

Montgomery County



Legal Immigration Service Providers



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Dear Friends:

Montgomery County is one of the world's most diverse and welcoming communities.

Because of our welcoming spirit, we have attracted talented people from across the country and around the world. We know that having people who understand virtually all the world's cultures and speak nearly every language is our edge in the global marketplace of the 21st century.

This doesn't just happen. Our culture of respecting people from all ethnic and racial backgrounds has been more than seven decades in the making. Civic reformers fought for and the voters approved a strong home rule charter in 1948. These civic leaders went on to press for civil rights and fair housing in the 1950s and 60s. Our welcoming community was built on this legal framework of equal rights and fairness for all our residents.

I came to the Washington area to attend Howard Law School where I served as a professor of law for more than three decades before being elected Montgomery County Executive. Montgomery County's commitment to equal rights attracted me to service as chair of Montgomery County Human Rights Commission in the 1980s.

The work of strengthening and enforcing our human rights laws and respecting the dignity of all of our residents is every bit as important today as it was in the 1960s and 1980s. The challenges may be different, but the commitment to this work remains essential.

I am very pleased to present the second edition of our Legal Immigration Service Providers guide. In 2013, we established the Montgomery County Legal Immigration Service Providers Network to coordinate the work of our community nonprofits representing our neighbors in need of legal assistance on immigration cases. Given the complexity of our federal immigration laws, we know that a person without a lawyer is highly unlikely to prevail and we know that the consequences for the person and his or her family can be tragic and even deadly.

I am grateful to all the lawyers who volunteer their time and talents to support this work and to our nonprofit partners whose good work is documented in this directory. I want to express my special appreciation to Diane Vu of our Office of Community Partnerships who has organized and staffed our providers network and prepared this directory and to Julie Peterson and the members and staff of the Bar Association of Montgomery County.

To my fellow lawyers, I urge you to join us in the critical work. Please visit the Pro Bono Resource Center of Maryland (www.probonomd.org/volunteer-opportunities) for an up-to-date list of pro bono opportunities, trainings and events.

Sincerely,

Isiah Leggett
County Executive

Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center

Description: The mission of the Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center (APALRC) is to advance the civil and legal rights of Asian Americans by focusing on providing linguistically accessible and culturally appropriate legal services to low-income Asian immigrants who have limited English proficiency in the D.C. metropolitan area. The goal is to ensure that Asian Americans can access government services and the legal system to protect and enforce their rights, and to seek full participation in American society. The APALRC seeks to accomplish this mission through a three-prong strategy that combines community legal education, individual representation, and systemic advocacy.

Language Capacity: Various Asian languages and dialects.

Eligibility: Financial eligibility requirement (MLSC guidelines and MD CDBG guidelines).

Intake: Walk-in hours Monday 1:00 PM–4:00 PM Otherwise call helpline 202-393-3572.

Served Counties: Maryland, Washington, DC, Northern VA

Areas of legal assistance: Priority areas: Adjustment of Status, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Family-based petitions, Naturalization/Citizenship, Removal of Conditions, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, T visas, U visas, Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)

Types of legal assistance: immigration representation, counsel & advice, and brief services.

Location: 1627 K Street, NW, Suite 610, Washington, DC 20006

Contact: Main phone: 202-706-7150: (with recordings in 5 languages) and (202) 393-3572

Email: helpline@apalrc.org

Website: <http://www.apalrc.org>

APA
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Description: Since 1973, Ayuda has protected the rights of low-income immigrants in the Washington, DC area. Ayuda improves the ability of low-income immigrants to live safe, violence-free lives, and become fully participating members of our community through providing access to high-quality, affordable legal and social services. Through weekly consultation hours, Ayuda offers direct legal consultations with an attorney and/or BIA Accredited Representative on a wide variety of family and humanitarian based immigration cases. Through these consultations, clients with a legal remedy can request full representation in filing applications or court representation. Ayuda also assists the community by providing free, specially-trained interpreters to many lawyers and service providers in order to allow them to communicate with clients in languages other than English.

Intake: Immigration consultations for low-income individuals: Thursday 9:00 AM–11:00 AM by appointment only (\$50 per consult per person, cash only).

Domestic violence, sexual assault and trafficking consultations: Monday–Friday 9:00 AM–4:00 PM (no charge).

