

DCS LEGAL ACCESS PROJECT PRO BONO REFERRAL RESOURCE GUIDE* OCTOBER 2013

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Introduction

About this resource: This resource contains a list of legal service organizations that provide free or low-cost immigration legal assistance and representation for non-detained children in immigration proceedings. This list is comprised of mostly non-Vera affiliated organizations, but also includes those Vera/DCS Legal Access Project subcontractors who may be able to accept referrals for released children.

The guide is organized alphabetically by state, one organization per page. The information shown on each page includes the types of legal assistance provided by each organization, the areas and immigration courts served, and relevant contact information.

Background and methodology: This resource builds on previous versions distributed in January 2012, January 2013, April 2013 and July 2013. The 2012 version was based on responses to a survey that we had emailed to legal service organizations across the country that provide free or low-cost immigration legal assistance to children. For the 2013 versions, including this current one, we reached out to the organizations featured in the 2012 version of the guide to confirm their desire to be featured again and also to update their entries. We also turned to the DCS Legal Access Project subcontractor network for recommendations of additional organizations to contact about appearing in this guide. This guide, therefore, is comprised of organizations that: 1) agreed to be listed in this directory, some for the first time, and 2) provide pro bono (or low-cost) legal representation for non-detained children who are without counsel.

A final note: We hope this referral resource guide helps you in your work to obtain representation for immigrant children. We consider it a living document, and we will be continuously updating it throughout the year. To that end, we depend on both your feedback on this current version and on your recommendations for new organizations to contact in the future.

Thank you.

ARIZONA - PHOENIX

Vera/DCS Legal Access Project provider

Organization:

Florence Immigrant & Refugee Rights Project Phoenix Satellite Office 202 E. McDowell Rd. Ste. 165 Phoenix, AZ 85004

Primary contact:

Name: Children's Program Email: kids@firrp.org Phone: (602) 307-1008 Website: www.firrp.org

Immigration Court(s) served: Phoenix

Counties/Cities covered: Maricopa County

FIRRP serves: Children in federal custody; select children released from federal custody to the Phoenix-area. FIRRP only accepts referrals for kids formerly in ORR care. If the child does not have a history with ORR, the referral will not be considered by FIRRP.

FIRRP provides free direct representation for the following types of cases:

For detained children, FIRRP will pursue any type of potential relief. For released children, FIRRP only accepts referrals that have a viable SIJS case in Maricopa County. FIRRP will refer all other types of cases to a list of nonprofit organizations and private counsel in Maricopa County. At this time, FIRRP does not accept one-parent SIJS cases.

Age restrictions: Referrals are considered only for kids who are below the age of 17 years-and-seven-months.

Language capacity: Spanish

ARIZONA - TEMPE

Organization:

Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law Immigration Law and Policy Clinic 1100 S. McAllister Avenue P.O. Box 877906 Tempe, AZ 85287

Primary contact:

Name: Ana Moore, Program Coordinator

Email: ana.b.moore@asu.edu Phone: (480) 727-9272

Website: www.law.asu.edu/Default.aspx?alias=www.law.asu.edu/immigrationclinic

Contact method for potential clients: By phone

Fee: None

Immigration Court(s) served: Phoenix

Counties/Cities covered: Maricopa

Areas of immigration legal assistance: SIJS (almost exclusively)

Language capacity: Spanish

Notes:

• The Immigration Law Clinic works exclusively with children who are in foster care. The clinic also provides technical legal assistance to pro bono attorneys who are representing immigrant children.

CALIFORNIA – EAST PALO ALTO

Vera/DCS Legal Access Project provider

Organization:

Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto (CLSEPA) 2117-B University Avenue East Palo Alto, CA 94303

Primary contact:

Name: Helen Beasley, Immigration Attorney

Email: Helen@clsepa.org
Phone: (650) 326-6440
Website: www.clsepa.org

Immigration Court(s) served: San Francisco

Counties/Cities covered: San Mateo County; Santa Clara County

Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto serves: Released children, children never detained by ORR, children with criminal/delinquency histories, and their families.

Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto provides free direct representation for the following types of cases: All forms of relief in removal proceedings; affirmative SIJS; U-Visa; VAWA; DACA; and T-Visa. Low fees for services; fees can be waived for incomequalifying clients.

Age restrictions: None

Language capacity: Spanish

Notes:

• CLSEPA does not accept voluntary departure cases and cases where there is no relief available.

CALIFORNIA – LOS ANGELES

Vera/DCS Legal Access Project provider

Organization:

Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, Inc. Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project (Esperanza) 1530 James Wood Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90015

Primary contact:

Name: Carolina Garza de Luna, Legal Assistant

Email: cgarzadeluna@ccharities.org

Phone: (213) 251-3525

Website: www.esperanza-la.org

Immigration Court(s) served: Los Angeles

Counties/Cities covered: Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Orange, and Riverside Counties.

Esperanza serves: Detained children seeking relief from removal, including children with delinquency histories. Esperanza also provides representation for DACA cases, on a fee-for-services basis.

Esperanza provides free direct representation for the following types of cases: N/A

Age restrictions: None

Language capacity: Spanish, Arabic, Italian

Notes:

• Esperanza does not offer free representation to released children unless the representation began while they were in ORR care.

CALIFORNIA - LOS ANGELES

Organization:

El Rescate 1501 W 8th Street, Suite 100 Los Angeles, CA 90017

Primary contact:

Name: Salvador Sanabria, Executive Director

Email: ssanabria@elrescate.org
Phone: (213) 387-3284 x23
Website: www.elrescate.org

Contact method for potential clients: Phone calls and walk-ins.

Fee: \$20 to consult an immigration attorney that can further review applicant's case and/or situation.

Immigration Court(s) served: Los Angeles

Counties/Cities covered: Los Angeles County and surrounding cities.

Areas of immigration legal assistance: Voluntary departure, asylum, VAWA, family-based claims, cancellation of removal, TVPRA, DACA.

Language capacity: Spanish and Mayan Quiche

- El Rescate does not provide immigration legal assistance for the following types of cases: T-Visa, U-Visa, SIJS, cases in which no relief is available.
- El Rescate will represent released children, but does not currently represent detained children; El Rescate will represent children with criminal/delinquency histories on a case-by-case basis.

CALIFORNIA - LOS ANGELES

Organization:

Public Counsel 610 South Ardmore Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90005

Primary contact:

Name: Kristen Jackson, Senior Staff Attorney – Immigrants' Rights

Email: kjackson@publiccounsel.org

Phone: (213) 385-2977 x157 **Website:** www.publiccounsel.org

Contact method for potential clients: Clients are seen by appointment only; call (213) 385-2977 x600 to make an appointment.

Fee: None, except for DACA cases.

Immigration Court(s) served: Public Counsel's services are focused on affirmative cases.

Counties/Cities covered: Los Angeles County and surrounding areas

Areas of immigration legal assistance: Affirmative children's cases involving: DACA, Asylum, SIJS, U-Visa, T-Visa, and VAWA.

Language capacity: Spanish and other languages on a case-by-case basis.

- Public Counsel will accept children's cases with motions to suppress (in Immigration Court) on a case-by-case basis.
- Public Counsel's children's work focuses primarily on affirmative cases, and Public Counsel does not accept voluntary departure cases.
- Public Counsel also provides technical assistance on delinquency issues, SIJS, DACA and children's asylum claims.

CALIFORNIA – SACRAMENTO

Organization:

Sacramento Employment & Training Agency (SETA) 925 Del Paso Boulevard Sacramento, CA 95815

Primary contact:

Name: Mary Jennings, Workforce Development Analyst Supervisor

Email: mjenning@delpaso.seta.net

Phone: (916) 263-1555 **Website:** <u>www.seta.net</u>

Contact method for potential clients: Phone screenings, Monday through Friday, 9am to 5pm PST, to receive referral to pro bono attorney through the Sacramento Rescue & Restore Victims of Human Trafficking Coalition.

Fee: N/A

Immigration Court(s) served: San Francisco

Counties/Cities covered: Sacramento, Placer, Yolo, Yuba and San Joaquin Counties

Areas of immigration legal assistance: T-Visas/U-Visas

Language capacity: Various languages

Notes:

• SETA provides referrals to trained pro bono attorneys through its Rescue & Restore Victims of Human Trafficking Coalition, rather than having them in-house.

CALIFORNIA - SAN DIEGO

Vera/DCS Legal Access Project provider

Organization:

Casa Cornelia Law Center 2760 Fifth Avenue, #200 San Diego, CA 92103

Primary contact:

Names: Shannon Going, Director - Children's Program / Matthew Cannon, Staff Attorney

Emails: sgoing@casacornelia.org / mcannon@casacornelia.org / mcannon.org / <a href="mail

Website: www.casacornelia.org

Immigration Court(s) served: San Diego

Counties/Cities covered: San Diego County

Casa Cornelia serves: Released children, children never detained by ORR, and children with criminal/delinquency histories (but only in special cases).

Casa Cornelia provides free direct representation for the following types of cases: Asylum, CAT claims, family-based claims, SIJS, T-Visa, U-Visa, VAWA, voluntary departure, no relief available and other types of cases.

Age restrictions: For SIJS cases, the child must be 17.5 or younger.

Language capacity: Spanish, Portuguese, and French

CALIFORNIA – SAN FRANCISCO

Organization:

Asian Law Caucus 55 Columbus Avenue San Francisco, CA 94111

Primary contact:

Name: Anoop Prasad, Staff Attorney – Immigrants' Rights

Email: anoopp@asianlawcaucus.org

Phone: (415) 896-1701

Website: www.asianlawcaucus.org

Contact method for potential clients: Call to schedule an appointment.

Fee: No fees for low-income clients on cases accepted for representation.

Immigration Court(s) served: San Francisco

Counties/Cities covered: Northern California

Areas of immigration legal assistance: Removal, detention, family-based immigration, naturalization.

Language capacity: Cantonese, Chinese, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Arabic

Notes:

 Asian Law Caucus focuses on representing low-income members of Asian/Pacific Islander communities.

California – San Francisco

Organization:

Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach 1121 Mission Street San Francisco, CA 94103

Primary contact:

Name: Cindy Liou, Staff Attorney & Director – Human Trafficking Project

Email: cliou@apilegaloutreach.org

Phone: (415) 567-6255

Website: www.apilegaloutreach.org

Contact method for potential clients: By phone, M-F, 9am-5pm PST.

Fee: Free and/or sliding scale

Immigration Court(s) served: San Francisco

Counties/Cities covered: Bay Area (primarily San Francisco, Alameda, San Mateo), but will consider other surrounding counties depending on case and resources.

Areas of immigration legal assistance: T-Visas, U-Visas, VAWA, I-751 waivers.

Language capacity: Cantonese, Mandarin, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog, Russian and Vietnamese.

Notes:

• APILO is part of the Anti-Trafficking Collaborative of the Bay Area, and also works with the South Bay Coalition to End Human Trafficking.

CALIFORNIA – SAN FRANCISCO

Organization:

Central American Resource Center (CARECEN) 3101 Mission Street, #101 San Francisco, CA 94110

Primary contact:

Name: Laura Sanchez, Staff Attorney

Email: laura@carecensf.org

Phone: (415) 642-4402 / (415) 642-4400 (main number)

Website: www.carecensf.org

Contact method for potential clients: Walk-in, 9-5pm PST; call (415) 642-4400 to schedule an appointment.

Fee: San Francisco residents are subsidized by local grants; nominal fee for non-San Francisco residents.

Immigration Court(s) served: Local courts

Counties/Cities covered: City and County of San Francisco and other Northern California/Bay Area Cities

Areas of immigration legal assistance: Legal counseling, processing and representation for low/moderate-income immigrant youth, individuals and families.

Language capacity: Spanish

CALIFORNIA – SAN FRANCISCO

Organization:

Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area 131 Steuart St., Suite 400 San Francisco, CA 94105

Primary contact:

Name: Silvia Contreras, Legal Assistant

Email: scontreras@lccr.com
Phone: (415) 543-9444 x202

Website: www.lccr.com

Contact method for potential clients: Walk-in, phone, email. Office Hours: M-F, 9am-

5:30pm PST.

