



# IOWA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS

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The Iowa Department of Human Rights (DHR) brings strength to Iowa's rich heritage. Our three divisions - Community Action Agencies, Community Advocacy and Services, and Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning - work to reduce cultural, social, and economic barriers to opportunities for Iowans to succeed.

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## Nominations Open for Iowa Latino Hall of Fame

Each year the Iowa Commission of Latino Affairs honors and inducts the following into the Iowa Latino Hall of Fame:

- up to three **Latinos, Latinas, or Latinxs**;
- a recipient of the **Iowa Latinx Youth Leadership Award**;
- a recipient of the **Robert D. Ray Award for Equity and Justice**; and
- a recipient (BIPOC) of the Iowa **LGBTQIA Leadership Award**.

The Iowa Commission of Latino Affairs will accept nominations for the 2022 Iowa Latino Hall of Fame until **July 1, 2022**.

For more information and for nomination materials, please visit the [Iowa Department of Human Rights' website](#) or contact Sonia Reyes, Executive Officer with the Iowa Department of Human Rights' Office of Latino Affairs at [Sonia.Reyes@iowa.gov](mailto:Sonia.Reyes@iowa.gov) or 515-281-4080.

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## Latino Resource Fair of Central Iowa

The Iowa Department of Human Rights' Office of Latino Affairs and the Iowa Spanish Helpline invite you to the [Latino Resource Fair](#) for the Latino communities in Central Iowa.

**Date:** June 4, 2022 - 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

**Location:** West Terrace, Iowa State Capitol Grounds  
[1007 E Grand Ave](#)  
[Des Moines, IA 50319](#)

There will be resources from community organizations; Latino food for sale; children's activities; COVID-19 vaccination clinic; and capitol building tours in Spanish at 11:00 AM and at 1:00 PM.

For more information, please call the Iowa Spanish Helpline at 515-344-3936.



**Latino Resource Fair  
of Central Iowa**

Saturday, June 4, 2022  
10:00 Am to 2:00 PM

In front of the **Iowa State Capitol** (West)  
1007 E Grand Ave, Des Moines, IA 50319

Resources from Community Organizations  
 Latino Food for Sale  
 Children Activities  
 COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic  
 Bilingual Capital Building Tours  
 at 11AM and 1 PM

If you have any questions or would like more information, please call the Iowa Spanish Helpline at **515-344-3936**

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Iowa Department of Human Rights

Iowa Spanish Helpline



**Feria Latina  
de Recursos Comunitarios en  
el Área Central de Iowa**

Sábado, Junio 4, 2022  
10:00 AM a 2:00 PM

En frente del **Capitolio del Estado de Iowa**  
(Lado oeste)  
1007 E Grand Ave, **Des Moines**, IA 50319

Recursos de organizaciones comunitarias  
 Venta de comida latina  
 Actividades para los niños  
 Clínica de vacunación contra el COVID-19  
 Recorridos del Capitolio en Español  
 a las 11 AM y 1 PM

Si tiene alguna pregunta o desea obtener más información, llame a la línea de ayuda **515-344-3936**

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## Interactive Court Forms

Iowa Interactive Court Forms is a **free** program offered by the Iowa Judicial Branch to help persons without attorneys create court forms. The interactive court forms are specifically designed to improve access to justice for people without legal representation. The program provides helpful information about the court process in plain language and uses a question-and-answer format to prepare approved court forms. When completed, the user is given instructions on printing, signing, and filing the documents with the court. Either party can use the program in a case.

The current list of available forms includes:

- Divorce without children/Divorcio sin hijos (English and Spanish)
- Child Support Modification, with access to a child support calculator (English)
- Small claims actions (English)
- Name changes (English)
- Fee waivers (English)

For more information, please visit the [Iowa Judicial Branch website](#).

## Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic

If you are a low-income taxpayer who needs help in resolving a tax dispute with the Internal Revenue Service and cannot afford representation, you may qualify for free or low-cost assistance from [Iowa Legal Aid's Low Income Taxpayer Clinic](#) (LITC). You may call Iowa Legal Aid at 1-800-532-1275 for details and assistance. Information about LITCs and the work they do to represent, educate and advocate on behalf of low-income and ESL taxpayers is available in IRS [Publication 5066](#), LITC Program Report. IRS [Publication 4134](#).

## Iowa PBS's High School Mentorship Program

The Iowa Public Broadcasting Service (Iowa PBS) offers a High School Minority Mentorship Program to broaden opportunities for minority high school students. Minority and/or female students in Iowa may apply to experience firsthand the world of television production and public media. Visit [Iowa PBS](#) to learn more.

## 2022 Youth Leadership Academy

The [Youth Leadership Academy](#) (YLA) provides an opportunity for youth with disabilities to learn leadership skills.



### WHAT IS YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY (YLA)?

YLA is an intro to learning leadership skills for youth with disabilities. The training consists of five 2-hour sessions. All sessions will be held virtually and are FREE to all participants.

YLA is provided by Access 2 Independence, ASK Resource Center, Iowa Department of Human Rights, Iowa Developmental Disabilities Council, and UI Health Care Center for Disabilities and Development.

### WHAT WILL STUDENTS LEARN?

The five themes include leadership, goal-setting, self-determination, civic engagement, plus networking and mentoring. All sessions will be interactive.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND?

There are two statewide training sessions during the week—one in the morning and one in the afternoon. YLA is for students ages 14–21. Each session will consist of 8–12 students from Iowa communities. After the interview process, selected students will be assigned to the AM or PM session. (Attempts will be made to honor specific requests.)

### WANT TO LEARN MORE? ATTEND AN OPEN HOUSE!

#### Virtual Open House Dates:

To register, click on the date and time that works best for you.

[WED, May 25 | 4:00–4:30 p.m.](#)

[WED, May 25 | 5:30–6:00 p.m.](#)

[THURS, June 2 | 11:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.](#)

### WHEN WILL YLA TAKE PLACE?

Trainings: MON, July 25–FRI, July 29

Morning Session: 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Afternoon Session: 1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

Graduation Ceremony: FRI, August 5

### QUESTIONS?

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## Additional DHR Youth Programs

Iowa Youth Congress

The Iowa Department of Human Rights is accepting applications for the 2022-2023 term of Iowa Youth Congress program. Iowa Youth Congress is a diverse and dynamic group made of up to 100 high school aged youth who will get hands-on experience, training, and knowledge in the areas of state government, leadership, advocacy, and civic engagement. Applications are due June 3, 2022.

To learn more about IYC: <https://bit.ly/IowaYouthCongress>

To Apply: <https://bit.ly/IowaYouthCongress2022>

### **State of Iowa Youth Advisory Council**

The State of Iowa Youth Advisory Council (SIYAC) is a statutory council that fosters communication among a group of engaged youth and the Governor, General Assembly, and other community leaders regarding programs, policies, and practices affecting youth and families. SIYAC advocates for youth on important issues and solutions affecting youth.

The Iowa Department of Human Rights is accepting applications for the 2022-2023 term of the State of Iowa Youth Advisory Council (SIYAC). SIYAC is composed of 21 youth from across Iowa, ages 14-20. The application and 2 letters of recommendation are due June 3, 2022.

For more information about SIYAC: <https://humanrights.iowa.gov/cas/siyac>

To apply: <https://bit.ly/SIYAC2022>

### **Informational Session - SIYAC and IYC**

The Iowa Department of Human Rights will be hosting a webinar on **May 15, 2022, from 6:00-7:00 PM** for anyone who would like to learn more about SIYAC and IYC. To register, please go to [bit.ly/DHRwebinar](https://bit.ly/DHRwebinar).

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# STATEWIDE WEBINAR

MAY 15  
6PM

All welcome  
to come learn  
about youth  
programs!

**Register Now!**

<https://bit.ly/DHRwebinar>

