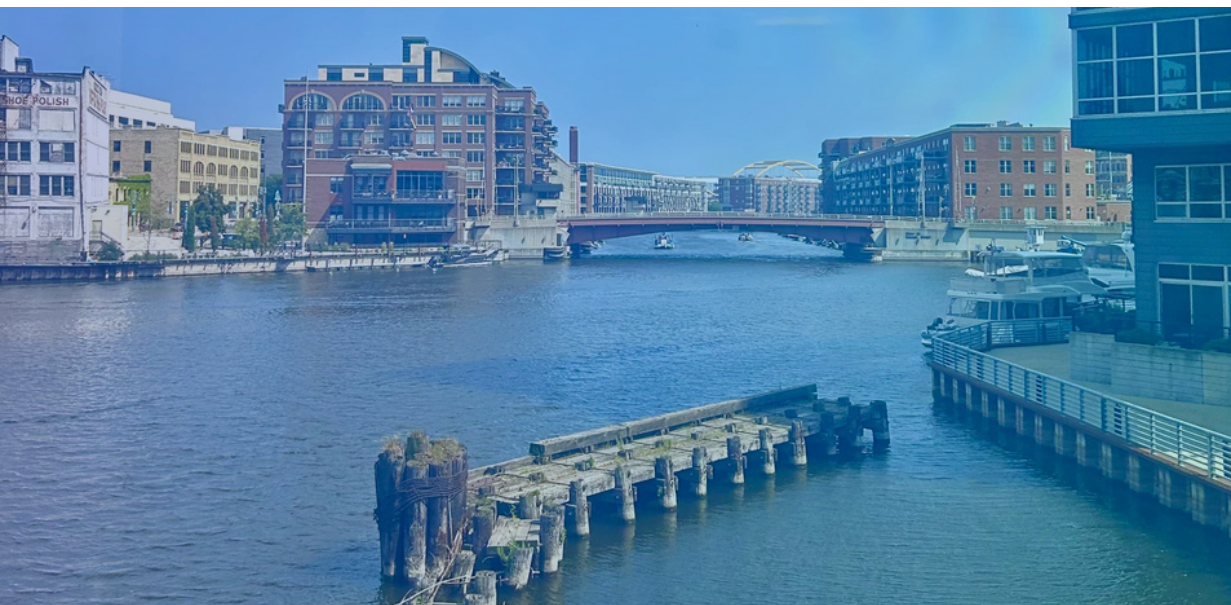




ECE Aid™ Newsletter

A charitable initiative developed to provide free evaluation reports for vulnerable and displaced populations.



Highlights

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SUMMER/AUTUMN 2025

As we move through the second half of 2025, let's reflect on positive outcomes and the impact ECE Aid™ has had on applicants. As you'll read later, we celebrated nine years of ECE Aid™ in August, and have reached over 1,400 completed evaluations since launching the initiative. These numbers reflect not just opportunities for recipients, but also enormous positive change for their families and communities.

We've also been quite active communicating with and presenting to potential ECE Aid™ participating organizations. Further in this newsletter you'll read about the "Maximize Economic Potential Summit 2.0" we attended in Grand Rapids, MI. The summit provided excellent opportunities to engage with numerous organizations, as well as potential individual applicants based in western Michigan.

Throughout October we were also fortunate to present to numerous schools, community colleges, and organizations such as the Wisconsin Technical College network. The month ended with our annual visit to the Mexican Consulate located in Milwaukee, WI. The consulate hosted their annual weeklong event of local and regional opportunities for folks they serve. We always enjoy participating in this bilingual event at the consulate!

Maximize Economic Potential (MEP) Summit 2.0

Earlier this year, a colleague from a higher education institution put us in touch with folks from Welcome Plan West Michigan. Initially, we presented to members of the group to discuss the benefits of ECE Aid™ and how we might assist their networks with credential evaluations from ECE. Fortunately, this initial interaction grew into an invitation for us to present in August at the “Maximize Economic Potential Summit 2.0” (MEP) in Grand Rapids, MI.

The summit was held at Davenport University, and the theme was “Harness Global Talent, Drive Local Success.” As the theme implies, many communities have been adjusting to the current realities of federal policy changes to visas, TPS, etc. Additionally, communities are continuing efforts to fill employment positions that have become critically understaffed, particularly since the COVID-19 pandemic (e.g. healthcare and education).

The summit included speakers from a range of backgrounds and expertise. I was invited to present about ECE Aid™ and ECE services. The turnout was incredible and the packed room included great questions from both potential applicants, as well as service providers. I also was able to sit down with several attendees to discuss their credentials and how ECE might be able to assist them in their employment and educational goals. It was a wonderful gathering to be part of.



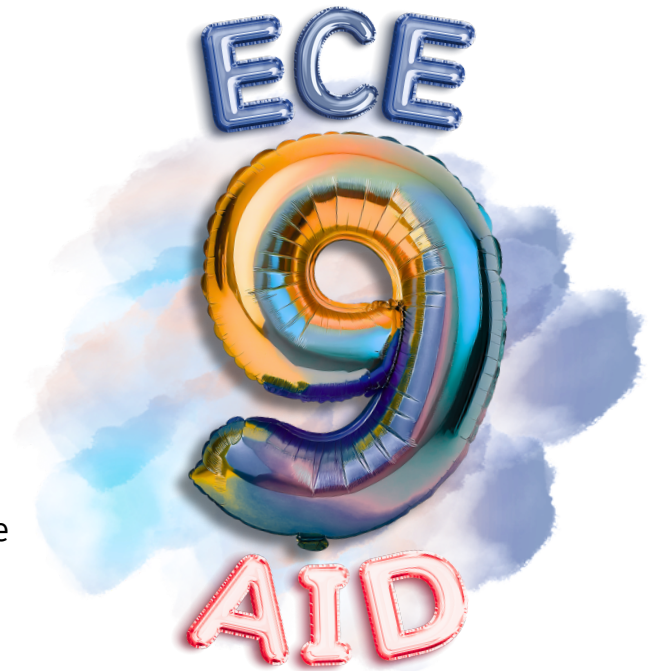
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ECE Aid™ turns NINE!

ECE Aid™ has been providing fee waivers to the forcibly displaced and other marginalized communities since 2016. In August we celebrated NINE years of ECE Aid™. Since its inception, we've been fortunate enough to have served over 1,400 ECE Aid™ recipients. And it looks like 2025 will include the most fee waivers we've distributed since 2016 (more numbers on that soon).

Thank you to all of our staff, participating organizations, and of course, recipients, for all of your support over these past nine years. We are looking forward to next year for our biggest year yet!



Activities and Outreach

Here are highlights of how we stayed engaged in the international education community:

August

- Attended and presented at the Welcome Plan West Michigan, Maximize Economic Potential (MEP) Summit 2.0 - Grand Rapids, MI
- Hosted webinar for Trellus - Chicago, IL

September

- Hosted webinar for Kalamazoo Refugee Resource Collaborative - Kalamazoo, MI
- Hosted webinar for Kalamazoo Public Schools - Kalamazoo, MI

October

- Hosted webinar for Wisconsin Technical College System and Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation - Wisconsin statewide
- Hosted webinar for Adult Career & Education Alliance - San Antonio, TX
- Hosted webinar for Chemeketa Community College - Salem, OR
- Presented in-person at Mexican Consulate: Semana Binacional de Educacion - Milwaukee, WI

Sincerely,

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