Fee: Pro bono for income-qualifying clients.

Immigration Court(s) served: San Francisco

Counties/Cities covered: Bay Area

Areas of immigration legal assistance: Asylum

Language capacity: Able to find interpreters for most languages.

California – San Francisco

Vera/DCS Legal Access Project provider

Organization:

Legal Services for Children (LSC) 1254 Market Street, 3rd Floor San Francisco, CA 94102

Primary contact:

Name: Belkis Gonzalez, Intake Coordinator - Detained Immigrant Children's Project

Email: belkis@lsc-sf.org

Phone: (415) 863-3762 x 375

Website: www.lsc-sf.org

Immigration Court(s) served: San Francisco

Counties/Cities covered: Primarily San Francisco and Oakland; Alameda, San Mateo, Contra Costa, and Marin counties on a limited basis.

LSC serves: Released children, children never detained by ORR, and children with criminal/delinquency histories.

LSC provides free direct representation for the following types of cases: SIJS and U-Visa.

Age restrictions: None

Language capacity: Chinese (Cantonese and Mandarin) and Spanish

- LSC also provides social services and related case management services to released children.
- LSC does not accept the following types of cases:
 - Asvlum
 - CAT claims
 - o Family-based claims
 - o No relief available

CALIFORNIA – LOS ANGELES / SAN DIEGO / SAN FRANCISCO

Organization:

Immigration Center for Women and Children Los Angeles Office
634 South Spring Street, Suite 727
Los Angeles, CA 90014

San Diego Office 427 C Street, Suite 208 San Diego, CA 92101

San Francisco Office 3543 18th Street, Mailbox 32 San Francisco, CA 94110

Primary contact:

Name: Susan Bowyer, Directing Attorney

Email: susan@icwclaw.org
Phone: (415) 861-1449 x302
Website: www.icwclaw.org

Contact method for potential clients: All three offices provide phone screenings M-F, 9-5 PST:

Los Angeles #: (213) 614-1165 San Diego #: (619) 515-2200 San Francisco #: (415) 861-1449

Fee: Fees for all services on a sliding scale.

Immigration Court(s) served: Los Angeles, San Francisco

Counties/Cities covered: Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, San Diego, Riverside, Imperial, San Francisco, Alameda, San Mateo, Marin, Contra Costa, Santa Clara, Napa, Solano, and surrounding counties.

Areas of immigration legal assistance: ICWC does not provide pro bono services. Through its LOPC (Legal Orientation Program for Custodians of Unaccompanied Children) program, it refers children to local nonprofits, and is occasionally able to arrange for pro bono assistance.

ICWC's own areas of specialization are U-Visa, VAWA, SIJS, and DACA. It refers SIJS cases in dependency proceedings and Prosecutorial Discretion cases to Legal Services for Children and San Mateo Legal Aid; and asylum cases to the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights' asylum pro bono program.

ICWC can represent minors in removal proceedings if it is handling their substantive U-Visa, VAWA, SIJS or DACA case. ICWC's preference is to appear no more than once, and conduct most of the representation through non-opposed motions filed through mail.

Language capacity: Spanish

Notes:

• ICWC refers out asylum and dependency and delinquency-based SIJS cases. It does not represent minors in court unless it is handling their substantive cases.

COLORADO - WESTMINSTER

Organization:

Rocky Mountain Immigration Advocacy Network (RMIAN), Children's Program 3489 W. 72nd Avenue, Suite 211 Westminster, CO 80030

Primary contact:

Name: Katie Glynn, Children's Program Managing Attorney

Email: kglynn@rmian.org
Phone: (303) 433-2812 x104
Website: www.rmian.org

Contact method for potential clients: Phone and email; no walk-ins

Fee: None

Immigration Court(s) served: Anyone in Colorado and/or in removal proceedings in Denver

Counties/Cities covered: Colorado State

Areas of immigration legal assistance: Asylum, SIJS, T-Visa, U-Visa, VAWA, voluntary departure, and other types of cases, including termination and TPS cases. RMIAN will represent children with no available relief on a case-by-case basis, depending on the availability of resources.

Language capacity: Spanish and other languages, depending on availability of interpreters

Notes:

• RMIAN will represent children with criminal/delinquency histories.

CONNECTICUT – BRIDGEPORT / HARTFORD / STAMFORD

Organization:

International Institute of Connecticut 670 Clinton Avenue / Bridgeport, CT 06605 175 Main Street / Hartford, CT 06106 22 Grove Street / Stamford, CT 06901

Primary contact:

Names: Alicia Kinsman, Director – Victim's Services

Ellen Messali, Staff Attorney – Survivors of Torture Program

Angela Zurowski, Executive Director

Emails: akinsman@iiconn.org / emailto:em

(Stamford)

Website: www.iiconn.org

Contact method for potential clients: Call to make an appointment.

Fee: \$40 for consultation, nominal fees for services.

Immigration Court(s) served: Hartford

Counties/Cities covered: Hartford County, New Haven County, Fairfield County, New London County, Connecticut; <u>Westchester County, New York</u>; <u>Hampden County, Massachusetts</u>.

Areas of immigration legal assistance: Family-based immigration, U-Visa, T-Visa, VAWA, SIJS, TPS, removal defense, cancellation of removal, asylum.

Language capacity: Spanish, Haitian Creole, Portuguese

Notes:

• IICONN offers refugee resettlement services, trafficking victim services, translation services and ESL and citizenship courses.

CONNECTICUT – HARTFORD & FAIRFIELD COUNTIES

Organization:

Center for Children's Advocacy, Inc. University of Connecticut-School of Law 65 Elizabeth Street, Hartford, CT 06105

2470 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06605

Primary contact:

Names: Stacey Violante-Cote / Director, Teen Legal Advocacy Project

Edwin Colon / Staff Attorney, Teen Legal Advocacy Project

Emails: sviolant@kidscounsel.org / ecolon@kidscounsel.org /

Phone: (860) 570-5327 (Hartford office) / (203) 223-8975 (Bridgeport office)

Website: www.kidscounsel.org

Contact method for potential clients: Telephone

Fees for services: None

Immigration Court(s) served: Attorneys at CCA <u>do not</u> practice in Immigration Court. Instead, attorneys may assist teens with their initial application to the Connecticut Juvenile or Probate Courts for protection due to abuse or neglect, and seek findings that will enable them to apply for SIJS.

Counties/Cities covered: Hartford and Fairfield counties

Areas of immigration legal assistance: SIJS-related Representation in the Connecticut Juvenile and Probate Courts **only**.

Language capacity: CCA will accommodate language needs through the use of an interpreter line as needed. CCA has fully bi-lingual, Spanish speaking attorneys and staff.

CONNECTICUT – NEW HAVEN

Organization:

Jerome N. Frank Legal Services Organization Yale Law School P.O. Box 209090 New Haven, CT 06520-9090

Primary contact:

Name: Maureen Furtak, Senior Administrative Assistant

Email: maureen.furtak@yale.edu

Phone: (203) 432-4803

Website: www.law.yale.edu/academics/JeromeNFrankLSO.htm

Contact method for potential clients: Call (203) 432-4800 to make an appointment (M-F, 8:30am-4:30pm EST)

Fee: None

Immigration Court(s) served: Hartford, CT; asylum offices in New York and New Jersey

Counties/Cities covered: New Haven County

Areas of immigration legal assistance: Primarily asylum, but occasionally also SIJS and U-Visa.

Language capacity: Not restricted; works with a vast array of translators.

- Legal Services Organization will represent children in detention and removal proceedings, but will not represent detained adults.
- Legal Services Organization will not represent clients with criminal/delinquency histories.

FLORIDA - FORT PIERCE

Vera/DCS Legal Access Project provider

Organization:

Florida Equal Justice Center (FEJC) 510 US Highway One, Suite #4 Fort Pierce, Florida 33950

Primary contact:

Name: Lisa Carmona, Senior Attorney Email: lisa.carmona@flajustice.org

Phone: (772) 489-4660

Immigration Court(s) served: Orlando and Miami

Counties/Cities covered: Martin, St. Lucie, Okeechobee, Indian River, Desoto, Lee, Hendry, Glades, and Charlotte counties.

FEJC serves: Released children, children never detained by ORR, and children with criminal/delinquency histories.

FEJC provides free or low-cost direct representation for the following types of cases: Asylum, SIJS (excluding one-parent cases), T-Visa, U-Visa, VAWA claims.

Age restrictions: None

Language capacity: Haitian Creole/Kreyol, Portuguese, Spanish

- FEJC <u>does not</u> accept the following types of cases:
 - o Family-based claims
 - Voluntary departure
 - No relief available
 - o One-parent SIJS cases

FLORIDA - MIAMI

Vera/DCS Legal Access Project provider

Organization:

Americans for Immigrant Justice (AI Justice) 3000 Biscayne Boulevard, #400 Miami, FL 33137

Primary contact:

Name: Michelle Abarca, Supervising Attorney

Email: mabarca@aijustice.org
Phone: (305) 573-1106 x1680
Website: http://aijustice.org

Immigration Court(s) served: Miami

Counties/Cities covered: Miami-Dade; neighboring counties on a limited basis

AI Justice serves: Released children, children never detained by ORR, and children with criminal/delinquency histories.

AI Justice provides free direct representation for the following types of cases: Asylum, CAT claims, SIJS, T-Visa, U-Visa, VAWA claims, DACA, other types of cases.

Age restrictions: None

Language capacity: Haitian Creole/Kreyol and Spanish

Notes:

• AI Justice does not accept voluntary departure cases, or cases in which no relief is available.

FLORIDA - MIAMI

Organization:

Catholic Charities Legal Services of Miami 25 SE 2nd Ave, Ste. 220 Miami, Florida 33131

Primary contact:

Names: Elizabeth Sanchez Kennedy, Staff Attorney

Luz Castilla, Immigration Special Project Manager

Emails: esanchezkennedy@cclsmiami.org / lcastilla@cclsmiami.org **Phone:** (305) 373-1073 x219 (ESK) / (305) 373-1073 x211 (LC)

Website: www.cclsmiami.org

Contact method for potential clients: Walk in days/hours – Monday through Thursday, 9:00am to 3:00pm EST; calls between 9:00am and 4:30pm EST.

Fee: Low or no cost, depending on available programs.

Immigration Court(s) served: Miami

Counties/Cities covered: South Florida

Areas of immigration legal assistance: All types.

Language capacity: Spanish, Haitian Creole, French

FLORIDA - ORLANDO

Organization:

Immigrants' Rights Center 1468 South Semoran Boulevard Orlando, FL 32807

Primary contact:

Name: Miguel Mendizabal, Director

Email: miguel-irc@cfl.rr.com Phone: (407) 382-4944

Website: www.ircorlando.com

Contact method for potential clients: Call for an appointment.

Fee: No fee for unaccompanied immigrant children.

Immigration Court(s) served: Orlando

Counties/Cities covered: Anyone scheduled to appear in Orlando Immigration Court.

Areas of immigration legal assistance: Asylum, SIJS, T-Visa, U-Visa, VAWA, voluntary departure, cases in which no relief is available, and most other forms of deportation defense.

Language capacity: Spanish

- Immigrants' Rights Center will represent children with criminal/delinquency histories.
- Immigrants' Rights Center will not represent anyone scheduled for Miami Immigration Court.

FLORIDA - ST. PETERSBURG

Organization:

Gulfcoast Legal Services 641 First Street South St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Primary contact:

Name: Adriana Dinis, Staff Attorney Email: adrianad@gulfcoastlegal.org

Phone: (727) 821-0726 x243 **Website:** www.gulfcoastlegal.org

Contact method for potential clients: Call (727) 821-0726 x229 to make an appointment.

Fee: None

Immigration Court(s) served: Orlando

Counties/Cities covered: Hillsborough, Pasco, Pinellas, Manatee, and Sarasota Counties.