Eligibility: Financial eligibility requirement; foreign-born client. If eligible, lawyers and victim services practitioners can get free interpretation and translation services when working with legal clients in Washington, DC or Montgomery County or with victims of crime in Washington, DC.

Language Capacity: Spanish, English, French (interpreters for other languages)

Served Counties: Maryland, Washington, DC, Virginia

Consultation Fees: \$50 Immigration Consultation; No charge for Domestic Violence Consultation

Areas of legal assistance: Humanitarian and Family-Based Immigration cases, such as: Adjustment of Status, Asylum applications, Consular Processing, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Employment authorization, Family-based petitions, NACARA, Naturalization/Citizenship, Removal hearings, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, T visas, Temporary Protected Status (TPS), U visas, Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) petitions, Cancellation of Removal, Removal of Conditions, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS), T Visa (Trafficking), VAWA, and applications for immigration documents such as Work Permits, Green Card Renewals, and Advance Parole.

Types of legal assistance: Help completing forms, Filings with USCIS, Representation at Asylum Interviews, Free language interpretation and translation assistance, Representation before the Immigration Court, and Representation before the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA).
NO Detained cases.

Location: 6925B Willow St NW, Washington, DC 20012

Phone: (202) 387-4848

Website: <http://www.ayuda.com>



Capital Area Immigrants' Rights Coalition

Description: CAIR Coalition is the only non-profit organization in the Washington, D.C. area with a legal services program focused exclusively on assisting immigrants detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement in local jails in Virginia and Maryland, and CAIR Coalition also assists unaccompanied immigrant children being held in the custody of the Office of Refugee Resettlement in Virginia. Detained immigrants served by CAIR Coalition include: long term residents of the United States; asylum seekers, many of whom are survivors of torture; women who are pregnant or have just given birth; and individuals who are seriously physically or mentally ill. The children we serve include those fleeing drug and gang violence, as well as those who have been the victims of domestic abuse in their home countries. CAIR Coalition partners with over 30 D.C. area law firms that provide thousands of hours of free legal assistance to immigrants being held in local jails in Virginia and Maryland. These pro bono partnerships are vital to CAIR Coalition's ability to serve the hundreds of immigrants who are detained in Immigration and Customs Enforcement custody each month. The mission of CAIR Coalition is to serve as the primary source of legal assistance for detained immigrants (adults and children) in the D.C. metropolitan area and to strengthen and support the work of our Coalition members. CAIR Coalition works with community groups, pro bono attorneys, volunteers and immigrants from DC, Virginia and Maryland to ensure that all immigrants are treated with fairness, dignity and respect for their human and civil rights

Language Capacity: Any Language

Intake: Call 202-331-3320 for additional information.

Eligibility: Must be an immigrant.

Served Counties: Maryland, Washington D.C. and Virginia

Consultation Fees: No cost

Areas of legal assistance: Adjustment of Status, Asylum applications, Habeas Corpus, NACARA, Removal hearings, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, T visas, U visas and relief services.

Types of legal assistance: Help completing forms, Filings with USCIS, Representation before the Immigration Court, Representation before the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA), Federal court appeals

Location: 1612 K St N.W., Suite 204, Washington, DC 20006

Contact: (202) 331-3320, info@caircoalition.org

Website: <http://www.caircoalition.org>



CASA de Maryland

Description: CASA de Maryland provides a variety of legal services for low-income immigrants in housing, employment and immigration matters. CASA provides its members free legal consults on these matters during weekly intake sessions. Generally, assistance in defending the legal rights of our members is accomplished through mass education sessions, advocacy, individual representation and impact litigation. Specifically, CASA provides representation assistance on a variety of wage theft recovery matters through negotiating claims, bringing lawsuits in state and federal courts for nonpayment of wages, overtime violations, unlawful wage deductions, discriminatory employment practices, and retaliatory discharges. CASA's Legal Program also provides legal assistance to low-wage tenants and tenant associations on landlord/tenant issues including unlawful rent increases, retaliatory acts and fair housing issues among other topics. Regarding immigration matters, CASA provides consultation and representation assistance in applying for a variety of tools available for deportation relief including Stays of Removal, Prosecutorial Discretion, VAWA, T-Visa, U-Visa, DACA and soon DAPA among others. In addition, CASA provides comprehensive support in navigating the naturalization process through assistance in completing the N-400 citizenship application as well as preparing for the citizenship test and learning how to afford associated fees.

