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Action for **H**ealth and **E**mployment's **A**ccess **D**evelopment  
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## **Connecting Schools and Newcomer Families to Support Academic Success In Montgomery County**

# Background

- Evidence shows that the USA holds one-in-five of the world's immigrants
- Only half (53%) are proficient English speakers
- By 2065, immigrants and their descendants are projected to increase the U.S. population by 103 million people
- Over 25,000 newcomers live in Montgomery County accounting for over \$560 million in spending power
- Recent evidence shows that between 2014 and 2019 the Montgomery County population decreased by 0.5 percent, while the immigrant population grew by 21.6 percent.
- Although the foreign-born made-up 4.8 percent of the county's overall population, they represented **6.0 percent of its working-age population**



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## About AHEAD

- Action for Health and Employment's Access Development (AHEAD) is committed to helping our newcomers succeed both now and, in the future
- AHEAD is an IRS **501 (C) (3)** nonprofit organization
- AHEAD empowers newcomers to improve their quality of life through financial literacy and educational support
- AHEAD values partnerships with educational institutions, financial institutions, health and social service providers and other nonprofits in order to enhance quality of life for our clients and provide a pathway that benefits both our families and our workforce



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## Who Are Our Clients

- Newcomers of all status's from all places
- Adults and their children
- Referrals from local businesses, community leaders and other nonprofit organizations



# Our Goal as Partners

- ✓ Engage newcomer parents in their child's education
- ✓ Empower parents to take accountability
- ✓ Increase participation in school activities
- ✓ Connect parents with ESL opportunities
- ✓ Orient parents and students to the American system
- ✓ Promote STEM course success



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# How it Works

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- Newcomer family in need is identified by school
- Referral to AHEAD
- AHEAD works as a conduit between the school and family to promote student classroom success and school involvement
- AHEAD addresses wrap-around needs of family





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