Mayor's Office for New Americans



Building on Utah's proud tradition of welcoming newcomers, we can ensure the economic, social, and civic potential of Salt Lake's New Americans is maximized – making Salt Lake more vibrant and globally competitive.



Goal 1: Make Utah the Most Welcoming State

2018 Highlights:

 Salt Lake County became the first County in the Nation to achieve the status of Certified Welcoming.



2019 Priority:

- Organize a multi-sector partnership including, philanthropy, government, non-profit, faith-based, and education, to develop a robust immigrant integration plan.
- Work with Utah's congressional delegation to increase the national refugee resettlement ceiling for the next year



Goal 2: Ensure all Salt Lake residents live in safe, healthy and connected communities

2018 Highlights:

• Secured a one-time \$100,000 in legislative funding to support naturalization efforts across four counties.



2019 Priority:



- Implementation of comprehensive regional Census 2020 outreach plan to educate, encourage and reduce the barrier to achieve a complete count.
- Advocate to expand resource focused on refugees to be more inclusive of other New Americans



Goal 3: Maximize the economic potential of New Americans

2018 Highlights:

 Elevated awareness on the contribution of new American microbusinesses and secured investment from state and private resources



2019 Priority:

- Increase local investment in and improve quality of English as a Second Language (ESL) programs
- Develop career resources for foreign-trained professionals