Intake: Weekly legal consultations every Tuesday 7:30 AM at CASA's Multicultural Center, 8151 15th Avenue, Langley Park, MD 20783. First come, first served. Baltimore legal intake schedules have not been established but potential clients may call to schedule a phone interview or appointment.

Language Capacity: English, Spanish, French
Served Counties: Prince George's, Montgomery County, Baltimore City, Baltimore County

Eligibility: None. This organization has no limiting eligibility criteria.

Consultation Fees: No charge for a consult to CASA members. CASA's annual Membership Fee is \$35

Areas of legal assistance: Employment, Housing and Immigration including Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Employment authorization, Naturalization/Citizenship, T visas, U visas, Violence against Women Act (VAWA) petitions, etc. Types of legal assistance: Representation, Consultation, Impact litigation, Collective Action, Assistance with filings before USCIS and EOIR

Headquarters: 8151 15th Ave. Hyattsville, MD 20783.

Contact: 301-431-4185

E-mail: info@casamd.org

Website: <http://www.casademaryland.org/>

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Catholic Charities

Description: Immigration Legal Services Program: From consultations to full representation. Attorneys and Accredited Legal Representatives provide direct legal immigration services in a wide range of immigration matters, and also provide referrals for pro bono legal representation when needed. Catholic Charities Immigration Legal Services (CCILS) has represented individuals from more than 135 countries around the world needing legal assistance with an immigration matter. CCILS also refers cases for pro bono legal representation, provides trainings to lawyers who provide pro bono services, and conducts education and outreach to the community on immigration issues. CCILS is the local provider for the Legal Orientation Program for Custodians (LOPC) of Unaccompanied Minors serving Maryland, DC, and Virginia.

Through a partnership with Montgomery College, CCILS provides free citizenship services to lawful permanent residents in Montgomery County, PG County, Frederick County and D.C. who are eligible to apply for citizenship.

Language Capacity: English, Spanish, and French.

Eligibility: Financial eligibility requirement (MLSC guidelines).

Service Area: Five Counties in Maryland (Montgomery, Prince George, Frederick, Calvert and Charles) and D.C.

Areas of legal assistance: Adjustment of Status, Asylum applications, Consular Processing, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Employment authorization, Employment-based immigrant and non-immigrant petitions, Family-based petitions, NACARA, Naturalization/Citizenship, Removal hearings, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, T visas, Temporary Protected Status (TPS), U visas, Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) petitions and Deferred Action for Parent Accountability (DAPA).

Types of legal assistance: Help completing forms, Filings with USCIS, Representation at Asylum Interviews (Credible Fear Interviews, Reasonable Fear Interviews), Representation before the Immigration Court, Representation before the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA), Federal court appeals

Four Locations:

- 924 G St., NW, Washington DC
Phone: (202)772-4352
- **Walk-ins:** Tuesdays 9:30 am - 11:30 am
- **Consultation fee:** \$80
(General immigration services)
- 1618 Monroe St., NW Washington, DC
(Columbia Heights)
Phone: (202)939-2420
- **Walk-ins:** Wednesdays, 8:30 am
- **Consultation fee:** \$80
(General immigration services)
- 12247 Georgia Ave. Silver Spring, MD
Phone: (301)942-1790
- **Walk-ins:** Thursdays, 8 am
- Intake closed the last Thursday of the month.
- **Consultation fee:** \$80
(General immigration services)
- 201 E. Diamond Ave., 3rd Floor, Gaithersburg, MD
Phone: (301) 740-2523
- Walk-in Information Session conducted in Spanish only:
Wednesdays at 12 noon, \$40.
- Consultations in English and Spanish by appointment **only**.
Please call (301)740-2523 to schedule your appointment.
- **Consultation fee:** \$80 (General immigration services.
Employment based cases welcome)
Website: <http://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org>



Central American Resource Center

Description: The Central American Resource Center (CARECEN) is a community based organization that seeks to foster the comprehensive development of the Latino community in the Washington metropolitan region. CARECEN's legal department helps community members navigate the confusing and intimidating immigration process. (CARECEN) provides assistance with naturalization, family visa petitions, consular processing, obtaining and maintaining Temporary Protected Status, deportation defense, asylum applications, and filing for U Visas. The program seeks to facilitate Latino immigrants' transition to the United States, reunite families, secure work authorization and economic security, and seek legal relief and justice for victims of crimes and abuse. In addition to direct services, CARECEN's legal department educates community members through "Know Your Rights" forums on topics including immigration, civil rights, and notario fraud.