Areas of immigration legal assistance: Asylum, SIJS, T-Visa, U-Visa, VAWA

Language Capacity: Spanish and other languages depending on availability of interpreters.

- Gulfcoast Legal Services will represent children with no available relief on a case-by-case basis; voluntary departure cases accepted on a case-by-case basis.
- Gulfcoast Legal Services will represent children with criminal/delinquency histories.
- Gulfcoast Legal Services has additional office locations in Clearwater, Tampa, Bradenton, and Sarasota.

FLORIDA – WEST PALM BEACH

Organization:

The Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc. 423 Fern Street, Suite 200 West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Primary contact:

Name: Cindy Blanco, Paralegal – Immigration Advocacy Project

Email: cblanco@legalaidpbc.org
Phone: (561) 655-8944 x233
Website: www.legalaidpbc.org

Contact method for potential clients: Phone screening – call M-F between 9am-5pm EST.

Fee: None

Immigration Court(s) served: Miami

Counties/Cities covered: Palm Beach County

Areas of immigration legal assistance: SIJS, T-Visa, U-Visa.

Language capacity: Spanish

Notes:

• Legal Aid of PBC does not presently handle detention cases.

• Legal Aid of PBC will consider cases involving unaccompanied minors, people with disabilities, the homeless, or people suffering from HIV or other severe illness.

GEORGIA – ATLANTA

Organization:

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Atlanta, Inc. – Immigration Services 2305 Parklake Drive Atlanta, GA 30345

Primary contact:

Name: Jennifer Bensman, Program Director Email: jbensman@catholiccharitiesatlanta.org

Phone: (678) 222-3932

Website: www.catholiccharitiesatlanta.org

Secondary contact:

Name: Hannah MacNorlin, Staff Attorney

Email: hmacnorlin@catholiccharitiesatlanta.org

Phone: (678) 222-3931

Contact method for potential clients: All potential clients must have a consultation. Consultation appointments are given out on a first-come, first-served basis once a month. Please call (678) 222-3920 for current intake information.

Fee: Consultations cost \$100. Fees for other services vary.

Immigration Court(s) served: Atlanta

Counties/Cities covered: All of Georgia

Areas of immigration legal assistance: Asylum, SIJS, U-Visas, T-Visas, family petitions, removal defense, DACA, VAWA.

Language capacity: Spanish, Portuguese, French

Notes:

 Catholic Charities of Atlanta's Immigration Services cannot represent anyone with arrests for child abuse or convictions for domestic violence. Potential clients must live in households that make 200% or less of the federal poverty guidelines to be eligible for services.

GEORGIA - ATLANTA

Organization:

Georgia Asylum and Immigration Network (GAIN) P.O. Box 78425 Atlanta, GA 30357 (Mailing address only)

Primary contact:

Name: Monica Modi Khant, Program Director

Email: mkhant@georgiaasylum.org

Phone: (404) 572-2607

Website: www.georgiaasylum.org

Contact method for potential clients: For an appointment, call (404) 572-2609 or email info@georgiaasylum.org.

Fee: None

Immigration Court(s) served: Atlanta EOIR

Counties/Cities covered: Atlanta Metropolitan Area

Areas of immigration legal assistance: Asylum, credible and reasonable fear interviews, U-Visa, T-Visa, and VAWA self-petitions, I-751 waivers; in general, GAIN provides pro bono legal representation for victims of human trafficking and domestic violence.

Language capacity: Spanish, Hindi, and Gujarati

Notes:

 Due to limited resources, GAIN does not provide detention and removal assistance or legal representation to individuals with complicated criminal/delinquency histories.

GEORGIA – ATLANTA

Organization:

The Latin American Association, Inc. 2750 Buford Highway Atlanta, GA 30324

Primary contact:

Name: Jonathan Eoloff, Immigration Services Director

Email: jeoloff@thelaa.org Phone: (404) 471-1889 Website: www.thelaa.org

Contact method for potential clients: By phone or walk-in, Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 5pm EST.

Fee: Based on 125% federal poverty guidelines

Immigration Court(s) served: Atlanta

Counties/Cities covered: Atlanta and greater Georgia

Areas of immigration legal assistance: Deportation defense, asylum, SIJS, U-Visa, VAWA self-petitions, family petitions, adjustment of status, green card renewals, consular processing, naturalization, citizenship, NACARA, TPS, DACA, waivers, motions before USCIS and EOIR, applications in removal proceedings.

Language capacity: Spanish

GEORGIA – ATLANTA / NORCROSS

Organization:

Access To Law, Inc. 420 South Peachtree Street Norcross, GA 30071

Primary contact:

Name: Rebeca Salmon, Program Director Email: Rsalmon@accesstolawfoundation.org

Phone: (770) 685-1499

Website: www.accesstolawfoundation.org

Contact method for potential clients: Call for appointments, Monday through Friday,

9am to 5pm EST.

Fee: Sliding scale

Immigration Court(s) served: Atlanta, Charlotte

Counties/Cities covered: All of Georgia; <u>Alabama</u>

Areas of immigration legal assistance: SIJS, U-Visa, T-Visa, asylum, deportation/removal defense, prosecutorial discretion, family petitions, work permits.

Language capacity: Spanish, Hindi, Gujarati

Notes:

 Access To Law is a nonprofit foundation dedicated to ensuring that no vulnerable person goes without access to law, based solely on inability to pay. It provides individualized care on a sliding scale to clients in federal immigration, state-civil or state-criminal proceedings.

IDAHO – MOSCOW

Organization:

Immigration Clinic University of Idaho College of Law 875 Perimeter Drive, MS 2322 Moscow, ID 83844-2322

Primary contact:

Name: Deborah Smith, Immigration Clinic Director

Email: debbies@uidaho.edu Phone: (208) 885-6541

 $Website: {\color{blue} \underline{www.uidaho.edu/law/academics/clinicsprofessionalskills/clinics/immigrationclinic}}$

Contact method for potential clients: By phone (preferable), or walk-in (less preferable). Online intakes may be instituted in the future.

Fee: Only income-qualified individuals are accepted as clients. No attorney fees are charged.

Immigration Court(s) served: Boise, ID; Seattle, WA (occasionally)

Counties/Cities covered: Idaho and <u>eastern Washington State</u>

Areas of immigration legal assistance: Removal proceedings and appeals; asylum applications; applications for SIJS, VAWA, U-Visa and T-Visa; family-based immigration petitions; waivers; parole requests; federal court litigation; criminal immigration consultations and advice.

Language capacity: Spanish

ILLINOIS - CHICAGO

Organization:

Children and Family Justice Center Northwestern University School of Law Bluhm Legal Clinic 375 E Chicago Avenue Chicago, IL 60611

Primary contact:

Name: Uzoamaka Emeka Nzelibe, Staff Attorney and Clinical Assistant Professor of Law

Email: <u>u-nzelibe@law.northwestern.edu</u>

Phone: (312) 503-0750

Website: www.law.northwestern.edu

Contact method for potential clients: Call (312) 503-8576.

Fee: None

Immigration Court(s) served: Chicago

Counties/Cities covered: Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin

Areas of immigration legal assistance: SIJS, U-Visa, T-Visa, asylum, VAWA, cancellation of removal, and appeals of cases involving these forms of relief.

Language capacity: Spanish

- The Bluhm Legal Clinic does not represent legal permanent residents or detained adults in immigration court proceedings.
- The Bluhm Legal Clinic does not handle citizenship cases.

ILLINOIS - CHICAGO

Organization:

Civitas ChildLaw Clinic Loyola University Chicago School of Law 25 E. Pearson Street, 11th Floor Chicago, IL 60611

Primary contact:

Name: N/A

Email: ChildLaw-Center@luc.edu

Phone: (312) 915-7940

Website: www.luc.edu/law/centers/childlaw

Contact method for potential clients: Call the clinic's main number, (312) 915-7940, to request an intake appointment.

Fee: Legal services are generally provided at no cost to low-income families and children.

Immigration Court(s) served: Chicago

Counties/Cities covered: Cook and surrounding Illinois counties

Areas of immigration legal assistance: Asylum, CAT, and withholding; SIJS; T-Visa; U-Visa; removal defense.

Language capacity: Spanish

Notes:

• The Civitas ChildLaw Clinic is a pediatric law office that provides representation for children and youth in a variety of proceedings, primarily child custody and child protection cases. At present, the Clinic only has the capacity to provide legal assistance to children on immigration matters until approximately June 2014.

ILLINOIS - CHICAGO

Organization:

DePaul University College of Law Asylum & Immigration Law Clinic 1 E. Jackson Blvd. (Legal Clinic) Chicago, IL 60604

Primary contact:

Name: Sioban Albiol, Professor and Clinic Director

Email: salbiol@depaul.edu
Phone: (312) 362-8292

Website: www.law.depaul.edu/programs/clinical programs/clinic asylum courses.asp

Contact method for potential clients: Call for intake.

Fee: None

Immigration Court(s) served: Chicago

Counties/Cities covered: Cook and Collar counties

Areas of immigration legal assistance: Call/Email for details.

Language capacity: Spanish (all other languages with advanced notice)

ILLINOIS - CHICAGO

Vera/DCS Legal Access Project provider

Organization:

National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC) 208 S. La Salle Street, Suite #1818 Chicago, IL 60604

Primary contacts:

Names: Rocio Alcantar, Supervising Attorney Emails: ralcantar@heartlandalliance.org

Phone: (312) 660-1322

Website: www.immigrantjustice.org

Immigration Court(s) served: Chicago

Counties/Cities covered: All cases that fall within jurisdiction of the USCIS offices in Chicago, <u>Milwaukee</u>, and <u>Indianapolis</u>.

NIJC Children's Protection Project serves: Released children, children never detained by ORR, and children with criminal/delinquency histories, but only in special cases.

NIJC provides free or low-cost direct representation for the following types of cases:

Asylum and appellate litigation; CAT claims; cancellation of removal, suppression, and termination cases; family-based claims; SIJS; TPS; T-Visa; U-Visa; VAWA claims; LGBTI claims; DACA; voluntary departure; no relief available

Age restrictions: None

Language capacity: French, Portuguese, Spanish and other languages (if NIJC can locate a volunteer interpreter).

Notes

• In addition to the Children's Protection Project, NIJC provides comprehensive immigration legal services to detained and non-detained adults and families.

Indiana - Valparaiso

Organization:

Valparaiso Immigration Clinic Valparaiso University Law School Heritage Hall, 510 Freeman Street Valparaiso, IN 46383

Primary contact:

Name: Geoffrey Heeren, Director Email: geoffrey.heeren@valpo.edu

Phone: (219) 465.7903

Website: www.valpo.edu/law/current-students/law-clinic

Contact method for potential clients: Phone or email.

Fee: None

Immigration Court(s) served: Chicago

Counties/Cities covered: Chicago and Northwest Indiana

Areas of immigration legal assistance: Asylum, Removal Defense, SIJS

Language capacity: Spanish

Notes:

• As a law school clinic, only cases that can be scheduled for adjudication during the academic year are taken.

Louisiana – Baton Rouge

Organization:

Louisiana State University (LSU) Law Clinic – Immigration Clinic 101 LSU Student Union Building LSU Box 25080 Baton Rouge, LA 70803

Primary contact:

Name: Kenneth A. Mayeaux, Assistant Professor of Professional Practice

Email: ken.mayeaux@law.lsu.edu

Phone: (225) 578-2071 Website: www.law.lsu.edu

Contact method for potential clients: By phone or appointment only.

Fee: None

Immigration Court(s) served: Oakdale, LA; New Orleans, LA

Counties/Cities covered: All Louisiana cities outside of the Greater New Orleans area.

Areas of immigration legal assistance: SIJS, T-Visa, U-Visa, VAWA, asylum, detention and removal.

Language capacity: Spanish

Notes:

 Given programmatic limitations, the law clinic can accept representation in only limited cases.

MAINE - PORTLAND

Organization:

Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project PO Box 17917 Portland, ME 04112

Primary contact:

Name: Sue Roche, Interim Executive Director

Email: sroche@ilapmaine.org

Phone: (207) 780-1593

Website: www.ilapmaine.org

Contact method for potential clients: Intake in-person or by phone, if outside the

Portland area (Fridays, 9am-1pm EST.)

