There are many misconceptions about immigrants. Unfounded statements, especially when they are shared between students and within families can have very negative and hurtful results. A reliable source of information is Teaching Tolerance, where you can find the Ten Myths About Immigration. Here you can find a few of the most frequently heard misconceptions—along with information to help separate fact from fear.

www.tolerance.org/magazine/spring-2011/ten-myths-about-immigration

The immigrant community is currently dealing with a very high level of stress and anxiety due to living in fear and constantly dealing with racism, bigotry, uncertainty, threats and psychological maltreatment. One of the best ways to deal with anxiety is to be prepared.

1. Make a childcare plan that includes preparing documents, deciding who will care for children, emergency contacts, etc.
2. Find out about your immigration options; find a licensed immigration attorney.
3. Know your rights. immigrantfamily.org or www.aclu.org/know-your-rights/what-do-if-youre-stopped-police-immigration-agents-or-fbi or www.ilrc.org/redcards
4. Seek mental health services. Counselors can provide a space for youth and families to vent their frustrations, fears, mistrust and sadness.

211 Broward First Call for Help Helpline
2-1-1 or 954-537-0211

211 We Are Broward Resource Webpage
http://211-broward.org/wearebroward

Boys & Girls Club
954-537-1010 www.bgcbc.org

Broward Community & Health Centers
954-266-2999 www.bcchc.org

Broward Regional Health Planning Council Affordable Care Act (ACA) Navigator Services
954-561-9681 Ext. 1226 www.brhpc.org

Catholic Charities Legal Services
954-306-9537 www.ccslmiami.org

Center for Independent Living of Broward
954-617-9219 www.ceilsbroward.org

Church World Services
954-534-9113 www.cwsglobal.org

Cora E. Branyon Family Health Center
954-759-6600
www.browardhealth.org/locations/cora-e-branyon-family-health-center

Department of Children & Families/ACCESS Department
954-375-3338
www.browardlegalaid.org

Department of Health Refugee Health Program
954-467-8737
floridakidcare.org/eligibility/non-citizens.html

Department of Immigration, Florida
305-772-7524 www.floridaimmigrant.org

Gulf Coast Jewish Family & Community Services
954-703-3570
www.gulfcoastjewishfamilyandcommunityservices.org

HANDY 954-522-2911 handycivc.org

Hispanic Unity of Florida
954-342-0296, 954-964-8884 Ext 203 or 216 www.hispanicunity.org

Harmony Development Center
954-766-4483
www.harmonycounselingcenter.org

Henderson Behavioral Health
954-486-4005 www.hendersonbh.org

Kids In Distress, Inc. 954-380-7654 www.kidonc.org

Legal Aid Services of Broward County
954-765-8950 www.browardlegalaid.org

Light of World Clinic
954-563-9876 www.lightoftheworldclinic.com

SEIU Florida
305-623-3000 www.seiufl.org

Youth Co-op, Refugee Service Center
954-961-1542 www.ycoop.org
Parents: As a parent or guardian, know your child has the right to a free public education and you should not feel intimidated from registering your child for any educational services offered in BCPS. Schools cannot request any information disclosing your immigrant status.

Students: In BCPS, we are committed to respecting your rights to an equitable educational experience and to ensure access to resources to support your academic career in a safe environment.

Teachers: BCPS provides resources and opportunities through various departments that can be accessed to support immigrant students. Encourage students to experience and embrace the culture of their peers while exploring the concepts of culture, diversity, and immigration.

All BCPS Staff: BCPS has a responsibility to ensure all students, regardless of immigration status, religion or country of origin, safely access a free public K-12 education. Through policies and practices, we have committed to quality education for all.

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Upon graduation, Florida provides various opportunities for all students. BCPS School Counselors and Broward Advisors for Continuing Education (BRACE) are great resources to research scholarships, career pathways and other opportunities, as well as an annual college/career fair. Below are some of the scholarship opportunities available:

Broward Education Fund with support from BRACE, raises dollars to provide scholarships to deserving graduating seniors who dream of attending a community college, university or vocational school. browardedfoundation.org

Naviance-Family Connection provides an array of academic advising, career readiness and distance learning resources for students and parents. browardschools.com/naviance

Florida Students provides sources Student Tutorials and Resources to support learning in language arts, mathematics, science, civics, and U.S. History. www.floridastudents.org/

Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program established 4 lottery-funded scholarships to reward Florida high school graduates for high academic achievement. www.floridastudentsfinancialaid.org/sfad/bf

TheDream.US is a national scholarship fund for DREAMers enrolled in partner colleges for DACA recipients. www.thedream.us

Florida Immigrant Coalition (FLIC) offers an in state tuition program for undocumented students. www.floridaimmigrant.org 1-888-600-5767

Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF) offers a Scholarship Resource Guide for students and parents with an extensive list of scholarships, including many not inquiring about immigration status. www.maldef.org

This pamphlet includes information about available immigrant services and resources. Such materials are for informational purposes only and may not reflect the most current developments. Resources listed are not affiliated or sponsored by SBBC. These materials are not intended, and should not be taken as legal advice on any particular set of facts or circumstances. You should contact an attorney for advice on specific legal issues or concerns.

The purpose of this pamphlet is to provide an overview of the available services for immigrant students.

The School Board of Broward County, FL (SBBC) adopted Resolution No. 17-98 designating the School Board of Broward County, FL as an inclusive, safe and welcoming district ensuring a protected space and environment for all students regardless of immigration status, religion, or country of origin to learn and thrive.

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