Immigration Legal Services – Increased number of Latino immigrants who maintain or obtain lawful status that enables them to live and work in the United States;

Language Capacity: English, Spanish

Intake: For general immigration consultations: Monday 9:00 AM–11:00 AM, Tuesday 1:00 PM–3:00 PM. No appointments, Walk-in only. Will take first 10 people who walk in. Schedule for Citizenship Consultations Only: Wednesdays: 9:00 – 11:00 AM

Eligibility: None. This organization has no limiting eligibility criteria.

Served Counties: Washington, DC, Maryland, Virginia

Consultation Fee: \$60.00 with fee waiver availability. Make sure to bring documentation proving inability to pay.

Areas of legal assistance: Adjustment of Status, Consular Processing, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Employment authorization, Family-based petitions, NACARA, Naturalization/Citizenship, Temporary Protected Status (TPS), U visas. , Work Permit Renewals. Provides some legal representation, but only in certain circumstances, Assistance with family visa petitions, adjustment of status and consular processing, Assisting eligible clients obtain Lawful Permanent Residence under the provisions of the Nicaraguan and Central American Relief Act (NACARA).

Types of legal assistance: Assist with preparing applications for relief with USCIS, Specifically, the low- or no-cost services provided include assistance with naturalization, family visa petitions, consular processing, obtaining and maintaining Temporary Protected Status, deferred action (DACA), and filing for U Visas. Individual consultations, educational workshops and immigration clinics to provide information on legalization under existing laws and proposed measures for reform. Referrals of complex immigration cases to pro bono and low cost attorneys.

Location: 1460 Columbia Rd N.W., Suite C-1, Washington, DC 20009

Contact: (202) 328-9799

Website:



Foreign-born Information and Referral Network Inc.

Description: This organization is based in Howard County and primarily serves the foreign born population of Howard county, but also serves foreign born residents of other neighboring counties. Services offered include: immigration counseling, immigration related legal representation, interpretation services, foreign translation services, social services, referral to outreach services and general information.

Language Capacity: English, Spanish, Bengali, also offers interpreter services in over 30 languages contingent upon need

Served Counties: Primarily Howard county, will serve other county residents but those residents are subject to a higher fee for immigration services.

Eligibility: None. This organization has no limiting eligibility criteria.

Intake: By appointment only, appointments available Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9AM-5PM, must call in advance to schedule an appointment. Intake also available on Tuesdays from 11AM to 4PM at the Laurel location, but no immigration counseling at the Laurel location.

Areas of Legal Assistance: Immigration counseling, Adjustment of Status applications, Asylum applications, Consular Processing, Employment authorization, Family-based petitions, NACARA, Naturalization/Citizenship, Removal hearings, Temporary Protected Status (TPS), U visas, Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) petitions, work authorization applications, assistance with travel documents, Affidavits of support, DACA applications

Types of immigration legal services provided: legal representation with regards to immigration issues with USCIS and in some cases, EOIR

Non-legal services: foreign translations, interpreter services, social services, and information and referral outreach

Populations served: foreign born individuals, immigrants, individuals without legal status, domestic violence victims, torture survivors, human trafficking survivors, juveniles, gay, lesbian, and transgender individuals

Languages spoken: English, Spanish, Bengali

Location Columbia: 5999 Harpers Farm Rd., Suite: E-200, Columbia, MD 21044

Phone: 410-992-1923 (Columbia)

Location Laurel: North Laurel/Savage Multi-Service Center
9900 Washington Boulevard (Route 1), Suite I, Laurel, MD 20723

Phone: 410-880-5917 (Laurel)

Website: www.firnonline.org E-mail: info@firnonline.org



Good Samaritan Advocates

Description: Good Samaritan Advocates (GSA) provides pro bono legal services through church-based clinics, held on Saturday mornings and staffed by volunteer attorneys and other trained volunteers. Each client receives an appointment of up to 1.5 hours with 2 to 3 trained volunteers, who have reviewed the client's materials and researched the legal issues involved.

