

List of current FIRM member organizations plus brief descriptions (2011)

Alabama Coalition for Immigrant Justice, ACIJ

The Alabama Coalition for Immigrant Justice seeks to provide a united voice dedicated to ensuring the social, legal and civic rights of all immigrants in Alabama. ACIJ is a statewide coalition.

Alliance for Just Society (formally known as Northwest federation of community organizations, NWFCO), –Washington

Under the leadership of Leeann Hall, the Alliance for Just Society seeks to execute regional and national campaigns and build strong state affiliate organizations and partnerships that address economic, racial, and social inequities. Leeann Hall is a founding FIRM member and currently sits in FIRM-Executive Committee.

Alliance for Immigrants Rights and Reform, (AIR)

Under the leadership of Ryan Bates, the Alliance seeks to reform our broken immigration system and support immigrant's rights. The Alliance was established in 2010 after the Reform Immigration for America Campaign work in Michigan.

Arkansas United Community Coalition

Under the leadership of Mireya Reith, Arkansas United Community Coalition believes all immigrants are part of our society and seeks to advocate for the rights and representation of all immigrants, their families, and immigrant students. Arkansas United was incorporated in 2011 after groundbreaking state work by the Reform Immigration for America Campaign.

Casa de Maryland

Under the leadership of Gustavo Torres, CASA seeks to respond to the organizing needs of the immigrant and Latino community in Maryland. Established in 1989, CASA is a statewide organization. Gustavo Torres currently sits in FIRM-EC.

CAUSA Oregon

Under the leadership of Francisco Lopez, CAUSA organizes, educates, and mobilizes to build power in the immigrant community. CAUSA Oregon is a statewide organization.

Center for Community Change, CCC -WDC

Under the leadership of Deepak Bhargava, CCC seeks to build the power and capacity of low-income people, especially low-income people of color, to have a significant impact in improving their communities and the policies and institutions that affect their lives. Deepak is a founding member of FIRM and currently sits in FIRM-EC.

Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles, CHIRLA –California

Under the leadership of Angelica Salas, CHIRLA seeks to advance the human and civil rights of immigrants and refugees in California. CHIRLA is a statewide organization. Angelica Salas is a founding member of FIRM and currently sits in FIRM-EC.

Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition, CIRC –Colorado

Under the leadership of Julien Ross, CIRC seeks to defend and advance justice for all immigrants. Since 2002, CIRC is a statewide membership-based coalition of immigrant, faith, labor, youth, and ally organizations. Julien Ross currently sits in FIRM-EC.

Consejo de Federaciones Mexicanas, COFEM – California

Under the leadership of Arturo Carmona, COFEM seeks to create opportunities for Latino Immigrants in North America, with a special focus in California.

El Centro de Igualdad y Derechos, New Mexico

Under the leadership of Rachel LaZar, El CENTRO seeks to work with Latino immigrant communities and allies to defend, strengthen, and advance the rights of our community. El Centro is an Albuquerque-based organization.

Florida Immigrant Rights Coalition, FLIC

Under the leadership of Maria Rodriguez, the Florida Immigrant Coalition seeks equal rights for immigrants and integration into the civic and cultural life of our communities. Maria Rodriguez currently sits in FIRM- EC.

Gamaliel Foundation:

Under the leadership of Ana Garcia-Ashley, the Gamaliel Foundation seeks to assist local community leaders to create, maintain and expand independent, grassroots, and powerful faith-based community organizations. Gamaliel Foundation is a founding member of FIRM and currently sits in EC.

Illinois Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition, ICIRR

Under the leadership of Josh Hoyt, ICIRR is dedicated to promoting the rights of immigrants and refugees to full and equal participation in the civic, cultural, social, and political life of our diverse society. ICIRR is a statewide organization. Josh currently sits in FIRM-EC.

Idaho Community Action Network, ICAN

ICAN seeks to provide a voice for Idahoans committed to progressive social change and to develop the power necessary to create those changes.

Iowa Citizens for Community Improvements, ICCI

Under the leadership of Hugh Espey, Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement seeks to empower and unite grassroots people of all ethnic backgrounds to take control of their communities and be a vehicle for social, economic, and environmental justice.