Fee: Low fees; no fee for clients under 150% of the poverty level.

Immigration Court(s) served: Boston, MA

Counties/Cities covered: Maine (all counties and cities)

Areas of immigration legal assistance: Asylum SIJS, U- and T-Visas, Family-Based, Removal, Citizenship.

Language capacity: Spanish and French on staff; interpreter services for other languages.

Notes:

• ILAP can serve individuals under 200% of the poverty level.

MASSACHUSETTS - BOSTON

Organization:

Greater Boston Legal Services 197 Friend Street Boston, Massachusetts 02114

Primary contact:

Name: Greater Boston Legal Services - Immigration Unit

Email: N/A

Phone: (617) 603-1808 **Website:** www.gbls.org

Contact method for potential clients: Call the GBLS Immigration Unit at (617) 603-1808 for the next intake date. If calling about an urgent matter, leave name and contact information; the call will be returned as soon as possible.

Fees: No fee for legal services but client is responsible for case-related fees.

Immigration Court(s) served: Boston

Counties/Cities covered: Massachusetts

Areas of immigration legal assistance: Asylum, SIJS, and U-Visa.

Language capacity: Spanish, Portuguese, Haitian Creole and French. Telephonic interpreter services are used for other languages.

MASSACHUSETTS – FALL RIVER

Organization:

Catholic Social Services of Fall River, Inc. 1600 Bay Street PO Box M/So. Station Fall River, MA 02724

Primary contact:

Name: Schuyler Pisha, Legal Director

Email: spisha@cssdioc.org
Phone: (508) 674-4681
Website: www.cssdioc.org

Contact method for potential clients: By phone, Monday through Thursday, 8:30am to 12pm and 1pm to 5:30pm EST.

Fee: None for clients with incomes up to 125% of Federal Poverty Guidelines, nominal for clients with incomes up to 187% of FPG. (Unable to represent clients with incomes exceeding 187%.)

Immigration Court(s) served: Boston

Counties/Cities covered: Bristol and Barnstable counties, including Cape and Islands.

Areas of immigration legal assistance: Asylum, SIJS, U-Visa, VAWA, other as required.

Language capacity: Spanish, limited Portuguese.

MICHIGAN - EAST LANSING

Vera/DCS Legal Access Project provider

Organization:

Michigan State University College of Law Immigration Law Clinic 610 Abbot Road East Lansing, MI 48823

Primary contact:

Name: Veronica Thronson, Director Email: veronica.thronson@law.msu.edu

Phone: (517) 366-8088 x1014

Website: www.law.msu.edu/clinics/immigration/

Immigration Court(s) served: Detroit

Counties/Cities covered: Michigan

MSU serves: See below

MSU provides free direct representation for the following types of cases: Domestic violence victims for claims under VAWA and U-Visas; T-Visas, SIJS, naturalization, refugee adjustments, green card replacements, BIA appeals, asylum. No adult detained and/or deportation defense.

Age restrictions: None

Language capacity: Spanish. Other languages available with advance notice.

Notes:

• MSU does not screen for income or charge for its services, but it gives preference to people who are not able to pay for a private attorney. No walk-ins are accepted, and advice is not given over the phone. Most of MSU's clients come referred by community service organizations. MSU is not able to handle emergency cases.

MINNESOTA - MINNEAPOLIS

Organization:

The Advocates for Human Rights 330 Second Avenue S., Suite 800 Minneapolis, MN 55401

Primary contact:

Name: Deepinder Mayell, Director – Refugee & Immigration Program

Email: dmayell@advrights.org

Phone: (612) 746-4673

Website: www.theadvocatesforhumanrights.org

Contact method for potential clients: Potential clients should call the intake hotline:

(612) 341-9845.

Fee: None

Immigration Court(s) served: Bloomington

Counties/Cities covered: Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota

Areas of immigration legal assistance: Asylum primarily, and some SIJS cases.

Language capacity: Spanish, French; volunteer interpreters for additional languages, as needed.

- The Advocates for Human Rights does not generally represent children with criminal/delinquency histories.
- The Advocates for Human Rights does not accept voluntary departure cases, or cases in which no relief is available.

MINNESOTA - ST. PAUL

Organization:

Civil Society First National Bank Building 332 Minnesota Street, Suite E-1436 St. Paul, MN 55101

Primary contact:

Name: Linda Miller, Executive Director

Email: office@civilsocietyhelps.org / linda.miller@civilsocietyhelps.org

Phone: (651) 291-0713

Website: www.civilsocietyhelps.org

Contact method for potential clients: Phone and email

Fee: None

Immigration Court(s) served: Minnesota (statewide)

Counties/Cities covered: Minnesota (statewide)

Areas of immigration legal assistance: Various—as long as it pertains to the needs of victims of human trafficking.

Language capacity: Civil Society uses Language Line, so most languages can be accommodated.

Notes:

• Civil Society only serves victims of human trafficking, and can provide comprehensive victim services and representation, in some cases.

MINNESOTA - ST. PAUL

Organization:

Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota 450 N. Syndicate Street, Suite 175 St. Paul, MN 55104

Primary contact:

Name: Selena Britzius-Negash, Program Director

Email: selena.britzius-negash@ilcm.org

Phone: (651) 641-1011 **Website:** <u>www.ilcm.org</u>

Contact method for potential clients: Potential clients should call 1-(800) 223-1368 for an intake, although new client intakes are restricted to specific hours; please call (651) 641-1011 for more information. Legal service providers can also call (651) 641-1011 if they have urgent case questions.

Fee: Donations are greatly appreciated, but services are not contingent on ability to donate.

Immigration Court(s) served: Bloomington

Counties/Cities covered: Minnesota

Areas of immigration legal assistance: Asylum, SIJS, T-Visa, U-Visa, VAWA, voluntary departure, DACA, cancellation of removal, and cases in which no relief is available.

Language capacity: Burmese, French, Hmong, Karen, Karenni, Spanish and other languages upon request.

Notes:

• The Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota will represent children with criminal/delinquency histories.

MISSISSIPPI - BILOXI

Organization:

El Pueblo 696 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue Biloxi, MS 39530

Primary contact:

Name: Jennie Searcy, Director Email: jsearcy@elpueblo-ms.org

Phone: (228) 436-3986

Website: www.elpueblo-ms.org

Contact method for potential clients: Appointments must be made by phone on Tuesdays or Wednesdays.

Fee: \$40 consultation fee; variable fees for services based on a sliding scale.

Immigration Court(s) served: New Orleans, LA

Counties/Cities covered: South Mississippi

Areas of immigration legal assistance: Family-based petitions, SIJS, U-Visa, VAWA, DACA, waivers, naturalization; call for more information on additional areas of expertise.

Language capacity: Spanish, Russian, Vietnamese

MISSOURI - KANSAS CITY

Organization:

The Clinic 515 Avenida Cesar E. Chavez Kansas City, MO 64108

Primary contact:

Name: Genevra Alberti, Clinic Attorney

Email: genevra@theclinickc.org

Phone: (816) 994-2300

Website: www.theclinickc.org

Contact method for potential clients: By appointment preferred; appointments are inperson and by phone M-F, 8:30am to 5pm CST.

Fee: Low fee or pro bono depending on the individual's circumstances.

Immigration Court(s) served: Kansas City

Counties/Cities covered: Missouri (mostly western) and all of <u>Kansas</u>

Areas of immigration legal assistance: The Clinic assists clients in all forms of relief from removal, <u>except asylum/withholding/CAT claims</u>.

Language capacity: Spanish, Urdu, Hindi, Italian

Notes:

• The Clinic only represents non-citizens who are in removal proceedings in front of the immigration court. At this time, The Clinic does not have the resources to do appellate work or asylum applications.

MISSOURI - ST. LOUIS

Organization:

Catholic Immigration Law Project 321 N. Spring Avenue St. Louis, MO 63108

Primary contact:

Name: Hannah Sullivan, Staff Attorney

Email: willmahe@slu.edu Phone: (314) 977-7282

Contact method for potential clients: Call for an appointment; walk-ins not accepted.

Fee: None for qualifying clients.

Immigration Court(s) served: Kansas City

Counties/Cities covered: Archdiocese of St. Louis

Areas of immigration legal assistance: Asylum, SIJS, T-Visa, U-Visa, VAWA, cancellation of removal, CAT, family-based claims, voluntary departure, and cases in which no relief is available.

Language capacity: Bosnian and Spanish

Notes:

• The Catholic Immigration Law Project will represent children with criminal/delinquency histories on a case-by-case basis.

Nebraska – Lincoln

Organization:

Center for Legal Immigration Assistance 3047 N. 70th Street Lincoln, NE 68507

Primary contact:

Name: Max Graves, Executive Director

Email: max@clianeb.org
Phone: (402) 471-1777
Website: www.clianeb.org

Contact method for potential clients: Call to schedule an appointment.

Fee: Sliding scale

Immigration Court(s) served: Omaha

Counties/Cities covered: Nebraska

Areas of immigration legal assistance: Asylum, SIJS, T-Visa, U-Visa, VAWA, cancellation of removal, NACARA, and voluntary departure.

Language capacity: Spanish

- The Center for Legal Immigration Assistance does not accept clients with histories of domestic violence, nor will the organization accept cases in which no relief is available.
- The Center for Legal Immigration Assistance prioritizes U-Visa cases.

Nebraska – Lincoln

Organization:

Civil Clinical Law Program University of Nebraska College of Law 172 Welpton Courtroom Lincoln, NE 68583-0902

Primary contact:

Name: Kevin Ruser, Director of Clinical Programs

Email: <u>kruser1@unl.edu</u> **Phone:** (402) 472-3271

Website: http://law.unl.edu/curriculum#clinics

Contact method for potential clients: Phone M-F, 8am-5pm CST

Fee: One-time \$25 administrative fee; possibility of fee waiver for indigent clients

Immigration Court(s) served: Omaha

Counties/Cities covered: Primarily Lincoln and Omaha, Nebraska, but will consider any location subject to the jurisdiction of the Omaha Immigration Court.

Areas of immigration legal assistance: Removal defense, applications for relief from removal, asylum, SIJS, VAWA, U-Visa.

Language capacity: None on site, but the Clinic has access to interpreters, including Spanish-speaking interpreters.

Notes:

The Clinic has a very controlled caseload and is often unable to take on new cases.
 Applicants should feel free to call at any time, but whether the Clinic can take their case will depend on the open caseload at the time of the call.

Nebraska – Omaha

Organization:

Justice for Our Neighbors-Nebraska (JFON-NE) 2414 E Street Omaha, Nebraska 68107

Primary contact:

Name: Darling Handlos, Paralegal

Email: darling@jfon-ne.org Phone: (402) 898-1349 Website: www.jfon-ne.org

Contact method for potential clients: Potential clients should call the consultation intake line 1-(855)-964-2542 on Wednesdays between 2pm and 4pm CST. As an alternative to calling in on Wednesdays, potential clients may complete the application for consultation request at their convenience through JFON-NE's website, www.jfon-ne.org.

Fee: None. JFON-NE is funded by the generous donations of organizations, private individuals, and prior and current clients who have benefited or are currently benefiting from JFON-NE's legal services.

Immigration Court(s) served: Omaha

Counties/Cities covered: Hastings, Columbus, Lexington, Madison, Council Bluffs counties, and surrounding Omaha metro area.

Areas of immigration legal assistance: Asylum, SIJS, T-Visa, U-Visa, VAWA, cancellation of removal, family-based petitions, and advice to individuals with cases in which no relief is available. Assistance is also given to individuals detained at the Douglas County Correctional Facility under ICE holds to obtain pro bono representation from area immigration attorneys through the Pro Bono Detainee Project.

Language capacity: Spanish

- JFON-NE does not accept voluntary departure or employment-based cases.
- JFON-NE provides additional referral services and Know Your Rights presentations.