Approximately 40 to 50% of client legal problems are resolved during the clinic. Clients whose legal issues are not fully resolved during the clinic are invited to gather more information and return to the clinic for further help. In some cases, GSA attorneys may offer to provide additional pro bono services following the Clinic. Clients requiring representation for a court proceeding or other extended representation may be referred to Maryland Legal Aid Bureau or to lawyers in our network who offer to provide pro bono or low bono legal representation for GSA clients.

Language Capacity: Spanish, French, Creole, Korean, Japanese

Eligibility: Clients who cannot afford Legal Services. GSA uses MLSC IOLTA client eligibility guidelines: 50% of the median family income for MD. See: <http://misc.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/08/2015-MLSC-incgud.pdf>

Intake: GSA requires clients to pre-register by completing a two page in-take form, available online or by calling (301) 869-2800 and asking for "Legal Aid." Clients should submit the intake form at least 5 days before the clinic date so our attorney volunteers have time to screen for conflicts, review the intake form and any documents submitted, and complete any preliminary research needed. To pre-register, go to: <http://www.goodsamaritanadvocates.org> and click on "Download Here"

Served Counties: All counties provided that clients have a MD law-related legal problem.

Areas of Legal Assistance: GSA provides a full range of legal consultation in typical non-criminal poverty law matters. All types of civil legal matters are welcome including: immigration, domestic & family law, housing & landlord-tenant, employment, financial and creditor, contracts.

Types of Legal Assistance: GSA provides clinic-based services that offer general legal advice and counsel on most civil matters, and where available, limited scope representation or pro bono or reduced fee referrals.

Location: Montgomery County: Covenant Life Church - 7501 Muncaster Mill Road, Gaithersburg MD 20877

Phone: For GSA@CLC: (301) 869-2800 - Ask for "Legal Aid."

Website: <http://www.goodsamaritanadvocates.org>

E-mail: For GSA@CLC: kelly.crosby@GSAadvocates.org or chip.grange@GSAadvocates.org

For other GSA clinics or general questions: gsa@gsadvocates.org



Description: HIAS is a refugee resettlement agency standing for a world in which refugees find welcome, safety, and freedom. HIAS provides free legal services for asylum and SIJS cases in the Maryland area.

Language Capacity: English, Spanish, Portuguese and other languages via interpretation services on a case by case basis.

Eligibility: Children and families from Central America seeking asylum and other forms of humanitarian assistance; Persecuted scientists, scholars, professionals or artists seeking asylum; For SIJS, must live in Montgomery or Prince George Counties; Financial eligibility screening.

Intake: By appointment only.

Areas of Legal Assistance: Asylum, Special Immigrant Juvenile Visa, U-Visa, VAWA, T-Visa and removal proceeding representation

Types of Legal Assistance: rDirect legal representation, filings with USCIS and representation at asylum interviews, and before the Immigration Court and BIA.

Location: 1300 Spring St, Suite 500, Silver Spring, MD 20910

Contact: Legal Intake Line: 301-844-7248

Email: generallaw@hias.org

Website: <http://www.hias.org/>

Human Rights First

Description: Human Rights First provides legal assistance to asylum seekers who are present in the United States and fear return to their home countries due to persecution on account of their race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or membership in a particular social group, or are afraid of being tortured in their home country. The Washington D.C. office serves asylum seekers who live in Virginia, Maryland, and Washington D.C. Our pro bono legal representation program matches volunteer attorneys with asylum-seekers who need legal assistance in their immigration cases, and would not otherwise be able to afford high-quality legal representation. If Human Rights First accepts your case, it will be assigned to pro bono attorneys who will represent you free of charge. Human Rights First will guide, train, and mentor your pro bono attorneys so that they will have our support throughout your case. We are also able to provide social work support to our clients.

Language Capacity: English, Spanish, French, Amharic, Tigrinya, Arabic, and all other languages as needed.

Eligibility: A fear of return to your home country based on persecution or torture, and inability to afford private legal counsel.

