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Jewish Family Services (JFS) of Greenwich Expands Eastern Connecticut Presence Through Merger with Immigration Advocacy and Support Center (IASC)

New London-based nonprofit will become part of JFS

Greenwich, Conn. (September 8, 2026) – Jewish Family Services of Greenwich (JFS) today announced that the Immigration Advocacy and Support Center (IASC), a New London-based nonprofit that has provided affordable immigration legal services since 2014, will become part of JFS. The merger will expand access to trusted immigration legal services throughout Eastern Connecticut while connecting clients to a broader network of social services and support.

The partnership builds on the JFS growing presence in New London County and reflects both organizations' commitment to serving immigrants and families seeking safety, stability, and opportunity.

"When IASC approached us about becoming part of JFS, we immediately recognized how closely our missions and values aligned," said **Rachel Kornfeld, Chief Executive Officer of Jewish Family Services of Greenwich**. *"IASC has built a trusted presence in New London, providing high-quality, affordable legal services to immigrants and families seeking safety, stability, and a path forward. At a time when needs are so great, we share a responsibility to maximize our resources so that more can go directly to serving the people who need us most. By bringing together the IASC experienced staff and deep roots in New London with the growing presence of JFS across Eastern Connecticut, we can reach more families with the trusted guidance and support they need to navigate an increasingly complex immigration system."*

Under the merger, immigration clients will continue to receive quality legal representation and advocacy services while benefiting from greater organizational capacity and access to JFS programs, including behavioral health services, food security initiatives, older adult services, and other community-based supports.

"Recognizing that the need continues to grow for trusted, affordable immigration legal services, and seeing the outstanding work JFS has done since coming to Norwich for people of all faiths and backgrounds, our Board made the proposal to JFS that we strengthen both organizations' services across the region by merging," said **Carolyn Patierno, Chair of the IASC Board of Directors**. *"JFS will bring the administrative and organizational depth that is essential for IASC to continue its legal work. An added benefit will be the seamless connection clients will gain to the broad range of social services provided by JFS."*

The merger reflects a shared vision to ensure that individuals and families throughout Eastern Connecticut have access to high-quality immigration legal services while strengthening the long-term sustainability and impact of those services.

About the Immigration Advocacy and Support Center (IASC)

The Immigration Advocacy and Support Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that has provided quality, low-cost immigration legal services to residents of Southeastern Connecticut since 2014. Through legal representation, advocacy, and education, IASC helps individuals and families navigate the immigration system and pursue pathways to stability and opportunity.

About Jewish Family Services (JFS) of Greenwich

Jewish Family Services of Greenwich (JFS) is a nonprofit social services agency serving Fairfield and New London Counties. Guided by the principles of compassion, dignity, and justice, JFS protects the vulnerable, empowers individuals, and strengthens families of all backgrounds. Through behavioral health services, food security programs, older adult services, immigration legal support, and other community-based initiatives, JFS helps individuals and families build healthier, more stable futures.

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