New Jersey - Edison

Organization:

Legal Services of New Jersey – Immigration Representation Project 100 Metroplex Dr., Ste. 402 Edison, NJ 08818

Primary contact:

Name: Raquiba Huq, Attorney

Email: rhuq@lsnj.org

Phone: (732) 572-9100 x8244 **Website:** www.lsnjlaw.org

Contact method for potential clients: No walk-ins. Potential clients should either call the hotline (1-888-576-5529) or complete an online form at www.lsnjlaw.org for intake and callback purposes.

Fee: None

Immigration Court(s) served: Newark

Counties/Cities covered: All NJ counties/cities

Areas of immigration legal assistance: For UACs, LSNJ accepts most U-Visa and VAWA cases, some SIJS cases (only the immigration part, not the family part), and a limited number of defensive asylum cases.

Language capacity: Spanish, French, Haitian Creole, Korean

Notes:

• LSNJ is an LOP (Legal Orientation Program) provider at Essex and Hudson County Correctional Facilities.

NEW JERSEY – NEWARK

Organization:

American Friends Service Committee Immigrant Rights Program 89 Market St., 6th Floor Newark, NJ 07102

Primary contact:

Name: N/A Email: N/A

Phone: (973) 643-1924

Website: www.afsc.org/program/immigrant-rights-program-newark-nj

Contact method for potential clients: No walk-ins. Call (973) 643-1924 for consultation: Tuesdays 11am-1pm EST.

Fee: May charge nominal fees.

Immigration Court(s) served: Newark, Elizabeth

Counties/Cities covered: All of New Jersey

Areas of immigration legal assistance: Removal defense, asylum, SIJS, T-Visa, U-Visa, VAWA, cancellation, family-based petitions, naturalization, NACARA, TPS, DACA.

Language capacity: Spanish, French

- AFSC's capacity to represent non-KIND referred unaccompanied children is limited.
- AFSC does not represent clients in criminal or delinquency proceedings.

NEW MEXICO – ALBUQUERQUE

Organization:

New Mexico Immigrant Law Center PO Box 7040 Albuquerque, NM 87194-7040

Primary contact:

Name: Megan E. Jordi, Legal Director

Email: mjordi@nmilc.org
Phone: (505) 247-1023
Website: www.nmilc.org

Contact method for potential clients: Attorneys are available on a weekly basis to screen cases by phone. Potential clients should call the office number to learn about when the next scheduled attorney phone consultation hours will be.

Fee: Pro bono and nominal fees on a case-by-case basis

Immigration Court(s) served: El Paso, TX

Counties/Cities covered: New Mexico (statewide)

Areas of immigration legal assistance: Asylum, SIJS, U-Visa, VAWA, DACA, Removal Defense, Naturalization, limited family-based immigration.

Language capacity: Spanish, limited Portuguese

Notes:

• Potential clients must earn under 200% of the federal poverty guidelines to be eligible for services.

NEW MEXICO – LAS CRUCES

Organization:

Catholic Charities Legal Services Program PO Box 1613 Las Cruces, NM 88004

Primary contact:

Names: Lauren Armstrong, Staff Attorney / Alissa Weinberger, Program Manager

Emails: la@catholiccharitiesdlc.org / aw@catholiccharitiesdlc.org

Phone: (575) 203-1001

Website: www.catholiccharitiesdlc.org/about/legal-services-program

Contact method for potential clients: Call to schedule a consultation (M-Th, 9am-12pm & 1pm to 4:30pm MST).

Fee: No charge for VAWA, U-Visa, T-Visa, SIJS clients

Immigration Court(s) served: <u>El Paso EOIR</u> (not currently providing removal defense)

Counties/Cities covered: Southern NM (Counties: Hidalgo, Grant, Luna, Sierra, Dona Ana, Otero, Lincoln, Chaves, Eddy, Lea)

Areas of immigration legal assistance: VAWA, U-Visa, T-Visa, SIJS

Language capacity: Spanish

- Cannot provide representation before the immigration court or removal defense
- Representation for SIJS cases is primarily focused on those seeking Kinship Guardianship, but will consider other cases involving minors in state custody and juvenile proceedings.

New York - Buffalo

Vera/DCS Legal Access Project provider

Organization:

Erie County Bar Association – Volunteer Lawyers Project (ECBA-VLP) 237 Main Street, Suite 1000 Buffalo, NY 14203

Primary contact:

Name: Jessica Lazarin, Staff Attorney

Email: <u>jlazarin@ecbavlp.com</u> Phone: (716) 847-0662 x316 Website: <u>http://ecbavlp.com</u>

Immigration Court(s) served: Buffalo; Batavia, NY

Counties/Cities covered: Erie, Genesee and Monroe counties; Buffalo, Rochester and Batavia, NY; western NY area.

ECBA-VLP serves: Children with immigration relief/defense from removal, including released children; children with juvenile/criminal delinquency and mental health issues.

ECBA-VLP provides free direct representation for the following types of cases: SIJS, including the predicate NY State Family Court proceedings where the client is a Buffalo, NY resident; viable asylum cases; adjustment of status/refugee adjustments requiring waiver; T-Visa; U-Visa; ECBA-VLP can refer DACA cases to a separate local office.

Age restrictions: None

Language capacity: Spanish, French

Notes:

• ECBA-VLP provides in-house services; non-SIJS cases in removal proceedings are regularly referred to local pro-bono volunteer attorneys.

NEW YORK - HEMPSTEAD

Organization:

Hofstra Law Clinic 108 Hofstra University Hempstead, NY 11549

Primary contact:

Name: Yvonne Atkinson, Paralegal/Office Manager

Email: <u>lawyva@hofstra.edu</u> Phone: (516) 463-5934

Website: http://law.hofstra.edu/clinics/index.html

Contact method for potential clients: Call between 9am and 5pm EST to schedule intake.

Fee: None

Immigration Court(s) served: New York City

Counties/Cities covered: Nassau, Suffolk, Queens

Areas of immigration legal assistance: SIJS

Language capacity: Spanish, Haitian Creole and other languages.

Organization:

African Services Committee 429 W. 127th Street New York, NY 10027

Primary contact:

Name: Claire R. Thomas, Staff Attorney

Email: clairet@africanservices.org **Phone:** (212) 222-3882 x2136

Website: http://africanservices.org

Contact method for potential clients: Contact Jessica Greenberg or Olubunmi Segun at (212) 222-3882 x2134 to schedule an appointment.

Fee: No fee for gender-based violence cases and SIJS cases; other immigration legal assistance based on nominal fee scale.

Immigration Court(s) served: New York City, New Jersey

Counties/Cities covered: New York City

Areas of immigration legal assistance: Gender-based violence immigration cases (asylum, VAWA, U-Visa, T-Visa, cancellation of removal etc.); SIJS cases; DACA applications; defensive proceedings in immigration court

Language capacity: French, African languages

- ASC's Projet Aimée serves French-speaking African survivors of gender-based violence in family law and immigration proceedings. ASC also serves individuals who are living with HIV.
- ASC charges a nominal fee for other immigration cases (adjustment of status, naturalization, etc.).

Vera/DCS Legal Access Project provider

Organization:

Catholic Charities Community Services – Archdiocese of New York 1011 First Avenue, 12th Floor New York, NY 10022

Primary contact:

Name: Jennifer LaMotte, Project Coordinator

Email: jennifer.lamotte@archny.org

Phone: (212) 419-3706

Website: www.catholiccharitiesny.org

Immigration Court(s) served: New York Immigration Court (26 Federal Plaza and 201 Varick Street).

Counties/Cities covered: New York City; Westchester, Rockland, Dutchess, Putnam, Orange, Ulster, and Sullivan counties.

CCCS serves: Released children, based on in-house capacity.

CCCS provides free or low-cost direct representation for the following types of cases: Asylum, cancellation of removal, CAT claims, DACA, family-based claims, TPS, SIJS, T-Visa, U-Visa and VAWA claims.

Age restrictions: None

Language capacity: Albanian, French, Hindi, Japanese, Polish, Punjabi, Romanian, Spanish, Urdu

Notes:

CCCS prioritizes continuity of service to minors released locally from Children's
Village shelters in Dobbs Ferry, NY and Lincoln Hall in Lincolndale, NY. Therefore,
CCCS provides direct legal services to minors released from shelters in other
jurisdictions only in limited and special situations.

• CCCS provides case management services (including assistance with school enrollment and access to health care) to children released from the Children's Village shelters located in Dobbs Ferry, NY and Lincoln Hall in Lincolndale, NY, and as part of the Legal Orientation for Custodians Program (LOPC).

Organization:

Make the Road New York – Legal/Support Services 301 Grove Street Brooklyn, NY 11237 (Brooklyn office)

92-10 Roosevelt Avenue Jackson Heights, NY 11372 (Queens office)

Primary contact:

Name: Alexia Schapira, Senior Staff Attorney Email: alexia.schapira@maketheroadny.org

Phone: (718) 565-8500 x 4493 **Website:** <u>www.maketheroadny.org</u>

Contact method for potential clients: Phone only

Fee: None

Immigration Court(s) served: New York City

Counties/Cities covered: The five boroughs of NYC and Long Island (Nassau and Suffolk counties)

Areas of immigration legal assistance: Any and all forms of potential relief; will accept cases with criminal or delinquency history.

Language capacity: Spanish, French

- Please include the following information when inquiring about a potential referral:
 - Location where the case is venued and whether the juvenile will receive assistance in the other jurisdiction; MRNY only accepts cases venued in New York and does not assist with change of venue motions;
 - ➤ Date of next court hearing and how many prior hearings, if any, the juvenile has attended;
 - Age of the minor;

- > Description of the potential avenues of relief and related filing deadlines.
- MRNY prioritizes services for its membership.

Organization:

Safe Horizon – Anti-Trafficking Program 2 Lafayette Street, 3rd Floor New York, NY 10007

Primary contact:

Name: Fiona Mason, Supervising Social Worker

Email: fiona.mason@safehorizon.org

Phone: (718) 943-8652

Website: www.safehorizon.org

Contact method for potential clients: Phone screening only during M-F, 9am-5pm EST.

Fee: None

Immigration Court(s) served: EOIR, BIA—2nd Circuit (New York City)

Counties/Cities covered: All five NYC boroughs (Bronx, Brooklyn/Kings, Manhattan, Queens and Staten Island/Richmond) and surrounding areas, as necessary.

Areas of immigration legal assistance: The anti-trafficking program works with all victims of trafficking, including those trafficked into labor or commercial sexual exploitation. With the program's staff attorneys, the anti-trafficking program is able to work with clients to apply for T- or U-Visas as well as SIJS (<u>only immigration related; cannot directly provide the family court representation</u>) or asylum. The type of immigration relief applied for is determined in consultation with the client.

Language capacity: Spanish and French, and free access to Language Line services.

Organization:

The Door 555 Broome Street New York, NY 10013

Primary contact:

Name: Sara Rosales, Administrative Assistant

Email: srosales@door.org

Phone: (212) 941-9090 x3280

Website: www.door.org

Contact method for potential clients: Clients can contact the Legal Services Office at (212) 941-9090 x3280 to schedule an appointment. To qualify for services, young people must first become Door members. Membership hours are Monday through Thursday from 2pm to 5pm and Wednesday from 2pm to 7pm.

Fee: None, but clients may have to pay filing fees and other related expenses.

Immigration Court(s) served: New York Immigration Courts, including 26 Federal Plaza and Varick Street.

Counties/Cities covered: All five boroughs of New York City.

Areas of immigration legal assistance: Asylum, SIJS, T-Visa, U-Visa, voluntary departure, DACA and TPS.

Language capacity: French and Spanish

- The Door will represent children with criminal/delinquency histories.
- The Door provides a wide range of social services, including counseling, runaway and homeless youth services, LGBTQ-specific services, and medical and dental services.

