

WORKING FOR CHANGE

IIC ADVOCACY AND MEDIA COVERAGE

The IIC is a multi-service Welcome Center that helps newcomers integrate in Greater Boston. In addition to providing legal, wellness, and education services, we stand alongside immigrant and refugee support organizations to advocate for Comprehensive Immigration Reform, and key legislation that makes Massachusetts more welcoming to newcomers.

In the current political environment, we have strengthened our advocacy efforts. Along with partner organizations, we advocated for increased minimum wage and paid family leave on behalf of Raise Up Massachusetts. We continue to support provisions of the Safe Communities Act. We raise awareness on immigrant contributions to our society and economy, and attend rallies in support of keeping families together. Throughout the last twelve months, we have spoken out about increased imprisonment and deportations of immigrants in our community.

The IIC's advocacy efforts have been featured nationally and internationally, including: The Associated Press, WBUR, WGBH, PRI, BBC, The Boston Globe, The Boston Herald, and The Irish Times.

"I think the acting director of ICE made it clear in his testimony to Congress that there is no class or category of immigrant that is safe. We all have this shared experience, whether you are from Central America, or from Africa, or from Ireland - we're all in this together. And we all need to stand together and come together as a community" -
Ronnie Millar, Executive Director



IIC IN THE NEWS

- ["5 For Good: Free immigrant services help local families flourish" - WCVB, November 2017](#)
- ["Cultural Exchange Programs Worry About Trump's Reported Visa Review" - WBUR News, August 2017.](#)
- ["Interview on Haitian Temporary Protected Status renewal, Tony Marino, All Things Considered" - WBGH, July 2017.](#)
- ["US deportations of Europeans could exceed last fiscal year" - Associated Press, July 2017.](#)
- ["A Tale of Two Immigrants: What Two Men From Different Countries Have in Common" - WBGH, All Things Considered, July 2017.](#)
- ["Mass. Lawmakers Wrestle with 'Sanctuary State' Bill" - WBUR News, June 2017.](#)
- ["Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey joins US Sen. Ed Markey and Boston Mayor Marty Walsh in support of DACA 'Dreamers'" - Mass Live, September 2017.](#)
- ["Nonprofits scramble to help 'Dreamers' pay DACA fees by Oct. 5 deadline" - Boston Globe, October 2017](#)
- ["Irish International Immigrant Center Sees Spike in Clients During 2017" - Boston Magazine, October 2017](#)
- ["US crackdown on illegal Irish intensifies in Boston" - The Irish Times, December 10, 2017](#)
- ["Irish man brought to US as a child to be deported from Boston" - The Irish Times, January 2018](#)
- ["'Irish for Pride' to march in June 9th, Boston Pride Parade" - The Boston Irish Reporter, June 2018](#)