

LEXINGTON GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT CENTER

presented

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IN LEXINGTON

17.5 %

of the population is foreign born

FAYETTE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS [FCPS]



FCPS ENGLISH LEARNER STUDENTS

2006 - 1520 students

2015 - 5404 students

**A 255% INCREASE IN
Non-English speakers!**

Foreign Languages spoken by English Language Learners

- In 2005 - **27** foreign languages
- Today - **92** foreign languages



Altogether 125+ languages in Lexington

- **38 languages from Africa**
- **11 from the Middle East**
- **24 European**
- **26 Asian ... 5 from the Philippines**
- **4 from Mexico**
- **6 from Guatemala**
- **14 of the 23 official languages of India**

Limited English CHALLENGES

- **Little structure to help**
 - **Trained interpreters**
 - **Education & Training**
 - **Work & entrepreneurial support**
 - **English Driver's Manual**
- **Complexity of cultures**

City Government RESPONSE

MULTILINGUAL SERVICES

- **E-911 telephone interpreter service**
- **311 telephone interpreter service**
- **“I Speak Posters”**
- **Title VI complaint forms**
- **GLOBAL LEX CENTER**
- **MAYOR’S INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
ADVISORY COMMISSION**

-GLOBAL LEX- 1306 VERSAILLES ROAD

- **Opened August 28, 2015**
- **2 Staff Members + 8 university interns**
- **many volunteers (4 working committees)**
- **INTERNATIONAL ART GALLERY**
- **Government Collaboration**
- **Community partners**

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Multilingual access to services

- **REFERRALS (not service)**
 - **LFUCG PROGRAMS & SERVICES**
 - **FOOD PANTRY**
 - **HOUSING ISSUES**
 - **LEGAL ADVISORS**
 - **Family & Elder care, disabilities**
- **Partner Agencies**

COMMUNITY PARTNERS at GLOBAL LEX

- **Lexington Human Rights Commission**
- **Lexington Human Trafficking**
- **Maxwell Street Legal Clinic**
- **Kentucky Refugee Ministries**
- **LEX ARTS**
- **UNIVERSITIES [interns/volunteers]**
- **INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

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- **BIAC (INDIAN AMERICAN)**
- **EMPUCATE (PAN AFRICAN)**
- **JASK (JAPAN AMERICAN)**
- **KYCAA (CHINESE AMERICAN)**
- **BGIS (IRISH SOCIETY)**
- **FLACA (LATIN AMERICAN)**
- **NEPALI ASSOCIATION**

Examples of Programs and Classes

- **Multi-lingual Driver's Education**
- **American culture and laws**
- **Job readiness training**
- **Citizenship classes**
- **American FINANCIAL Concerns**
- **American HEALTH Care**
- **International trade support**

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- **International Art Gallery**
- **Cultural events**

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QUESTIONS?

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