

Legal Defense Fund & Community Navigators



Background

- City announced a \$1.3 million Legal Defense Fund in December 2016 as a response to anti-immigrant rhetoric and policies
- Allocated to legal defense (through NIJC) and community organizations for “Know Your Rights” resources
- Community Navigator model: community leaders and advocates are trained to provide information; over 75% are immigrant women

"We're gonna stay a sanctuary city...There is no stranger among us. We welcome people, whether you're from Poland or Pakistan, whether you're from Ireland or India or Israel and whether you're from Mexico or Moldova, where my grandfather came from, you are welcome in Chicago as you pursue the American Dream." - Mayor Rahm Emanuel

Services Offered: Legal Resources

- Cancellation of Removal
- DACA application and renewal
- U visas for crime victims
- T visas for trafficking victims
- Family-based visas
- NIJC: free representation



Immigration Legal Services

- Citizenship and Naturalization
- Family Petitions
- Adjustment of Status
- Consular Processing
- Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)
- DACA Renewal (\$75)
- Green Card Renewal (\$100)
- Immigration assistance for victims of domestic violence and crimes
- Other family based immigration cases

Walk-in consultations are held on a first-come, first-served* basis:

- **Tuesdays and Saturdays, 9:30 am** | 1347 W Erie St, Chicago IL 60642
- **Wednesdays, 9:30 am** | 1701 W Superior St, Chicago IL 60622
- **Fridays, 9:00 am** | 4225 W 25th St, Chicago IL 60623

\$30 initial consultation fee; money order or credit card only

*Space is limited



Services Offered: Community Organizations

Chicago Legal Protection Fund- Community Navigator Program Partner Organizations

The Resurrection Project | 1801 S. Ashland Ave., 2nd fl. | (312) 666-3062

Walk-in clinic: Tuesdays 1:00pm (Limited Space)

IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES

- ✓ Citizenship
- ✓ Family Petitions
- ✓ Adjustment of Status
- ✓ Consular Processes (without waivers)
- ✓ DACA
- ✓ DACA Renewals
- ✓ Green Card Renewals
- ✓ U Visas & VAWA

IMMIGRANT EDUCATION

- ✓ Know Your Rights
- ✓ Setting an Emergency Family Plan
- ✓ Legal Referrals and Assistance with Deportation Defense

Erie Neighborhood House | 1347 W. Erie St., 1701 W. Superior St., 4225 W. 25th St. | (312)-666-3430

IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES

- ✓ Citizenship and Naturalization
- ✓ Family Petitions
- ✓ Adjustment of Status
- ✓ Consular Processes
- ✓ Removal of Conditions
- ✓ DACA
- ✓ DACA Renewals
- ✓ Green Card Renewals
- ✓ U Visas & VAWA
- ✓ Waivers of Inadmissibility

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Instituto Del Progreso Latino | 2555 W. Blue Island Ave. | (773) 890-0055

For services, please make an appointment using the number above.

IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES

- ✓ Legal Screening
- ✓ Citizenship (N-400 & N-600)
- ✓ DACA (Renewals only)
- ✓ FOIAs
- ✓ Green Card Renewals (I-90)
- ✓ Permanent Resident Card Replacement (I-90s)
- ✓ Applying for fingerprint records from the FBI & Police
- ✓ Medical Exemption from Citizenship Exam (N-648)

IMMIGRANT EDUCATION

- ✓ Citizenship and Civics Courses
- ✓ Citizenship Test Tutoring
- ✓ Citizenship Interview Preparations
- ✓ Know Your Rights
- ✓ Setting an Emergency Family Prep
- ✓ Legal Referrals

United African Organization | 10 W. 35th St., Ste. 409-1 | (312) 949-9980

IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES

- ✓ Citizenship
- ✓ Family Petitions
- ✓ DACA Application and Renewals
- ✓ Green Card Application and Renewals
- ✓ Adjustment of Status
- ✓ Consular Processes (without waivers)
- ✓ Employment Authorization

IMMIGRANT EDUCATION

- ✓ Know your Rights
- ✓ Setting an Emergency Family Plan
- ✓ Citizenship
- ✓ Legal Referrals and Assistance with Deportation

Centro de Trabajadores Unidos | 9546 S. Ewing Ave. | (773) 297-3370

Office Hours: Every Tuesday 12pm-7pm

IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES

- ✓ Citizenship
- ✓ Family Petitions
- ✓ Adjustment of Status
- ✓ DACA
- ✓ DACA Renewals
- ✓ Green Card Renewals
- ✓ U Visas & VAWA

IMMIGRANT EDUCATION

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- ✓ Legal Referrals and Assistance with Deportation Defense

Hana Center | 4300 N. California Ave. | (773) 583- 5501

IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES

- ✓ Citizenship
- ✓ Family Petitions
- ✓ Adjustment of Status
- ✓ Consular Processes (without waivers)
- ✓ Re-entry Permit
- ✓ DACA Renewals
- ✓ DACA
- ✓ Green Card Renewals