Latin American Coalition, –North Carolina

Under the leadership of Jess George, Latin America Coalition seeks to promote full Hispanic participation in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg region, by informing, educating and advocating for the Latin American community.

Maine’s People Alliance, MPA – Maine

Under the leadership of Jesse Graham, Maine’s People Alliance seeks to bring individuals and organizations together to realize shared goals by focusing on leadership development to increase the number of citizen leaders prepared to work for positive social change.

Make the Road New York

Under the leadership of co-executive directors Ana María Archila, Oona Chatterjee, and Andrew Friedman, Make the Road seeks to promote economic justice, equity and opportunity for all New Yorkers.

Mexican American Coalition, MAX

Under the leadership of Artemio Arreola, the Mexican American Coalition seeks to advance the interests of the Mexican and Mexican American community in the U.S.

Massachusetts Immigrant & Refugee Advocacy Coalition, MIRA Coalition

Under the leadership of Eva Millona, MIRA Coalition seeks to promote the rights and integration of immigrants and refugees in Massachusetts. Eva Millona currently sits in EC.

National Korean American Service and Education Consortium, NAKASEC

Under the leadership of Morna Ha, NAKASEC seeks to project a national progressive voice on major civil rights and immigrant rights issues and promoting the full participation of Korean Americans. Morna currently sits in FIRM-EC.

National People Action, NPA

Under the leadership of George Goehl, NPA is a Network of community power organizations from across the country that works to advance a national economic and racial justice agenda.

Nebraska Appleseed: Under the leadership of Becky Gould, Nebraska Appleseed seeks to build a just society through legal advocacy, community activism, and policy expertise.

New York Immigration Coalition, NYIC

Under the leadership of Chung-Wiha Hong, The New York Immigration Coalition seeks to achieve a fairer and more just society that values the contributions of immigrants and extends opportunity to all.

New Labor, –New Jersey

Under the leadership of Marien Casillas-Pabellon, New Labor seeks to improve working conditions and provide a voice for immigrant workers throughout New Jersey.

One America, –Washington

Under the leadership of Pramila Jayapal, One America seeks to advance the fundamental principles of democracy and justice through building power in immigrant communities, in collaboration with key allies.

Pennsylvania Immigration & Citizenship Coalition

Under the current leadership of Susan Kim, PICC seeks to represent the needs of immigrants, migrants, refugees and other new Americans living in Pennsylvania to policy makers, public officials, and the general public.

Pineros y Campesinos Unidos del Noreste, PCUN, –Oregon

Under the leadership of Ramon Ramirez, PCUN seeks to empower farm-workers to understand and take action against systematic exploitation and all of its effects. Ramon Ramirez currently sits in EC. He is a founding member of FIRM

Promise Arizona, PAZ

Under the leadership of Petra Falcon, PAZ seeks to recruit, train, and support a new generation of leaders from across the state to build a new Arizona, one in which all residents have the opportunity to achieve their full potential.

Rights for All People, RAP –Colorado

Under the leadership of Lisa Duran, RAP seeks to bring the voices of immigrant leaders and their allies to the struggle for equality, mutual respect, and justice in the metro Denver area through education, community, organizing, and successful campaigns.

Somos un Pueblo Unido, New Mexico

Under the leadership of Marcela Diaz, Somos seeks to protect and expand immigrants' rights in New Mexico.

Sunflower Community Action, Kansas

Under the leadership of Sulma Arias, Sunflower seeks to provide leadership training that supports the self-empowerment of low-income people in Kansas. As we join forces to fight racism and poverty, we make our cities and towns safer, healthier places to live.

Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition

Under the leadership of Stephen Fotopulos TIRRC seeks to empower immigrants and refugees throughout Tennessee to develop a unified voice, defend their rights, and create an atmosphere in which they are recognized as positive contributors to the state.

Voces de la Frontera, Wisconsin

Under the leadership of Christine Newman-Ortiz, Voces seeks to educate workers about their employment rights and organizes to and improve the quality of life for low-wage and immigrant workers.

Washington Community Action Network, WCAN

Under the leadership of Will Pittz, WCAN seeks to achieve racial, social, and economic justice in Washington State and the nation.