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In 2023, **21.5 million people in the U.S. identified as Hispanic or Latino immigrants**, making up **33% of the total Hispanic/Latino population** (Batalova, 2025). Many face barriers to healthcare, education, employment, and housing. In fact, nearly **one in ten adult immigrants** report avoiding

essential services—such as health, food, and housing assistance—due to fear or uncertainty (Drishti Pillai, 2023).

A Lifeline for Latino Immigrants in Delaware County

For more than 20 years, **Centro de Apoyo Comunitario** has been a trusted resource for Delaware County's immigrant community. Founded by local Latina immigrant women, the center provides essential human services while fostering **strength, knowledge, and empowerment**. It offers a **safe space** where families can connect, support one another, and navigate life in a new community.

Centro provides **culturally and linguistically accessible resources** to help immigrants understand their rights and navigate key systems, such as healthcare and education. The center also raises awareness in the broader community, celebrating Latino heritage through **art, cooking, and cultural events** to showcase the strength and contributions of immigrant families.

Programs & Services

Some of the programs that the center offers are the Community Connections Program, Case Management and Referrals Program, and the New Family Welcoming Center. They also provide Emergency Assistance and Social and Emotional Support.

Community Connections Program – The center partners with local groups and agencies to provide language access.

Case Management and Referrals Program -This program provides immigrant families with assistance in navigating everyday life, such as understanding and interpreting letters, bills, school enrollments, and vaccinations.

New Family Welcoming Center – This program helps new families with accessing services and know-your-rights to provide culturally appropriate information.

Knowing your Rights Program – This program provides a variety of resources, including group trainings that provide high-quality information in Spanish and help to ensure a better understanding of programs, rights, and resources provided throughout the community.

A Growing Impact with CNEx

The Foundation's Center for Non-Profit Excellence (CNEx) has played a role in the growth and development of the center. The CNEx has provided Centro de Apoyo Comunitario with partnerships, tools, and training that have contributed to its success and growth throughout the years. **Find out more about the CNEx!**

Connect With Centro de Apoyo Comunitario!

You can connect with the center on their website: **centroapoyo.org**. Donations can be made directly through the website.

"Centro de Apoyo Comunitario provides services to the immigrant community in Delaware County to promote equity, support, and leadership. Our programs build on community strength and knowledge of the Latin American community while providing emotional health, social support, and access to services."

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