



Latino Ski Day



English as a Second Language (ESL) Classes

How to Help

One Telluride is always looking for volunteers and opportunities to realize the community immigrant integration plan. If you would like to help by volunteering or partnering through your organization, please contact Benito at (970) 708-7830 or benitocardenas@gmail.com

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*Building a stronger
Telluride community by
helping immigrants
integrate
into the community*

OneTelluride

One Telluride is a community-wide based effort to empower immigrants to fully integrate and participate in the Telluride community.

Immigrant integration is defined as “an inclusive, reciprocal process by which immigrants and the receiving community feel welcomed in all aspects of community life regardless of their country of origin or the language they speak.”

One Telluride started with a community-wide planning process, which included representation from a variety of organizations and institutions, including:

- Health, including the Telluride Medical Clinic, providers and county nurses
- Education, including the school district’s ESL program
- Businesses
- Local government
- The Telluride Foundation and other non-profits, including the San Miguel Resource Center and the One-to-One Mentoring Program
- Law enforcement
- Social Services
- Housing

Immigration Quick Facts

- 1882 “Lunatics” are banned from immigrating to the U.S.
- 1917 “Anyone over 16 not able to read (in any language) is banned
- 1924 The Indian Citizenship Act grants citizenship to Native Americans

One Telluride addresses issues within six areas: Healthcare, Business and Employment, Law Enforcement, Housing and Transportation, Culture and Community, and Education. Below are examples of proposed strategies:

- A community resource center. The goal is for the Cultural Center is to be a resource and a hub for social and civic activities for immigrants and the receiving community
- A standards-based ESL program
- Informational forums about accessing legal systems, legal issues, navigating various institutions
- Seminars and meetings about rights and responsibilities for employees and employers
- “Living in America” workshops
- Cultural festivals, movies, and more integrated recreational activities.

Support

In late 2006, the Telluride Foundation received an immigrant integration planning grant from The Colorado Trust, a Denver based state-wide healthcare foundation. In 2007 One Telluride was created out of the planning process and received a four year implementation grant.

Other contributors include:

- The Town of Telluride
- San Miguel County
- Telluride Mountain Village Owners Association
- Town of Mountain Village
- Telluride Foundation
- Many local generous businesses and volunteers.