Organization:

Urban Justice Center – Peter Cicchino Youth Project 123 William Street, 16th Floor New York, New York 10038

Primary contact:

Name: Megan Stuart, Staff Attorney

Email: mstuart@urbanjustice.org or pcyp@urbanjustice.org

Phone: (646) 602-5643 **or** (877) 542-8529

Website: www.urbanjustice.org/ujc/projects/peter.html

Contact method for potential clients: Phone/email is best. If a client needs to drop-in, UJC will try and accommodate them, schedule permitting, between 9am-4pm.

Fee: None

Immigration Court(s) served: New York

Counties/Cities covered: New York City; surrounding counties (capacity permitting)

Areas of immigration legal assistance: SIJS, Asylum (especially based on gender identity or sexual orientation), U-Visa, T-Visa, DACA.

Language capacity: Spanish

Notes:

• PCYP serves homeless youth under 24, with a particular focus on LGBTQ youth. PCYP also provide other civil legal services, such as name changes for trans clients.

NORTH CAROLINA - CHAPEL HILL

Organization:

University of North Carolina School of Law Clinical Programs 102 Ridge Road Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Primary contact:

Name: Beth S. Posner, Clinical Assistant Professor

Email: posner@unc.edu
Phone: (919) 812-1870

Website: www.law.unc.edu/academics/clinic/default.aspx

Contact method for potential clients: Most clients are referred by other North Carolina agencies, but the clinical program will take phone calls from potential clients and refer for intake to the appropriate agency.

Fee: No attorney fees; only filing fees, where applicable.

Immigration Court(s) served: Charlotte

Counties/Cities covered: North Carolina—clients must have the ability to travel to Chapel Hill for an initial client interview and at critical points throughout the life of their case. SIJS cases can only be taken from the following counties: Durham, Orange, Chatham, and Wake.

Areas of immigration legal assistance: Asylum, DACA, SIJS, T-Visa, U-Visa, VAWA.

Language capacity: The clinical program endeavors to meet all of its clients' language needs.

Notes:

This is a clinical program in which students represent clients under the supervision
of a clinical professor. Most of its cases are referred through Legal Aid of North
Carolina's Battered Immigrant Project and the North Carolina Justice Center, but the
program will screen callers for the appropriate referral agency. VAWA, U-Visa, T-

Visa and Asylum cases are only initiated in August and September, when students begin the academic year.

NORTH CAROLINA - CHARLOTTE

Organization:

Legal Services of Southern Piedmont 1431 Elizabeth Avenue Charlotte, NC 28204

Primary contact:

Name: Traci Massey, Immigrant Justice Program Director

Email: tracim@lssp.org
Phone: (704) 971-4790
Website: www.lssp.org

Contact method for potential clients: Call (1-800) 247-1931 on Tuesdays between 9am and 1pm EST, and speak with a paralegal to do an intake. <u>Due to high call volume, voicemail messages will not be returned.</u>

Fee: None

Immigration Court(s) served: Charlotte

Counties/Cities covered: Serving Alexander, Ashe, Avery, Burke, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Catawba, Cleveland, Gaston, McDowell, Mecklenburg, Mitchell, Stanley, Union, Watauga, Wilkes, and Yancey counties.

Areas of immigration legal assistance: Non-detained removal defense and affirmative cases in the following categories: AOS, asylum, cancellation of removal, consular processing, DACA, family-based petitions, provisional unlawful presence waiver, SIJS, TPS/NACARA, U-Visas and VAWA self-petitions.

Language capacity: Staff attorneys and paralegals speak Spanish and can access interpreters for most other languages.

North Carolina - Raleigh

Organization:

North Carolina Justice Center – Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project PO Box 28068 Raleigh, NC 27611

Primary contact:

Name: Joanna Gaughan, Immigration Staff Attorney

Email: joanna@ncjustice.org

Phone: N/A

Website: www.ncjustice.org

Contact method for potential clients:

- LPSs may refer potential clients by completing the LSP referral form (available on Extra Legal by clicking the link) and emailing it to Joanna Gaughan at joanna@ncjustice.org.
- Please note that the NC Justice Center's capacity is limited, and it may not be able to accept all cases referred. *Sending a completed referral form does not guarantee that the child's case will be accepted.* Please wait for an email confirming or declining the referral, which will generally be sent within ten business days of receipt of the referral form. If a child's case is urgent (i.e., if the child has an immigration court hearing, USCIS appointment, or similar scheduled within one month of the date you are sending the referral), please write "URGENT" in the heading of your email.
- NC Justice Center staff may not be able to assist referred children with change of address forms and change of venue motions. Please help the child complete these forms before referring to NC Justice Center.

Fee: None

Immigration Court(s) served: Charlotte

Counties/Cities covered: NC Justice Center can only accept cases of individuals living in North Carolina. Preference may be given to individuals living in the following counties: Alamance; Alleghany; Anson; Beaufort; Bertie; Bladen; Brunswick; Camden; Carteret; Caswell; Chatham; Chowan; Columbus; Craven; Cumberland; Currituck; Dare; Davidson; Davie; Duplin; Durham; Edgecombe; Forsyth; Franklin; Gates; Granville; Greene; Guilford;

Halifax; Harnett; Herford; Hoke; Hyde; Iredell; Johnston; Jones; Lee; Lenoir; Lincoln; Martin; Montgomery; Moore; Nash; New Hanover; Northampton; Onslow; Orange; Pamlico; Pasquotank; Pender; Perquimans; Person; Pitt; Randolph; Richmond; Robeson; Rockingham; Rowan; Sampson; Scotland; Stokes; Surry; Tyrrell; Vance; Wake; Warren; Washington; Wayne; Wilson; Yadkin.

Areas of immigration legal assistance:

- At the present time, NC Justice Center is generally NOT able to accept cases in which SIJS is the only form of relief. NC Justice Center anticipates that this will change in late 2013.
- NC Justice Center requests that LSPs *do* refer children who appear to be eligible for any form of relief other than/in addition to SIJS, including asylum, withholding of removal, CAT relief, T-Visa, U-Visa, derivatives of any of these forms of relief, etc.
- NC Justice Center does not generally accept family-based immigration cases (family petitions).

Language capacity: Staff members speak English and Spanish. NC Justice may be able to access interpreters in other languages as well.

- NC Justice Center can only accept cases of individuals living in North Carolina.
- At the present time, NC Justice Center is generally NOT able to accept cases in which SIJS is the only form of relief. NC Justice Center anticipates that this will change in late 2013.
- NC Justice Center will consider both affirmative and defensive cases; however, preference may be given to cases of children who are in removal proceedings.
- There may be time periods during which the NC Justice Center Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project will temporarily stop accepting new cases. They will do their best to notify LSPs if and when this occurs.

OHIO - CLEVELAND

Organization:

Cleveland Catholic Charities 7800 Detroit Avenue Cleveland, OH 44102

Primary contact:

Name: Sala R. Gembala, Immigration Attorney Email: srgembala@clevelandcatholiccharities.org

Phone: (216) 939-3735

Website: www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/mrs

Contact method for potential clients: Phone: (216) 939-3769, English and Spanish available, other languages available upon request; walk-in: Tuesday through Friday, 9am to 2pm EST.

Fee: Cleveland Catholic Charities charges nominal fees for services rendered. Fees are determined on a sliding scale based on financial need. Some pro bono representation is available.

Immigration Court(s) served: Cleveland

Counties/Cities covered: Ohio

Areas of immigration legal assistance:

- Deportation and removal cases with the Cleveland Immigration Court, including but not limited to: applications for asylum, withholding, and protection under the Convention Against Torture, cancellation of removal, adjustment, bond hearings, and appeals;
- Protection-based affirmative claims, including but not limited to: asylum, refugee/asylee relative petitions, VAWA, U-Visa, T-Visa, TPS, and SIJS;
- Family-based visa applications, including but not limited to: fiancé(e) petitions, I-130 family petitions, I-485 adjustment applications, application to remove conditions, and consular process applications;

• Naturalization applications, DACA, replacement green card and/or I-94 documents, change of address, FOIA Requests, travel document, advanced parole, and employment authorization.

Language capacity: Spanish, Arabic, French, Nepali, Dinka, Russian, Swahili, and Somali are languages available on staff. Other languages are available through interpreter services.

OHIO - DAYTON / TOLEDO

Organization:

Advocates for Basic Legal Equality, Inc. Migrant Farmworker and Immigration Program

130 W. Second St., Ste. 700 E Dayton, OH 45402

525 Jefferson Ave., Ste. 300 Toledo, OH 43604

Primary contact:

Name: Jessica A. Ramos, Staff Attorney

Email: jramos@ablelaw.org Phone: (1-800) 837-0814 Website: www.ablelaw.org

Contact method for potential clients: By phone or e-mail

Fee: Varies

Immigration Court(s) served: Cleveland

Counties/Cities covered: 32 counties in northwest and western Ohio for general civil litigation; all 88 counties in Ohio for migrant farmworker and agricultural workers and their families.

Areas of immigration legal assistance: Family- and humanitarian-based claims.

Language capacity: Spanish (in-house), any other (via interpreting services)

Notes:

 General immigration legal assistance is handled through ABLE's Immigration Legal Assistance Program, which is a low-cost service to individuals below 300% of the federal poverty guidelines. Some free legal immigration assistance is offered through various programs and grants; contact ABLE's offices with questions regarding potential fees.

OREGON - PORTLAND

Vera/DCS Legal Access Project provider

Organization:

Immigration Counseling Service (ICS) 519 S. W. Park Avenue, Suite #610 Portland, OR 97205

Primary contact:

Names: Paula Padilla, Staff Attorney / Barb Babcock, Executive Director

Emails: ppadilla@ics-law.org / bbabcock@ics-law.org

Phone: (503) 221-1689 Website: www.ics-law.org

Immigration Court(s) served: Oregon Immigration Court

Counties/Cities covered: All Oregon counties and some southern Washington counties

ICS serves: Released children, children never detained by ORR, and children with criminal/delinquency histories.

ICS provides free or low-cost direct representation for the following types of cases:

Asylum, adjustment of status, consular processing, DACA, naturalization, SIJS, family-based claims, T-Visa, U-Visa, V-Visa, VAWA claims, voluntary departure, removal defense. In addition, ICS also has an anti-trafficking department.

Age restrictions: None

Language capacity: Spanish, French, Vietnamese

Notes:

• ICS does not accept CAT claims cases.

Pennsylvania – Philadelphia

Organization:

Catholic Social Services – Immigration Program 227 N. 18th Street Philadelphia, PA 19103

Primary contact:

Name: Mark Shea, Administrator Email: mshea@chs-adphila.org

Phone: (215) 854-7019

Website: www.catholicsocialservicesphilly.org/immigration_services.php

Contact method for potential clients: Potential clients seeking legal assistance must call (215) 854-7019 to schedule a consultation; walk-ins are not accepted.

Fee: Initial fee of \$40 for consultation; fees for all other services are low in comparison to private counsel.

Immigration Court(s) served: All geographical areas that fall within the jurisdiction of the Philadelphia Immigration Court and the Philadelphia District Office of USCIS, which includes areas of <u>Delaware</u>, <u>New Jersey</u>, and Pennsylvania.

Counties/Cities covered: See above.

Areas of immigration legal assistance: Asylum, SIJS, T-Visa, U-Visa, VAWA, and voluntary departure.

Language capacity: Spanish

- Catholic Social Services does not accept cases in which no relief is available.
- Catholic Social Services will represent children with criminal/delinquency histories.

Pennsylvania – Philadelphia

Vera/DCS Legal Access Project provider

Organization:

HIAS Pennsylvania 2100 Arch Street, 3rd Floor Philadelphia, PA 19103

Primary contact:

Name: Elizabeth Yaeger, Staff Attorney

Email: eyaeger@hiaspa.org
Phone: (215) 832-0910
Website: www.hiaspa.org

Immigration Court(s) served: Philadelphia

Counties/Cities covered: All cities and counties falling within the jurisdiction of the Philadelphia Immigration Court and the Philadelphia USCIS District Office.

HIAS serves: Children currently detained, released children, children never detained by ORR, children with criminal/delinquency histories, children in federal or state foster care.

