GROUP 2: SOCIAL SERVICES & HISPANIC IMMIGRANTS

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<td><strong>Unemployment Insurance (UI)</strong> - Provides partial and temporary income replacement to unemployed and underemployed workers with significant work history, who lose their jobs through no fault of their own, and who are able and available for work.</td>
<td>Not eligible due to statutory restrictions and the UI requirements that workers be “able and available for work” when employers are restricted from hiring undocumented workers.</td>
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<td><strong>Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA)</strong> Provides income support, re-training and other support services to eligible workers who lost jobs due to trade.</td>
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| **Workforce Investment Act (WIA)** -  
Provides job search assistance, counseling, assessment and training services to eligible workers, including employed and unemployed adults and youth | Undocumented workers are only eligible for WIA “core services” including self-directed job search assistance and placement since registration is not required. If services require registration and enrollment, typically for assessment, counseling and training, undocumented workers are not eligible. |
| **Food Stamps** -  
Provides federal food assistance (in the form of paper coupons or electronic benefits on debit cards) for low-income individuals and families. | Undocumented workers are not eligible. However, New York recently received a waiver from the Department of Agriculture for the Disaster Food Stamp Benefit program. The program does not mention benefit status, and New York is promoting the program as available to all who were affected by the 9/11 terrorist attacks. |
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| **Medicaid** -  
A federal-state funded program that provides health care for certain low-income individuals. | Undocumented workers are only eligible for emergency medical services. However, all immigrants are eligible for the New York Family Health Plan for the next four months. New York has also elected to cover other groups of immigrants, including undocumented pregnant women. |
| **State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)**-  
A program to help states provide health coverage to low-income children whose families earn too much to be eligible for traditional Medicaid, but not enough to afford private insurance. | A few states have extended SCHIP to “unqualified children.” |
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<td>Federal Emergency Management Agency Programs (FEMA) – Provides information, referral, housing, medical, legal and disaster unemployment assistance to individuals and families affected by major disasters.</td>
<td>Illegal immigrants are limited to receiving non-cash benefits and in-kind services.</td>
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Services Underutilized by Legal Immigrants

- Education
- Health Services
- Insurance
- Affordable health services
The Migration Policy Institute (MPI) estimates that more than 1.3 million college-educated immigrants were unemployed or underemployed in 2005-2006, and identifies four key contributing factors to this underutilization of talent:

- Limited English-language skills
- Poor familiarity with the US job market
- Limited US work or academic experience
- Lack of recognition for foreign academic credentials

While the first three challenges noted are widely acknowledged and well understood, issues concerning foreign credential recognition in the United States are not well known.
Industry watchdogs estimate that the state’s emerging Hispanic population is the fastest-growing target of discrimination. They involve differential and discriminatory provision of rental services, privileges, terms, and conditions. (Brown-Graham 1999)
Examples of Housing Offered
Latino children are being denied food because of their race, and that’s not right,” said Lisa Azios in an interview with a local television station, which aired at the five and ten o’clock slots. “I have rights too. My children are hungry too. I have all the rights that anyone else does regardless of race. I feel that I am still being discriminated against,”


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