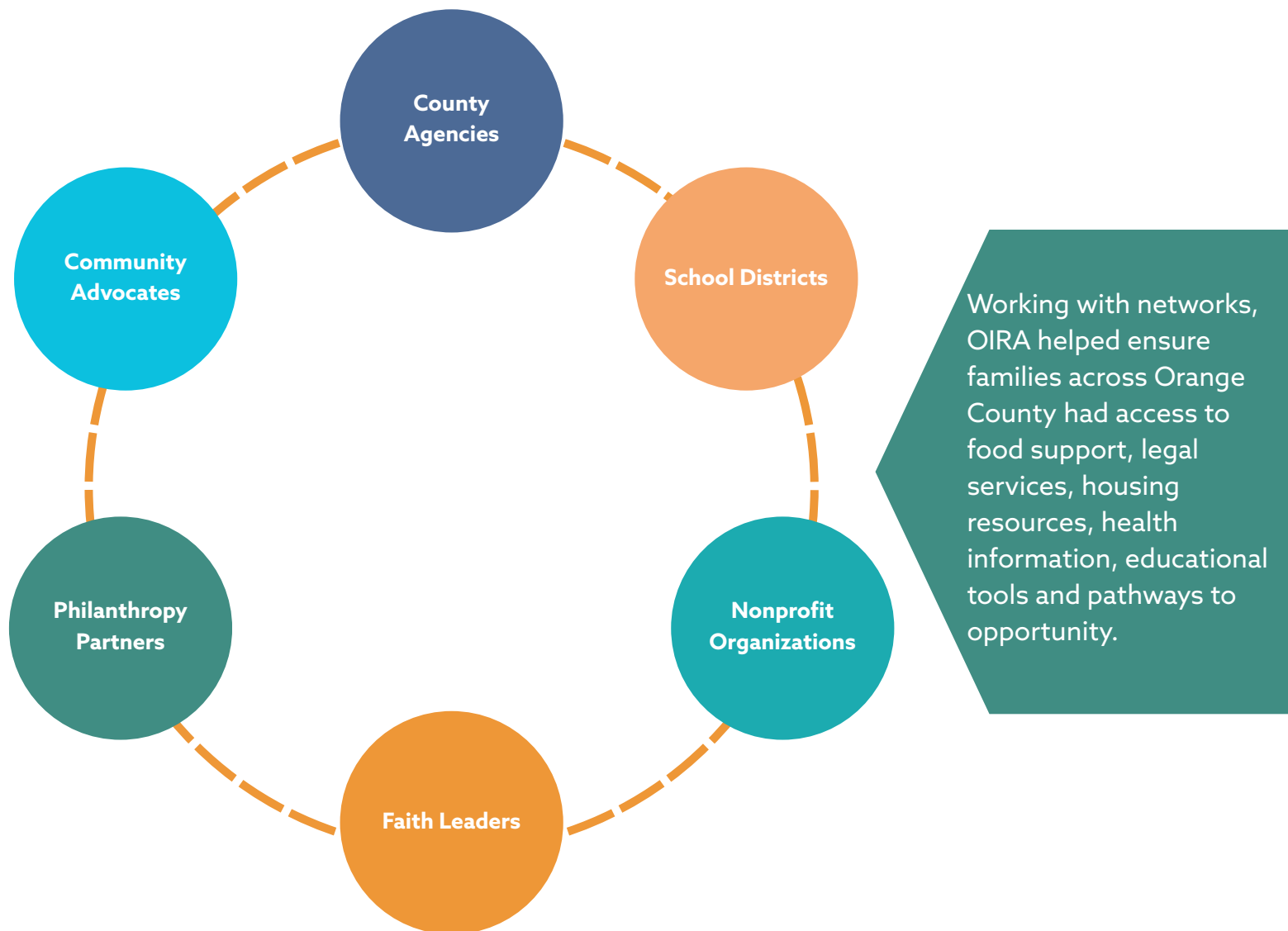
Community Impact Summary

Throughout the year, OIRA led and participated in a wide range of events designed to connect residents with resources, build trust and strengthen community belonging.

These efforts included:

- Community resource fairs
- Listening sessions
- School outreach events
- Educational presentations
- Immigration legal services support clinics
- Cultural celebrations
- Back-to-school partnerships
- Internal county trainings

Together, these efforts reflect OIRA's commitment to creating a county where immigrant and refugee residents feel supported, connected and seen.