IMMIGRANT EDUCATION

- ✓ Know Your Rights
- ✓ Setting an Emergency Family Plan
- ✓ Legal Referrals and Assistance with Deportation Defense

Centro Romero | 6216 N Clark St. | (773) 508- 5300

IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES

- ✓ Citizenship
- ✓ DACA
- ✓ DACA Renewals
- ✓ Permanent Residency
- ✓ Temporary Protection Status
- ✓ Family Petition

IMMIGRANT EDUCATION

- ✓ Know Your Rights
- ✓ Setting an Emergency Family Plan
- ✓ Legal Referrals and Assistance with Deportation Defense

Southwest Organizing Project | 2558 W. 63rd St. | (773) 471- 8208

IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES

- ✓ DACA
- ✓ DACA Renewals
- ✓ Citizenship Workshops
- ✓ Preparing Documents

IMMIGRANT EDUCATION

- ✓ Know Your Rights
- ✓ Setting an Emergency Family Plan
- ✓ Legal Referrals and Assistance with Deportation Defense

Indo-American Center | 6328 N. California Ave. | (773) 973- 4444

IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES

- ✓ Citizenship
- ✓ Family Petitions
- ✓ Green Card Renewals
- ✓ DACA Renewals
- ✓ DACA

IMMIGRANT EDUCATION

- ✓ Know Your Rights
- ✓ Setting an Emergency Family Plan
- ✓ Legal Referrals and Assistance with Deportation Defense



Know Your Rights presentations

- Executive Orders on Immigration
- Know Your Rights with Police
- Know Your Rights with Immigration
- Preparing a Plan
- Overview of Immigration Relief

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

Everyone in the United States, including undocumented immigrants, has rights under the U.S. Constitution
Know your rights and exercise them

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know your LEGAL OPTIONS

- 1. Legal screenings are critical:** Attend a legal screening and know your immigration options. Many undocumented immigrants, including DACA recipients, may be eligible for permanent immigration status such as:
 - Victims of crimes
 - People afraid to return to their home countries due to persecution or torture, including individuals who identify as LGBT
 - Minors who have been abandoned, abused or neglected by one or both of their parents
 - Trafficking victims
 - Victims of domestic violence
 - Green card/lawful permanent residence through a family member or based on employment
 - Other options exist!
- 2. Consult a qualified attorney or BIA-accredited representative:** Find a low-cost or free attorney at www.immigrationadvocates.org/nonprofit/legaldirectory. If you are placed in deportation proceedings you have a right to hire an attorney, but the government will not provide a free attorney for you.
- 3. Beware of notaries or bad attorneys making false promises:** Some individuals may try to take advantage of you. Seek legal consultations from reputable organizations. Check attorney credentials at www.iardc.org. Report fraud at www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/consumers/filecomplaint.html.
- 4. Do not sign an immigration document without legal advice:** You have a right to seek legal advice and understand the document before signing it. Do not let anyone force you to sign a document, especially a deportation order.

know your SAFETY PLAN

- 1. Obey traffic and criminal laws and carry a valid state ID and/or work permit:** Do not carry any false/fraudulent documents that do not correspond to your identity. If arrested for any reason, consult an immigration attorney prior to pleading guilty.
- 2. Practice your response if confronted by immigration authorities:** All people have the right to remain silent. If stopped or arrested, you do not have to answer an immigration agent's questions. If an immigration agent knocks on your door and does not have a warrant, do not open the door.
- 3. Create a safety plan in case you are arrested and/or detained by immigration:**
 - Identify your emergency contact and memorize their phone number
 - Memorize your A number and give it to your emergency contact
 - Provide your child's school or day care with the emergency contact name and phone number and provide authorization for the emergency contact to pick up your child
 - Provide authorization for your emergency contact to make medical and legal decisions for your child
 - Keep your passport, identity information, proof of physical presence in the U.S. and financial information in a safe location. Make sure your emergency contact can access them.

know you are NOT ALONE

Many Americans and people in the community stand with you. Join a movement that supports immigrant rights. Be part of local and/or national efforts to build community and empower immigrants, including:

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CHICAGO AREA Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights: icirr.org PASO – West Suburban Action Project: pasoaction.org South West Organizing Project (SWOP): swopchicago.org Organized Communities Against Deportation (OCAD): organizedcommunities.org	NATIONWIDE United We Dream: unitedwedream.org Mijente: mijente.org organizedcommunities.org	NATIONAL IMMIGRANT JUSTICE CENTER <small>A HEARTLAND ALLIANCE PROGRAM</small>
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www.immigrantjustice.org | 312-660-1370 | immigrantlegaldefense@heartlandalliance.org

Important Contact Info

To schedule presentations: Elva Serna, eserna@eriehouse.org

Know Your Rights

Guardianship

Protection of Assets

Preparing a Family Plan

Immigration 101

ENH Legal Services: 312-666-3430, vrobles@eriehouse.org

National Immigrant Justice Center: 312-660-1370

ICIRR Family Support Hotline: 1-855-HELP-MY-FAMILY (1-855-435-7693)

English/Spanish/Korean/Polish

QUESTIONS?