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IMMIGRANT

RESOURCE CENTER



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## **At the Gilchrist Immigrant Resource Center, you can:**

- **Get information about programs and services that can help you.**
- **Take English, Basic Computer, and Citizenship classes.**
- **Volunteer with our programs to help immigrant communities.**
- **Receive services from our partners (legal consultations, educational advising, etc.)**

# Connecting You With Services

Call us Monday – Friday, 9 am – 5 pm 240-777-4940

*We can help you to find....*

Food Assistance

Health Care

Info about  
Housing/Eviction  
and Utilities

Where to Get Info  
about Immigration  
Questions

Free/Low-Cost  
Legal Help

Classes and Job  
Training

Free or Low-Cost  
Computers and  
Internet

Child Care and  
School Enrollment

COVID-19  
Vaccine/Tests

# Helping get a life back on track – how the Gilchrist Center can help

In 2018, as a young teenager, Antonio Carlos made the dangerous journey from El Salvador to the US, all on his own. He risked everything with the hopes of a better life in the US. And at first it seemed like he was on that path. He had made it to Montgomery County, was living with his aunt, enrolled in school.

The pandemic changed everything. With problems at home, he had to move out on his own and leave school. He found a place to live, and supported himself with odd jobs. But then, things got even worse, when he was told he had to move out. He couldn't afford to stay anywhere else, and became homeless.

When he found the Gilchrist Immigrant Resource Center, he did not have an ID or his school documents, his phone was broken, and he had nowhere to go. He couldn't attend school since he had to work to try to pay rent. He hadn't had anything to eat or drink the day he came to our office.

Despite his desperate situation, he had a positive attitude, and was eager to do what he could to go back to school and stabilize his life.

During several visits over the course of a few weeks, Gilchrist Center staff brought in the Bienvenidos Initiative, which serves newcomer youth in the County. Through our combined efforts, Antonio Carlos received support from around ten different organizations to begin to get his life back on track.

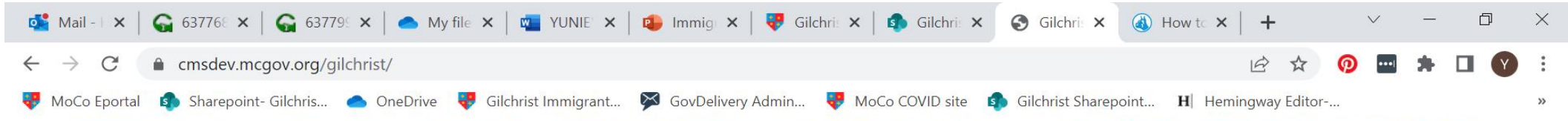
Six weeks later, Antonio Carlos is attending school regularly! He told us how much he enjoys learning and being back in school with his peers. Though he still has many challenges in achieving long-term safety and stability, the Gilchrist Center will continue to connect him with the information and resources he needs to continue on his path to building a stable life in this country.

### With the Gilchrist Center's help, Antonio Carlos has received support from:

- **MCPS** to re-enroll in school, and he is now part of the METS program
- **The Montgomery County Crisis Center** and **Interfaith Works** to assist with temporary housing,
- **Identity Inc.** for case management and a new phone,
- **Pathways to Housing** for breakfast and **MUM** for additional food assistance
- **CASA** for an ID
- **Proyecto Salud** for medical care,
- **Several legal organizations** which might provide legal representation in his immigration case,
- **Mary Center** for mental health counseling

# Visit our NEW website:

[www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Gilchrist](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Gilchrist)



## Our Classes

View current class schedule for English Language, Computer and Citizenship preparation classes

[Explore classes >>](#)



## Get Help

Learn more about the programs and services offered by Gilchrist Center, find useful community resources

[Get help >>](#)



## Information & Referral

Call us at 240-777-4940 (Mon to Fri, 9am—5pm) or visit our locations to find programs that can help you.

[Learn more about Information & Referral Services >>](#)



## Immigrant Resources

<https://cmsdev.mcgov.org/gilchrist/volunteer/>



## Citizenship



## Volunteer



# Get Help

If you cannot find what you're looking for from the information below, call us at (240) 777-4940 (Mon to Fri, 9am—5pm) or [visit us](#) at one of our locations to ask about programs that can help you.



Multiple needs



Financial



Housing



Food



Legal



Health



Crisis Services



Job Readiness



Tech & Internet Access



Clothing, Diapers, Etc.



For Youth & Seniors



Disability Services



Operations update: Starting on March 7, 2022, our offices will be open to the public. Walk-ins welcome! All Spring 2022 classes will be online. Our Information and Referral service is available by phone at 240-777-4940, Monday to Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

# Immigrant Resources



Immigration  
Legal Services



Know  
Your Rights



Family  
Preparedness



Immigration  
Agencies



Public Benefits  
& Public Charge



COVID - 19  
Resources

## County Resources

- [Montgomery County's Immigrant Rights and Resources handout \(English\) \(Spanish/Español\)](#)  
Contains useful information on your rights and where to get help with different issues."

## General Resources

- [FindHello \(available in English, Spanish, and Arabic\)](#)  
Provides help finding services for immigrants, refugees, asylum seekers and undocumented people in the USA. Search for job advice, lawyers, healthcare, English classes and other services near you.



# Connecting You With Classes

## Study with us!

**English**

**Basic  
Computer  
Skills**

**English  
Conversation**

**Citizenship  
Preparation**

# Locations

\*Hours vary at each location. Check our website for most current hours of operation!\*

[www.montgomerycountymd.gov/gilchrist/contact.html](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/gilchrist/contact.html)



## **Wheaton:**

11002 Veirs Mill Rd., Suite 506  
(Westfield South Building)  
Wheaton, MD 20902

Mon-Thurs: 9am-5pm

## **Gaithersburg:**

### **Gaithersburg Library, 2nd Floor**

18330 Montgomery Village Avenue  
Gaithersburg, MD 20879

Tues/Thurs: 3-8pm; Wed/Fri: 10am-3pm

## **East County (currently on hold):**

### **East County Regional Service Center**

3300 Briggs Chaney Road  
Silver Spring, MD 20904



**We can help  
you in your  
language!**



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