Intake: Asylum seekers interested in assistance should call us on the telephone at (202) 547-5692. You will be asked to leave a voicemail message with some basic information about your case, and then one of our legal staff will call you back for a screening of your case within two weeks. Human Rights First does not accept walk-ins, and encourages all interested potential clients to please call us at the telephone number provided.

Served Counties: The greater Washington D.C. Metro Area (DC, MD, VA)

Consultation Fees: None

Areas of Legal Assistance: Immigration. Asylum only or other protection-based form of immigration status.

Types of Legal Assistance: representation at the asylum office and in immigration court for those who are seeking asylum

Location: Washington Office - Human Rights First, 805 15th Street, NW, Suite 900, Washington, DC 20005-2207

Contact: Tel: (202) 547 5692

Website: <http://www.humanrightsfirst.org/asylum/asylum-seekers-and-potential-clients>



International Rescue Committee

Description: The IRC provides opportunities for refugees to thrive in America. Each year, thousands of refugees are invited by the U.S. government to seek safety and freedom. Forced to flee conflict or persecution, many have survived for years against incredible odds. They step off the plane with next to nothing but their dignity, hope and determination. In Silver Spring and many other regional offices, the IRC helps them rebuild their lives. The IRC's Pathways to Citizenship program strives to ensure equal protection under the law and civic integration of refugees and immigrants by assisting them to achieve U.S. citizenship. The IRC offers high-quality, low-cost immigration legal services and citizenship assistance in 22 cities across the U.S. Our comprehensive immigration services are provided by fully qualified IRC staff accredited by the U.S. Department of Justice's Board of Immigration Appeals.

Language Capacity: French, Arabic, Tigrinya, Amharic, Farsi, Kinyarwanda, Burmese, Kiswahili, Spanish

Eligibility: There is no eligibility requirement.

Intake: Upon initial visit

Served Counties: DC metro area

Consultation Fees: \$50 for adults and children under the age of 14 yrs. \$30

Areas of legal assistance: Immigration - Legal Services toward residency & citizenship- assisting to achieve U.S. citizenship - low-cost immigration legal services and citizenship assistance. Adjustment of Status, Consular Processing, Family-based petitions, Naturalization/Citizenship.

Types of legal assistance: Help completing forms, filings with USCIS

Location: Suburban Washington Resettlement Center 8719 Colesville Rd, 3rd Floor, Silver Spring, MD 20910

Contact: (301) 562-8633

Email: silverspring@rescue.org

Website: <http://www.rescue.org>



Justice For Our Neighbors

Description: Justice For Our Neighbors is a network of legal clinics based in United Methodist churches around the country. Our goal is to provide hospitality and compassion to low-income immigrants through immigration legal services, advocacy, and education. We are a volunteer-based model. There is one volunteer staff attorney serving the community who rotates throughout the clinics.

Language Capacity: English and Spanish

Served Counties: Montgomery County

Eligibility: No eligibility Requirement.

Intakes: Consultations by appointment ONLY. Please call:

Emory UMC - 202-722-7077

Hyattsville UMC- 301-927-6133

Salem UMC in Baltimore- 443-800-6340

Epworth UMC- 301-972-5603

Consultation Fees: Free of charge.

Areas of legal assistance: Adjustment of Status, Asylum applications, Consular Processing, Employment authorization, Employment-based immigrant and non-immigrant petitions, Family-based petitions, Habeas Corpus, NACARA, Naturalization/Citizenship, Removal hearings, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, T visas, Temporary Protected Status (TPS), U visas, Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) petitions

Types of legal assistance: Help completing forms, Filings with USCIS, Representation at Asylum Interviews (Credible Fear Interviews, Reasonable Fear Interviews), Representation before the Immigration Court, Representation before the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA), Federal court appeals.

Location: Emory United Methodist Church/Emory Beacon of Light
6128 Georgia Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20011
Contact: Immigration Clinic : (202) 722-7077

Location: Epworth United Methodist Church
9008 Rosemont Drive, Gaithersburg, MD
Contact: 301-926-0424

Location: First United Methodist Church of Hyattsville
6201 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, MD 20782-2913
301-927-6133 x34

Location: Salem United Methodist Church
3405 Gough St., Baltimore, MD 21224

Contact: 410-276-1660

Website: <http://www.njfon.org>



Kids in Need of Defense

Description: Kids in Need of Defense (KIND) serves as the leading organization for the protection of children who enter the U.S. immigration system alone and strives to ensure that no such child appears in immigration court without representation. We achieve fundamental fairness through high-quality legal representation and by advancing the child's best interests, safety, and well-being. KIND provides pro bono legal representation to unaccompanied immigrant and refugee children through both in-house representation as well as through pro bono attorneys whom KIND proactively recruits, trains and mentors.