Highlights

157 Families

in Anaheim provided with food assistance, shoe vouchers and direct services during a resource fair in collaboration with Orange County Board of Supervisors Chair Doug Chaffee



100 +

Cross-sector leaders came together at the inaugural Orange County Immigration Summit where conversations revolved around strengthening coordinated support for immigrant and refugee families across Orange County

9,000 Toys

distributed to children across Orange County through Operation Santa Claus



Highlights



The Orange County Board of Supervisors proclaimed June 20 to be **World Refugee Awareness Day**



2,583

Orange County Residents reached through back-to-school partnerships



Coordinated legal support for **25 youth** in need of court representation



Conducted multiple listening sessions identifying growing demand for legal services, housing support, and constitutional rights education, including a Medi-Cal and CalFresh **policy briefing** for community leaders and partners

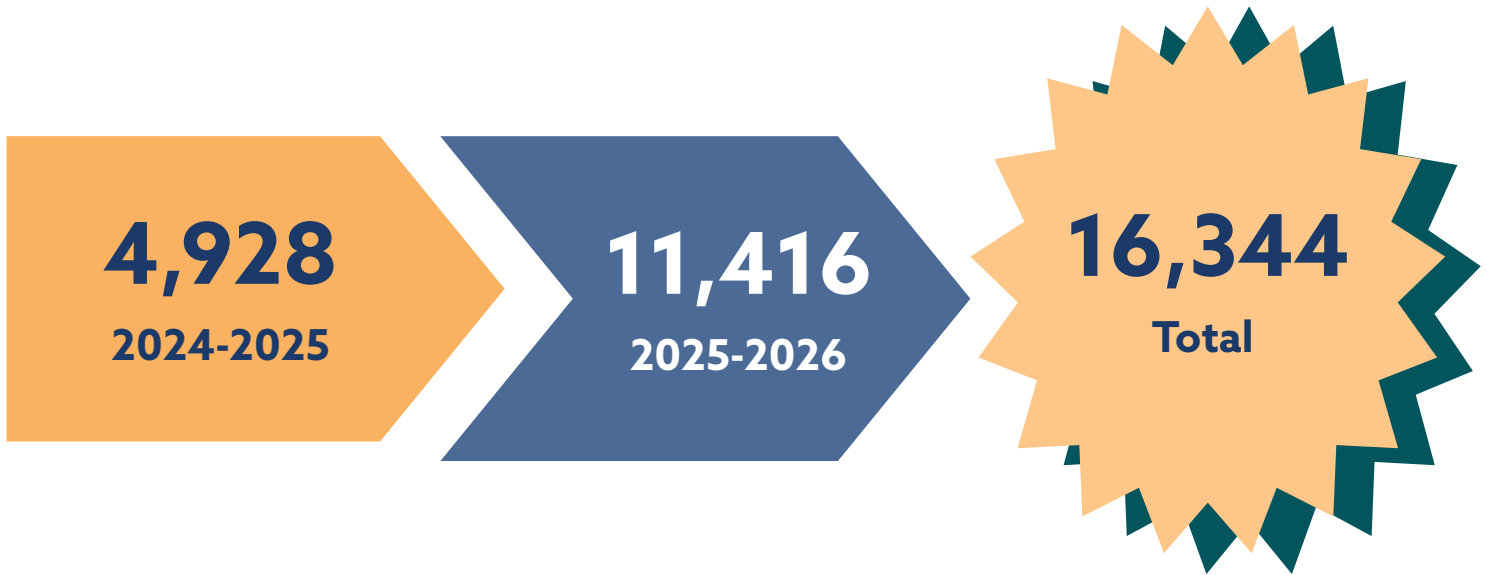


Internal Social Services Agency roadshows to strengthen cross-department collaboration

Annual Impact Snapshot

Over the past year, the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs has played a vital role in welcoming immigrant and refugee populations resettling across California – each individual representing courage, resilience and hope for a new beginning.

Individuals Served



Individuals Served through Outreach

98

Education Events

1000

Outreach and Resource Events

Community Demographics



of clients serviced identify as female

Many are mothers and caregivers impacted by immigration enforcement who are navigating new systems while supporting their families. Their success strengthens families and communities across Orange County.

Languages Reached

Communities served speak more than nine languages, including:

Spanish, Vietnamese, Farsi, Arabic, Burmese, French, Pashto, Russian and many others.

This multilingual approach ensures language is never a barrier to opportunity or belonging.

Language	Percent of clients
Spanish	56
English	30
Vietnamese	5
Farsi	2
Other Non-English	2
Arabic	1
Burmese	1
French	1
Pashtu	1
Russian	1



Top Community Needs Identified



53%

Immigration Legal Services



16%

Housing Support

Additional requests included:



Food &
Nutrition



Health & Mental
Wellness



Education &
Employment

Strategic Priorities Moving Forward

As OIRA looks to the year ahead, the office remains focused on:

- Expanding multilingual outreach and education
- Strengthening partnerships with trusted community organizations
- Increasing access to immigration legal and housing resources
- Supporting schools, youth and families
- Enhancing collaboration across County departments
- Elevating immigrant and refugee voices through storytelling and public awareness
- Using community feedback and data to guide future investments



Our Commitment

The Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs (OIRA) continues to strengthen Orange County through outreach, partnership and service to immigrant and refugee communities. Over the past year, OIRA expanded access to essential resources, deepened cross-sector collaboration and elevated the stories and contributions of residents from around the world who call Orange County home.

Through education, advocacy and direct engagement, OIRA remains committed to ensuring every resident feels welcomed, informed and supported.