HIAS provides free or low-cost direct representation for the following types of cases: SIJS, asylum, U-Visa, T-Visa, Temporary Protected Status, family reunification, VAWA, etc.

Age restrictions: None.

Language capacity: Spanish; other language needs may be met using volunteers if available.

SOUTH CAROLINA - GREENVILLE

Organization:

South Carolina Victim Assistance Network

Primary contact:

Name: Patricia Ravenhorst, Director/Attorney – Immigrant Victim Network

Email: tricia@scvan.org

Phone: (864) 449-1673 (cell) Website: www.scvan.org

Contact method for potential clients: By phone – must leave a voicemail: (803) 750-1200

x 199; by email – tricia@scvan.org.

Fee: Client responsible for all costs, including postage, telephone, filing fees, etc.

Immigration Court(s) served: Charlotte, NC

Counties/Cities covered: Statewide, but SCVAN is located in the Upstate of South Carolina.

Areas of immigration legal assistance: SIJS, U- and T-Visas, VAWA

Language capacity: Spanish

- As a crime victim agency, SCVAN is only permitted to accept cases in which the UAC
 was a victim of a crime in the United States. SCVAN prioritizes cases in which the
 victim is also currently interacting with the criminal justice system and/or seeking
 supportive services as a result of the criminal victimization.
- However, please feel free to contact Patricia Ravenhorst for any technical assistance or attorney referrals regarding South Carolina law or resources for UAC. SCVAN has template family court pleadings and court orders relating to SIJS determinations in family court that SCVAN is happy to share.

TENNESSEE - MEMPHIS

Organization:

Community Legal Center 910 Vance Avenue Memphis, TN 38126

Primary contact:

Name: Meg Jones, Executive Director

Email: megj@clcmemphis.com

Phone: (901) 543-3395

Website: www.clcmemphis.com

Contact method for potential clients: By phone

Fee: \$20 (immigration cases); \$5 to \$15 (civil cases, based on income);

Immigration Court(s) served: Memphis

Counties/Cities covered: Tennessee, <u>Arkansas</u>, <u>Mississippi</u> (north of Jackson only), <u>Kentucky</u> (western third of the State only); Shelby county, TN (civil cases)

Areas of immigration legal assistance: Asylum, SIJS, U-Visa, T-Visa, change of status, voluntary departure.

Language capacity: Spanish and French

Notes:

• Clients must fax/mail/email proof of income prior to being scheduled for an appointment.

TENNESSEE - NASHVILLE

Organization:

Tennessee Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence 2 International Plaza, Suite 425 Nashville, TN 37217

Primary contact:

Name: Robin Kimbrough, Legal Counsel Email: rkimbrough@tncoalition.org

Phone: (615) 386-9406

Website: www.tncoalition.org

Contact method for potential clients: Call (615) 386-9406.

Fee: None

Immigration Court(s) served: Memphis

Counties/Cities covered: Tennessee (statewide)

Areas of immigration legal assistance: All petitions related to domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking.

Language capacity: Spanish; interpretation for other languages through a telephonic language line.

Notes:

 Prospective clients must be a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault or human trafficking.

TEXAS - AUSTIN

Organization:

Bernardo Kohler Center P.O.Box 42185 Austin, Texas 78704

Primary contact:

Name: David R. Walding, Director Email: dwalding@bernardokohler.org

Phone: (512) 831-4272

Website: http://bernardokohler.org

Contact method for potential clients: Phone

Fee: Sliding scale

Immigration Court(s) served: San Antonio

Counties/Cities covered: A 51-county service area in Texas including Austin, San Antonio, and Laredo.

Areas of immigration legal assistance: Asylum, SIJS, U-Visa, T-Visa, limited other immigration assistance.

Language capacity: Spanish, Hindi

Notes:

• Priority is given to juveniles, referrals by law enforcement, and referrals by the Mexican Consulate in Austin.

TEXAS - DALLAS

Vera/DCS Legal Access Project provider

Organization:

Human Rights Initiative of North Texas, Inc. 2801 Swiss Avenue
Dallas, TX 75204

Primary contact:

Name: Melissa Weaver, Attorney – Women and Children's Program

Email: mweaver@hrionline.org

Phone: (214) 855-0520 Website: www.hrionline.org

Immigration Court(s) served: Dallas

Counties/Cities covered: Dallas-Fort Worth and outlying areas

HRI serves: Short term and long term foster care children at Catholic Charities Fort Worth; released children; children never detained by ORR; and children with minor criminal/delinquency histories.

HRI provides free direct representation for the following types of cases: Asylum, SIJS, T-Visa, U-Visa, VAWA, I-246 Stay of Deportation, DACA; in rare cases, HRI will represent children for voluntary departure cases, and cases in which no relief is available.

Age restrictions: None

Language capacity: Spanish

- All clients must fit within the agency's mission of providing legal services to those
 who have suffered human rights abuses, such as domestic violence, abuse, or
 torture.
- The Dallas Immigration Judge does not routinely permit prosecutorial discretion cases, so those cases are generally not handled by HRI.
- HRI occasionally represents children with minor criminal/delinquency histories, but will not represent clients with extensive criminal/delinquency backgrounds.

ESL classes, housing and counseling services.					

TEXAS - DALLAS

Organization:

Mosaic Family Services, Inc. 4144 North Central Expwy #530 Dallas, TX 75204

Primary contact:

Name: Laura G. Burstein, Director – Multicultural Legal Services Program

Email: <u>laurab@mosaicservices.org</u> Phone: (214) 821-5393 x257

Website: www.mosaicservices.org

Contact method for potential clients: Call the office and request assistance anytime during business hours (M-F, 9am-5pm CST).

Fee: None

Immigration Court(s) served: Mosaic Family Services does not currently have the capacity to actively represent clients in immigration court. Rather, they coordinate their clients in removal with representation from a pro bono source in the community and collaborate by representing with affirmative petitions.

Counties/Cities covered: Dallas County, Collin County, Tarrant County (all of North Texas)

Areas of immigration legal assistance:

- Immigration law representation: client must qualify for petitions available to victims of violence (I-360 VAWA self petition, I-751 self petition, I-918 U Nonimmigrant petition, I-914 T Nonimmigrant petition).
- Family law representation: client must be survivor of domestic violence.

Language capacity: There are over 30 different languages spoken in the office.

Notes:

 Mosaic Family Services specializes in providing culturally-sensitive assistance to low-income foreign-born victims of violent crimes and assists this vulnerable population with immigration and family law representation. They specialize in assisting victims of human trafficking and are members of the OVC-funded task force. Along with legal representation, they provide emergency shelter, case management services, and counseling. Their legal department does not represent clients in Immigration Court (they rely on referral sources for that issue), but they do assist clients with petitions when they are in removal proceedings.

TEXAS - EL PASO

Vera/DCS Legal Access Project provider

Organization:

Diocesan Migrant & Refugee Services, Inc. (DMRS) 2400 E. Yandell Street El Paso, TX 79903

Primary contact:

Name: Alma Camacho, Staff Attorney

Email: acamacho@dmrs-ep.org
Phone: (915) 532-3975 x333
Website: www.dmrs-ep.org

Immigration Court(s) served: El Paso

Counties/Cities covered: Brewster, Culberson, El Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Loving, Presidio, Reeves, Ward, and Winkler counties.

DMRS serves: Released children, children never detained by ORR, and children with criminal/delinquency histories.

DMRS provides free or low-cost direct representation for the following types of cases: Asylum, CAT claims, citizenship claims, family-based claims, SIJS¹, T-Visa, U-Visa, VAWA claims, and removal proceedings.

Age restrictions: 17.5 and younger.

Language capacity: Spanish

Notes:

• DMRS does not accept voluntary departure cases and cases in which no relief is available.

¹ DMRS is not currently able to accept SIJS cases for in-house representation. However, DMRS may be able to provide assistance in obtaining pro bono counsel.

TEXAS - HARLINGEN

Vera/DCS Legal Access Project provider

Organization:

South Texas Pro Bono Asylum Representation Project (ProBAR) Children's Office 119 W. Van Buren Avenue Suite 204 Harlingen, TX 78550

Primary contact:

Name: Edgar Morales, Paralegal Email: edgar.probar@gmail.com

Phone: (956) 365-3775

Website: www.americanbar.org/probar

Immigration Court(s) served: Harlingen, TX

Counties/Cities covered: Cameron and Hidalgo counties

ProBAR serves: Detained children and children who have been released from detention in South Texas.

ProBAR provides free direct representation for the following types of cases: SIJS, asylum, U-Visas, T-Visas, DACA, and other types of relief for which detained children are eligible.

Age restrictions: Children detained in ORR facilities

Language capacity: Spanish

TEXAS – HOUSTON

Vera/DCS Legal Access Project provider

Organization:

Catholic Charities of Houston – Cabrini Center for Immigrant Legal Assistance 2900 Louisiana Street Houston, TX 77006

Primary contact:

Name: Aimee Maldonado, Supervising Attorney

Email: amaldonado@catholiccharities.org

Phone: (713) 874-6562

Website: www.catholiccharities.org/services/services-programs-immigration

Immigration Court(s) served: Houston

Counties/Cities covered: Harris, Galveston, Brazoria, Montgomery, and Fort Bend counties.

Cabrini serves: Released children within the Cabrini geozone (all referrals must be made using the KIND online referral system), children never detained by ORR, and children with juvenile adjudications.

Cabrini provides free or low-cost direct representation for the following types of cases: Asylum, CAT claims, family-based claims, SIJS, T-Visa, U-Visa and VAWA claims.

Age restrictions: Must be 17.5 or younger

Language capacity: Arabic, French, Farsi/Persian, Spanish, Vietnamese

- Cabrini does not accept voluntary departure cases and cases in which no relief is available.
- Although Cabrini represents children with delinquency adjudications, Cabrini does not accept cases involving juveniles with criminal convictions.

Texas – San Antonio / Corpus Christi

Vera/DCS Legal Access Project provider

Organization:

Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services (RAICES) 1305 N. Flores Street
San Antonio, TX 78212

Primary contact:

Name: Michelle Garza, Director – Children's Program

Email: michelle.garza@raicestexas.org

Phone: (210) 226-7722 x19 Website: www.raicestexas.org

Immigration Court(s) served: San Antonio and Houston

Counties/Cities covered: All cities and counties that fall within the jurisdiction of the San Antonio Immigration Court or the San Antonio USCIS District Office.

RAICES serves: Children currently detained, released children, children never detained by ORR and children with criminal/delinquency histories.

RAICES provides free or low-cost direct representation for the following types of cases: Asylum, CAT claims, family-based claims, SIJS, T-Visa, U-Visa, VAWA, and Voluntary departure.

Age restrictions: None

Language capacity: French, Spanish, Tigrinya, Amharic, Italian, Chinese

Notes:

• RAICES is a Texas-based 501(c)(3) organization that promotes justice by providing free and low-cost immigration legal services and education to underserved immigrant children, families and refugees in Central and South Texas.

TEXAS - SAN ANTONIO

Organization:

St. Mary's University School of Law Immigration and Human Rights Clinic One Camino Santa Maria San Antonio, Texas 78228

Primary contact:

Name: Lee Terán, Clinical Professor of Law

Email: Lteran@stmarytx.edu Phone: (210) 431-5709

Website: www.stmarytx.edu/law

Contact method for potential clients: Call (210) 431-5714.

Fee: None

Immigration Court(s) served: San Antonio

Counties/Cities covered: All cities and counties that fall within the jurisdiction of the San Antonio Immigration Court or the San Antonio USCIS office.

Areas of immigration legal assistance: Asylum, U-Visa, T-Visa, VAWA, appearances in family court; no state-court cases for SIJS, but can assist with SIJS petition.

Language capacity: Spanish

Notes:

• Able to assist clients with criminal/delinquency histories.

TEXAS - WESLACO

Organization:

Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Inc. 300 S. Texas Blvd. Weslaco, Texas 78596

Primary contact:

Name: Susan L. Watson, Attorney

Email: swatson@trla.org
Phone: (615) 750-1203
Website: www.trla.org

Contact method for potential clients: Apply through intake hotline: 1-(888) 988-9996. For non-detained UAC, each TRLA office has its own walk-in application policy/schedule. It is best to check the TRLA website before applying directly at a TRLA office.