Once a case is referred to KIND, staff conducts an intensive case intake with the child to ascertain their reasons for being in the U.S. and to identify forms of immigration relief for which the child may be eligible. KIND then places the case with either a KIND direct representation attorney or a pro bono attorney among our network of law firms, corporate legal departments and law school clinic partners. These volunteers are trained and closely mentored by KIND staff to ensure that each child receives the highest quality representation possible.

Language Capacity: English, Spanish

Eligibility: Only designated UACs are eligible for KIND services; referrals are accepted on a case-by-case basis.

Intake: Appointment required.

Consultation/Legal Fees: None

Served Counties: All counties in Maryland.

Areas of legal assistance: Adjustment of Status, Asylum applications, Removal hearings, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, T visas, U visas.

Types of legal assistance: Representation at Asylum Interviews (Credible Fear Interviews, Reasonable Fear Interviews); Representation before the Immigration Court; Representation for immigration removal proceedings.

Location: Kids in Need of Defense (KIND)
c/o University of Baltimore Clinical Law Offices
1420 N. Charles Street, 2nd Floor, Ste. D,
Baltimore, MD 21201

*Kids in Need of Defense
The Walbert Building,
1800 N. Charles Street Suite 810,
Baltimore, MD 21201*

Contact: (443) 470-9437

E-mail: infobaltimore@supportkind.org

Website: <http://www.supportkind.org>



Montgomery County Bar Foundation Pro Bono Program

Description: The Montgomery County Bar Foundation Pro Bono Program assists low-income residents of Montgomery County, Maryland, to obtain free legal representation and consultation. Volunteer private practice attorneys are sought by the Program to provide free legal guidance and/or representation in the areas of absolute divorce, selected limited divorce, separation agreements, custody, adoption/guardianship, simple name changes, private landlord tenant law (security deposits only), bankruptcy (simple chapter 7), limited debt collection defense matters, wills and powers of attorney, limited immigration and limited employment cases.

Language Capacity: English and Spanish

Eligibility: Montgomery County Residents, MD income eligibility Guidelines and cases in areas of law which volunteer attorneys handle.

Intake: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Monday - Thursday

Served Counties: Montgomery County

Consultation Fees: Free of charge

Processing Fee: \$25

Areas of Legal Assistance: Immigration limited (Simple Change of Status cases)

Types of Legal Assistance: Direct Representation. Once attorneys accept cases, they will assist with completion of forms.

Location: 27 West Jefferson Street, Rockville, MD 20850

Contact: (301)-424-7651 & Fax: (301)-424-6721

Website: www.montbar.org



Maryland Office for Refugees and Asylees

Description: Maryland Office for Refugees and Asylees (MORA) provides support and services to federally-recognized refugees and political asylees to ease their integration into American society. MORA has helped more than 40,000 refugees make Maryland their home, aiding their transition from “displaced persons” to independent, contributing members of the national economy and the local community. We work through a network of public and private service providers, to plan, administer, and coordinate transitional services aimed at helping refugees become self-sufficient as quickly as possible. Key areas for aiding refugees in adjusting to American life include cultural orientation and career training.

MORA’s service providers instruct refugees on life skills, familiarizing them with such daily routines as how to shop at the supermarket, manage a budget, take public transportation, open a savings account, prepare for a job interview or call 911 for emergencies.

Eligibility: Refugees and Asylees that have been in the U.S. for under 5 years.

Served Counties: Statewide with a large focus on Baltimore County, Baltimore city, Howard County, Prince George’s County, and Montgomery County.

