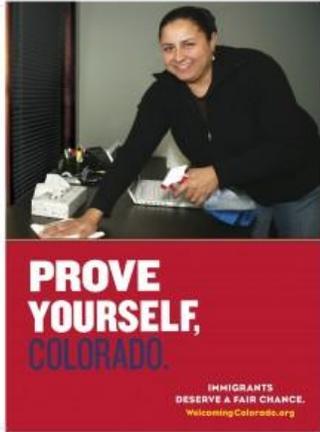


## Who We Are

*Welcoming Colorado* is coordinated by a committee of service providers, communities of faith, immigrants, and concerned community members who feel an urgent need for more **thoughtful and open discussion** about immigrants and immigration.



We seek to change the tone of the discussion on immigration through **relationship building** and **community education**.

Our initiative works towards building stronger more inclusive communities through:

- Leadership Development
- Contact between Long-time residents and new residents
- Community-wide communications

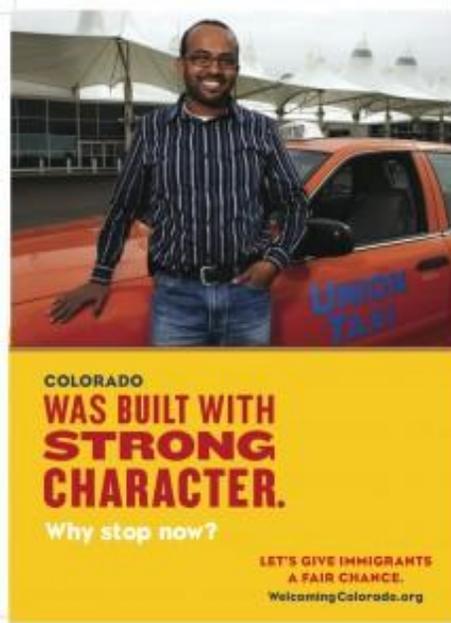
## Our National Partnership



Welcoming initiatives exist throughout the US, from Tennessee to Massachusetts, Alabama to Washington. Like Welcoming Colorado, these efforts work to transform the public dialogue on immigration into one of respect and dignity through relationship building and community education.

*"The communities where Welcoming America works have fewer strangers and more neighbors."*  
-David Lubell, Executive Director, Welcoming America

[www.welcomingamerica.org](http://www.welcomingamerica.org)

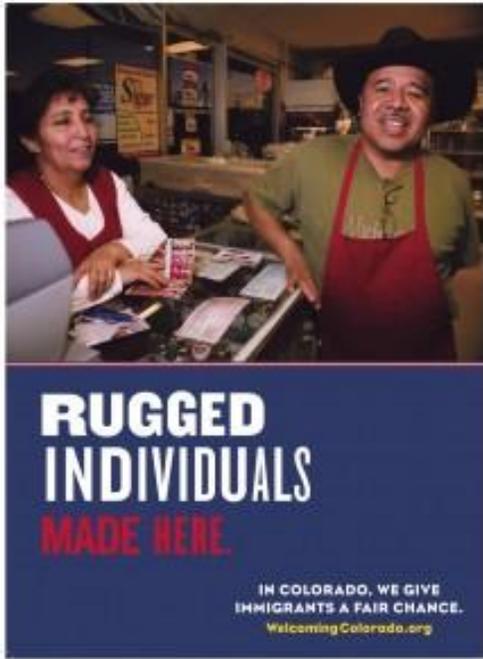


# WELCOMING COLORADO

*MANY FACES, ONE COLORADO*

[WelcomingColorado.org](http://WelcomingColorado.org)

We live in a land of opportunity for those in search of a better life. "Immigration rates to the United States over the past several years are as high as they were in the early 1900s."



"Change on this scale is never easy—not for the immigrants themselves, and not for the communities asked to welcome newcomers whose language or culture they may not understand."

**"Our communities are strongest when everyone who lives in them feels welcome."- Welcoming America**

## Our Work

*Welcoming Colorado* focuses on helping people who were born in this country understand and appreciate their new neighbors.

We encourage native-born community members and immigrants to **exchange stories, break bread together, and build connections and relationships.**



Welcoming Community Picnic -Grand Junction June 2012

We support community members and organizations that are interested in exploring immigration and the role of immigrants in their community with **resources for workshops, book and film discussions, and dialogues.**

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**How can I get involved?**

### **MAKE COLORADO A MORE WELCOMING STATE BY:**

- Endorsing our campaign
- Becoming a presenter
- Joining a community advisory committee
- Approaching your elected officials about supporting Welcoming work
- Contacting us to support an event in your community
- Signing a Welcoming Pledge
- Becoming our friend on Facebook
- Donating to our local Welcoming initiative

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