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# **ADULT EDUCATION AND IMMIGRANT INTEGRATION**

## **NETWORKS FOR INTEGRATING NEW AMERICANS (NINA)**

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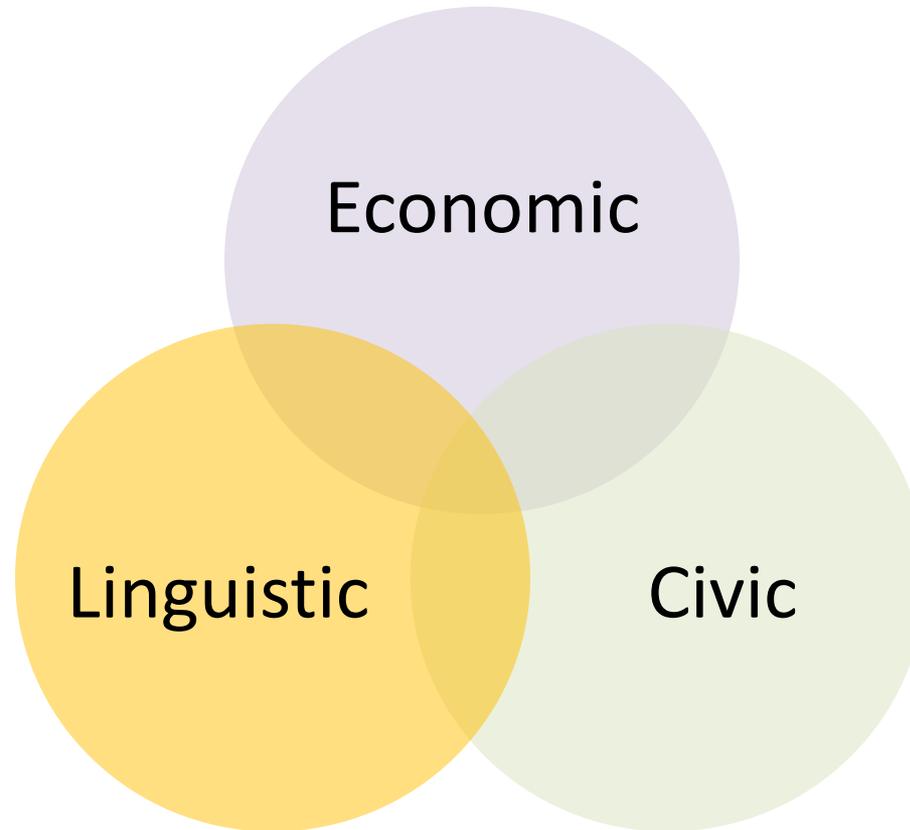
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# Challenges for Immigrants

- Limited English proficiency
- Access to job training and retraining
- Access to credentialing and licensing
- Familiarity with U.S. educational systems
- Understanding about U.S. civic engagement
- Access to employers
- Access to technology

# The Three Pillars of Immigrant Integration



# Goals and Objectives

Identify integrative and innovative approaches that reduce linguistic, academic, and employment barriers for low skilled and skilled immigrants and refugees, and that facilitate their integration or re-integration into the U.S. workforce and support their success through appropriate technical assistance.

Identify promising practices that more strategically coordinate across services and service providers to promote immigrants' linguistic, civic, and economic integration—particularly as it relates to low- and high-skilled immigrants with limited English proficiency.

# **World Education, Inc.**

with its three partner organizations:

- National Partnership for New Americans,
- IMPRINT, and
- Welcoming America

Project Period: March 2013 – March 2016

# Networks for Integrating New Americans (NINA)

OVAE is committed to understanding how Adult Education can:

1. Improve immigrants' access to effective and innovative English language programs,
2. Support immigrants on the path to citizenship, and
3. Support immigrants' career development through training and education.

# Project Milestones

1. Create a Theoretical Framework to guide project.
2. Design & implement evidenced-based technical assistance (TA).
3. Recruit and select place-based immigrant integration networks to receive technical assistance.
4. Deliver and document the effectiveness of the TA.
5. Provide recommendations for replication of models.
6. Present lessons learned.

# Outcomes and Products

- A Theoretical Framework
- Documentation of Technical Assistance
- Recommendations for Replication of Models

# Current Status

- **Theoretical Framework Now Available!**
  - Available via LINCS: <http://lincs.ed.gov/professional-development/resource-collections/profile-717>
- **Informational Webinar Interested Applicants**
  - December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 from 2:30 – 4:00pm.
- **First Round of Applications due by Friday, Dec. 20, 2013!**
  - To access Application Materials, go to <http://tinyurl.com/k566q4y>
  - For information about Webinar and Applications, contact:
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# Thank you!

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# What if we could change the way we see immigrants?



# Welcoming Model

**Leadership**



**Contact**



**Communications**





# Entire community approach to integration and inclusion

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# NASHVILLE: A GLOBAL DESTINATION.

2012: Led the country in job growth

3rd best positioned city “to grow and prosper in the coming decade” – Forbes

Flush with young new residents and alive with immigrants, tourists and music – NY Times

“Nowville” – GQ Magazine

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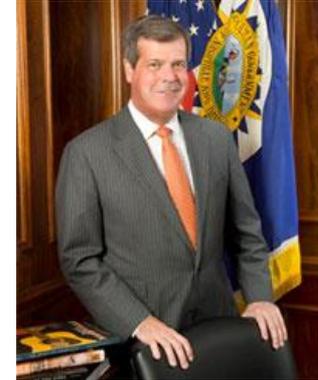
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*Cities & Counties*

“When immigrants pick your city that is a great honor.”

- Nashville Mayor Karl Dean



“The City of Atlanta will continue to work on welcoming, including, and supporting the economic and social contributions of immigrants to enhance our city’s cultural fabric, economic growth, and global competitiveness.”

- Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed



# Practical Approaches



# National Welcoming Week

September 13-21, 2014

Bringing together newcomers and receiving communities in a spirit of unity



Immigrants Make Us Stronger  
Learn more at [www.welcomingweek.org](http://www.welcomingweek.org).

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# Get Involved

1. Learn how to make your community more welcoming and share your practice. More at [www.welcomingamerica.org](http://www.welcomingamerica.org)
2. Get your city/county signed on to Welcoming Cities and Counties. More at [www.welcomingcities.org](http://www.welcomingcities.org)
3. Join us for National Welcoming Week. More at [www.welcomingweek.org](http://www.welcomingweek.org)

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