Fee: None

Immigration Court(s) served: San Antonio, Harlingen, El Paso

Counties/Cities covered: 68 counties in south, central and west Texas (includes the Austin, San Antonio, Corpus Christi, McAllen-Brownsville-Harlingen, Del Rio-Eagle Pass and El Paso metropolitan areas and all counties in between).

Areas of immigration legal assistance: As a Legal Services Corporation-funded organization, TRLA's representation (in the context of UAC) is limited to U-Visas, T-Visas, and VAWA. TRLA can assist LPR or USC relatives in custody matters, including seeking predicate findings for SIJS.

Language capacity: Spanish; limited French and Mandarin

Notes:

• TRLA provides free legal services to eligible clients in its 68-county service area. In addition to immigration cases, TRLA provides representation through its 30-plus civil practice teams, including family law, housing, civil rights, and public benefits; TRLA does not provide any criminal representation. Recently, TRLA was awarded a grant from DOJ/OVC to provide comprehensive legal services to victims of human

trafficking. TRLA also has cooperative agreements with virtually all domestic violence shelters in its service area.

As an LSC-funded organization, TRLA is subject to the regulations found at 45 C.F.R. § 1600 et seq. Accordingly, TRLA is limited in the type of immigration representation it can provide. The primary types of eligible immigration cases are: VAWA; U-Visas; T-Visas; claims to citizenship; and representation of LPRs (cancelation of removal). As a general rule, TRLA cannot provide SIJS representation unless the child is also eligible for relief under VAWA, U-Visa or T-Visa, or an eligible adult seeks representation in state court for predicate findings for SIJS (i.e., custody, declaratory action, guardianship, etc.).

UTAH - SALT LAKE CITY

Organization:

Catholic Community Services of Utah 745 East 300 South Salt Lake City, UT 84102

Primary contact:

Name: Alyssa Williams, Attorney/Immigration Program Manager

Email: awilliams@ccsutah.org

Phone: (801) 428-1255 Website: www.ccsutah.org

Contact method for potential clients: CCS offers free consultations every Wednesday from 8:30am to noon and 1pm to 5pm. Clients should try to schedule appointments by calling the receptionist at (801) 977-9119. Walk-ins are accepted only on Wednesdays and must often wait more than 30 minutes to be seen.

Fee: On a sliding scale.

Immigration Court(s) served: Salt Lake City Immigration Court (CCS will not travel to or appear telephonically before any other court).

Counties/Cities covered: Only one office located in Salt Lake City but CCS will take clients who live anywhere in the state of Utah.

Areas of immigration legal assistance:

- **EOIR:** SIJS (but CCS will **not** take one-parent SIJS cases), Voluntary Departure, DACA, cancellation; CCS can provide asylum screening and referrals but will usually not provide representation.
- **Utah Juvenile Court:** CCS will refer clients to low bono attorneys for juvenile court actions.
- **USCIS:** CCS will provide full representation for SIJS, I-485, Naturalization, etc.

Language capacity: Spanish; additionally, the program is attached to a Refugee Resettlement program which can offer limited assistance with many other languages (Arabic, Farsi, Amharic, Somali, Nepali, Burmese).

VERMONT – BURLINGTON

Organization:

Vermont Immigration and Asylum Advocates 241 North Winooski Ave. Burlington, VT 05401

Primary contact:

Name: Erin Jacobsen, Lead Staff Attorney

Email: ejacobsenlaw@gmail.com

Phone: (802) 864-3200

Website: www.vtimmigrationandasylum.org

Contact method for potential clients: By phone or email.

Fee: None

Immigration Court(s) served: Boston

Counties/Cities covered: All of Vermont

Areas of immigration legal assistance: Asylum, SIJS, all victims' visas and I-751 waivers, general immigration assistance.

Language capacity: Varies with interns and volunteers. Can usually accommodate any language needs.

VIRGINIA - FALLS CHURCH

Organization:

Hogar Immigrant Services 6201 Leesburg Pike, Suite 307 Falls Church, VA 22044

Primary contact:

Name: Mary Brittingham, Director – Legal Services Program

Email: mbrittingham@ccda.net
Phone: (703) 534-9805 x234

Website: www.hogarimmigrantservices.org

Contact method for potential clients: To access the appointment system, call (703) 534-9805, and follow prompts.

Fee: Yes, but fee waivers available in appropriate cases.

Immigration Court(s) served: Arlington

Counties/Cities covered: Arlington, Fairfax, Prince William counties

Areas of immigration legal assistance: All immigration matters <u>except</u> political asylum or labor certification matters.

Language capacity: Spanish

Notes:

• Hogar Immigrant Services does not represent detained individuals, but does represent individuals in removal proceedings.

VIRGINIA – FALLS CHURCH

Organization:

Tahirih Justice Center 6402 Arlington Boulevard, Suite 300 Falls Church, VA 22042

Primary contact:

Name: Hillary Mellinger, BIA Accredited Representative & Immigration/Family Law

Paralegal

Email: hillary@tahirih.org
Phone: (571) 282-6175
Website: www.tahirih.org

Contact method for potential clients: Call (571) 282-6161 to make an appointment. **Note:** The Tahirih Justice Center serves immigrant women and girls fleeing gender-based violence. Please note that they can only accept referrals for immigrant woman and girls.

Fee: None

Immigration Court(s) served: Virginia

Counties/Cities covered: DC metropolitan area

Areas of immigration legal assistance: Asylum, SIJS, T-Visa, U-Visa, VAWA, voluntary departure, CAT (if case involves gender-based violence), and cases in which no relief is available.

Language capacity: Tahirih Justice Center can obtain interpreters for most languages.

- Tahirih Justice Center will represent children with criminal/delinquency histories.
- Tahirih Justice Center also provides social services.

VIRGINIA - LEXINGTON

Organization:

Washington and Lee School of Law Immigration Clinic Sydney Lewis Hall Lexington, VA 24450

Primary contact:

Name: Aaron Haas, Director – Immigration Clinic

Email: <u>haasa@wlu.edu</u> Phone: (540) 458-8066

Website: http://law.wlu.edu/immigration

Contact method for potential clients: Phone or email

Fee: None

Immigration Court(s) served: Arlington

Counties/Cities covered: Cities of Harrisonburg, Lynchburg, Roanoke, Winchester, others

Areas of immigration legal assistance: All areas.

Language capacity: Spanish, other languages

WASHINGTON - SEATTLE

Organization:

Legal Counsel for Youth and Children P.O. Box 16083 Seattle, WA 98116

Primary contact:

Name: Erin L. Lovell, Executive Director

Email: erinlcyc@gmail.com
Phone: (206) 494-0323 x700
Website: www.lcycwa.com

Contact method for potential clients: Phone or email

Fee: None

Immigration Court(s) served: None; LCYC practices in King County Juvenile Courts

Counties/Cities covered: King County

Areas of immigration legal assistance: LCYC collaborates with local immigration nonprofits (VAIJ and NWIRP); through these relationships LCYC represents the child in the dependency action (state court abuse and neglect cases) and the immigration attorneys assist the child in applying for and pursuing SIJS.

LCYC has assisted several youth who are applying for SIJS. They meet with the child for an initial interview or intake to help assess whether they may be a good candidate for SIJS (i.e., in large part whether they would qualify as a dependent child under Washington laws.) If the child is eligible, then LCYC works with the child to complete and file a dependency petition.

All work prior to the first court hearing is time donated by LCYC. The court compensates LCYC at an hourly rate for time on the dependency case as of the first court hearing. Due to limited funds, LCYC is not able to assist all children that come to them and likely qualify for SIJS. In general, LCYC can usually meet with the child (in King County) for the initial intake to help assess if they may be dependent. If LCYC cannot handle the dependency matter due

to financial restraints, they have contacts with local public defense offices and can usually coordinate with another office to handle the dependency case.

If a child is found dependent by the state court, LCYC is then often able to access forensic social workers to assist both in serving the youth while in care and in helping to prepare a plan for the youth upon aging out of care.

LCYC is also available and regularly consults with immigration attorneys who are trying to navigate the dependency system. For example, an immigration attorney may contact LCYC following an initial intake to discuss the child's likelihood of success in obtaining a finding of dependent. Immigration attorneys also call LCYC seeking advice on handling various issues that arise in state dependency cases.

Language capacity: English only

- LCYC assists children only, from birth to eighteen years. If the child has an open dependency case and the court retains jurisdiction beyond the child's eighteenth birthday then LCYC would remain on the case. LCYC does not begin an attorney-client relationship with anyone eighteen years or older.
- Currently, LCYC serves King County kids. LCYC is willing to consult on cases around Washington, but they are unable to meet with or represent children in other counties at this time due to limited funds.

WASHINGTON - SEATTLE

Organization:

Northwest Immigrant Rights Project 615 Second Avenue, Suite 400 Seattle, WA 98104

Primary contact:

Name: Mozhdeh Oskouian, Attorney

Email: mozhdeh@nwirp.org Phone: (206) 957-8623 Website: www.nwirp.org

Contact method for potential clients: Call (206) 587-4009 to make an appointment.

Fee: NWIRP does not charge for juvenile matters involving SIJS, removal defense, VAWA relief, and T-Visa and U-Visa cases.

Immigration Court(s) served: Seattle and Tacoma

Counties/Cities covered: Washington State

Areas of immigration legal assistance: Asylum, SIJS, T-Visa, U-Visa, VAWA, CAT, family-based claims, TPS, cancellation of removal, and other cases involving challenges to charges of removability.

Language capacity: Arabic, Mandarin, Spanish

- NWIRP will not represent children with cases in which no relief is available, or with voluntary departure cases.
- NWIRP will represent children with criminal/delinquency histories.
- NWIRP has another office location in Granger, WA; call (509) 854-2100 for more information.

WASHINGTON - SEATTLE

Vera/DCS Legal Access Project provider

Organization:

Kids in Need of Defense (KIND) - Seattle (formerly known as Volunteer Advocates for Immigrant Justice - VAIJ) 1201 3rd Avenue, Suite #4900 Seattle, WA 98101

Primary contact:

Name: Melissa Galarraga, Project Coordinator

Email: mgalarraga@supportkind.org

Phone: (206) 359-6202

Website: www.supportkind.org

Immigration Court(s) served: Seattle and Tacoma

Counties/Cities covered: King and Pierce counties; Thurston, Snohomish, and Whatcom counties (on a limited basis).

KIND-Seattle serves: Released children, children never detained by ORR (on a case by case basis), and children with criminal/delinquency histories.

KIND-Seattle provides free or low-cost direct representation for the following types of cases: Asylum, CAT claims, SIJS, T-Visa, U-Visa, VAWA claims and voluntary departure.

Age restrictions: For SIJS cases, minor cannot be older than 17 years and three months.

Language capacity: Spanish

WASHINGTON, DC (AND FALLS CHURCH, VA)

Organization:

Ayuda 6925B Willow St. NW Washington, DC 20012

2755 Hartland Road, Suite 100 Falls Church, VA 22043

Primary contact:

Name: N/A Email: N/A

Phone: (202) 387-4848 (DC general number) / (703) 444-7009 (VA general

number)

Website: www.ayuda.com

Contact method for potential clients: Phone; Consultations by appointment only.

Fee: \$40 consultation fee. Immigration service fees are based on case type and client's income.

Immigration Court(s) served: Arlington; Baltimore, MD

Counties/Cities covered: Maryland, Washington DC and Virginia

Areas of immigration legal assistance: Adjustment of status, asylum, DACA, family petitions, NACARA, naturalization, SIJS, T-Visa, TPS, VAWA, U-Visa.

Language capacity: All staff bilingual English/Spanish. Interpreters used for all other languages.

Notes:

 Ayuda does not accept cases of detained individuals, employment immigration cases, or immigration cases with complex criminal issues.