

### OFFICE FOR NEW AMERICANS

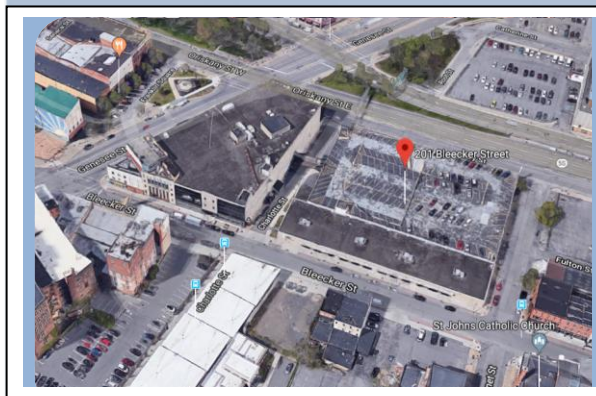
New York Governor Andrew M. Cuomo established the Office of New Americans (ONA) to assist new-comers to New York State who are eager to contribute to our economy and become part of the family of New York State.

ONA of Oneida County provides Immigrants and Refugees ever-expanding programs, including ESOL, Citizenship Workshops, Small Business Support and Legal Consult Days.

Located at the Mohawk Valley Resource Center for Refugees, we are able to work closely with the many local service agencies and provide referrals to those clients requiring services that we are unable to provide.

### BUILDING BLOCKS

- ❖ ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL)
- ❖ CITIZENSHIP ASSISTANCE
- ❖ LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR CITIZENSHIP
- ❖ SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT



ONEIDA COUNTY OPPORTUNITY CENTER

A SERVICE OF THE

MOHAWK VALLEY

RESOURCE CENTER FOR REFUGEES



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PROVIDING THE  
BUILDING BLOCKS  
TO BE AN  
ACTIVE MEMBER  
WITHIN OUR  
COMMUNITY



ENGLISH  
SKILLS



CITIZENSHIP

LEGAL AID



BUSINESS



The programs and services that the Oneida County Office for New Americans conducts are regularly scheduled and are free.

We welcome all individuals and our services are confidential.

For more information about our schedule and the services that we provide, please contact us by email : [zaide@mvrccr.org](mailto:zaide@mvrccr.org) or by telephone at (315) 738-1083 ext 132.

### *ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES*

The ESOL program includes one-on-one and small group language practice, utilization of online programs, and pre and post-testing of our clients to show progress.

In addition, the Center conducts daily one-on-one and group English language in conjunction with the Adult Literacy Center.

Enrollment for the ESOL program is by appointment only, call (315) 738-1083 x132 for more information

### *NATURALIZATION AND CITIZENSHIP ASSISTANCE*

Utilizing Citizenship Works, the Oneida County Center for New Americans reviews client's eligibility for naturalization and assists in completing the N-400 Application for Naturalization form. As part of this service, our Center is able to detect certain "red flag" issues that would hinder naturalization and provides guidance and tutoring to help ensure our clients success during the Citizenship Process.

The completion of initial citizenship applications occurs both during our regular office hours and during special day long Citizenship Drives.

### *LEGAL COUNSEL*

The Oneida County Office for New Americans conducts monthly legal consultation days for clients in need of legal advice due to immigration issues. In addition, we have scheduled Legal Consult Days following our Citizenship Drives to deal with any "red flag" issues that arise.

The center also works with Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Cases (DACA). Those that are interested in learning more about DACA are welcome to contact the Oneida County Office for New Americans.

### *SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT*

The Center provides instruction in the elements of starting a business in the Utica-Rome Region through Small Business Workshops. Included in these workshops are sessions on basic marketing, business recordkeeping, management, and the development of business plans.

Presented by the SBDC & EAP, with interpretation support, these workshops are held once every three months throughout the Utica & Rome areas.