Who We Are

Co-created by **ourBRIDGE for KIDS**, **Charlotte Community Health Clinic** (CCHC), and **Carolina Migrant Network** (CMN), The Charlotte is Home Center will offer refugee and immigrant neighbors secular, equitable, and culturally responsive services by offering educational support, pro-bono immigration legal representation, and comprehensive healthcare in their first language, under one roof.

The Charlotte is Home Center is a women-led collaboration and a vital project for the Charlotte/Mecklenburg area. Born from firsthand experiences with the barriers newcomers face and led by strong community advocates, the center is an organic reflection of the area's evolving demographics and requirements.

Why in Charlotte?

From 1990 to 2020, the foreign-born population in the Mecklenburg County increased by 931.65%.

Mecklenburg County has the highest concentration of immigrants in deportation proceedings in North Carolina.

45% of Latinos in Mecklenburg County don't have a primary healthcare provider.

*Data pulled from 2020 Census, TRAC, and Charlotte/Mecklenburg Quality of Life Explorer



Charlotte is HOME CENTER

• WELCOME NEIGHBORS •

This first-of-its-kind center for newcomers in the region was made possible through strong community partnerships.

We are honored to name the new clinic after the late Charlotte Community Health Clinic founder, Dr. Ophelia Garmon-Brown, in recognition of this unique partnership.

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ourBRIDGE fosters the education, acculturation, and well-being of refugee and immigrant families through out-of-school programs and comprehensive, culturally-responsive wraparound support to hundreds of families from all over the world.

Carolina Migrant Network

CMN builds and sustains services for people targeted by the Department of Homeland Security and Immigration (DHS). CMN provides compassionate and competent pro-bono legal representation and organizes with communities to disrupt the deportation pipeline/ system.

Charlotte Community Health Clinic

CCHC improves the health of the community by providing the highest quality, patient-centered healthcare services for low-income and other underserved individuals.

At the Charlotte is Home Center, neighbors will find:

Education & Wraparound Services

- Multilingual, multicultural staff (representing 20 countries & able to speak 10+ languages)
- 10+ years working with immigrant and refugee families
- Individualized wraparound support and guidance in navigating the school system
- Community-led workshops, training, and community-building events
- Facilitation of Emergency Funds
- Community Closet

Immigration Legal Support & Civic Engagement

- Renowned leaders in the advocacy for immigrants' rights
- Pro-Bono representation in immigration law
- Civic engagement and advocacy
- Workforce development from immigrant and first gen youth

Health Equity

- 20 years of experience working with diverse communities
- High-quality medical, dental, and behavioral health services for children and adults.
- Culturally responsive, comprehensive healthcare for the underinsured and uninsured communities
- Assistance with Insurance and Public Benefits Enrollment
- Health Fairs open to the public
- Preventive Care
- North Carolina Formerly Incarcerated Transition (NC FIT) Program