Location: 311 W Saratoga st. Baltimore MD. 21201

Website: http://www.dhr.state.md.us/blog/?page_id=3413



Sexual Assault Legal Institute

Description: MCASA's Sexual Assault Legal Institute (SALI) provides legal services to sexual assault survivors statewide, as well as legal training and technical assistance for professionals working with sexual assault survivors. SALI provides comprehensive legal services, including issues ranging from employment, housing, education and financial support to criminal justice advocacy, immigration and family law. Importantly, SALI provides legal services to support survivor's privacy and safety. (SALI) provides direct legal services to victims and survivors of sexual assault in the state of Maryland. (SALI) also provides technical assistance and training for attorneys, rape crisis and recovery center staff and volunteers, and other professionals working with survivors.

Language Capacity: Spanish-speaking staff and access to 24/7 Language Line

Eligibility: Victim or survivor of sexual assault that occurred in the state of Maryland or if victim lives in Maryland.

Consultation Fees: Free consultation.

Areas of legal assistance: Protective/Peace Orders, Family Law Matters, Privacy Issues, Housing, Immigration, Education; Employment, Crime Victim's Rights and Compensation. Immigration: T visas, U visas, Violence against Women Act (VAWA) petitions. Family Law Matters: Divorce and Custody.

Types of legal assistance: Comprehensive legal consultation and safety planning. Legal assistance filing U-Visas, T-Visas, and VAWA Self-Petitions. Court accompaniment and representation in hearings related to family law, peace and protective orders, and crime victim rights. Representation in employment, housing, criminal injuries compensation, and Title IX administrative matters.

Intakes: Initial phone call and a 45-60 minute initial interview with a legal advocate, typically done over the phone. No workshops/clinics.

Location: P.O. Box 8782, Silver Spring, MD 20907

Contact: (301) 565-2277, 301-328-7023 & 410-626-7800

Website: www.mcasa.org



Tahirih Justice Center

Description: The Tahirih Justice Center protects immigrant women and girls seeking justice in the United States from gender-based human rights abuses, such as rape, female genital mutilation, domestic violence, human trafficking, “honor” crimes, and forced marriage. Leveraging both in-house and pro bono attorneys, Tahirih empowers clients to achieve justice and equality through holistic direct legal and social services, public policy advocacy, education and outreach.

Served Counties: Clients with national origins from around the world

Language Capacity: Spanish and French with additional language translations

Areas of Legal Assistance: Asylum applications, T visas, U visas, Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) petitions

Types of Legal Assistance: Filings with USCIS, Representation at Asylum Interviews (Credible Fear Interviews, Reasonable Fear Interviews), Representation before the Immigration Court, Representation before the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA)

Eligibility: Must involve the protection of immigrant women and girls from persecution—although men may be eligible for assistance in order to protect their female family members from abuse.

Location: 6402 Arlington Blvd, Suite 300 Falls Church, VA 22042

Phone: 571-282-6161

Email: justice@tahirih.org & services@tahirih.org.

Website: <http://www.tahirih.org/greater-dc/>

Intake Hours: Phone calls only. Intake hours between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tuesdays at 571-282-6161

Consultation Fees: Women who wish to receive Tahirih’s services free of charge must demonstrate that they are not able to afford to pay for such services.



Torture Abolition and Survivors Support Coalition

Description: TASSC will provide the support you need most. TASSC provides different services for torture survivors including free legal representation for those who are seeking asylum, medical referrals, psychological evaluations for your asylum case, trauma therapy, employment related assistance, and other services. TASSC also has free housing for qualified survivors on a temporary basis, but there is now a wait list for this housing service. We primarily serve survivors from African countries, but have seen survivors from Latin America, Eastern Europe, and Asia.

Areas of Legal Assistance: Various immigration issues and more specifically asylum cases. We generally help torture survivors file application for asylum with the asylum office. However, we also take applicants who are in removal proceedings (defensive application) on a case-by-case basis. We provide complete service for asylum cases, meaning we help the survivor write a personal statement explaining the persecution they suffered, we offer recommendations for evidence to collect, we review evidence, we prepare the survivor for the asylum interview, and we go to the interview with the survivor.

Types of Legal Assistance: Preparation of asylum cases and representation of applicants.

Location: 4121 Harewood Rd, NE Washington DC 20017

Contact: (202) 529-2991

Intake: By appointment

Consultation Fees: No consultation fee.

Helpline Phone Number: 202 529 2991 (Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm) Language Capacity: English (Amharic and French with volunteer translators... Spanish and other languages available as well)

Served Counties: DC Metro area

Eligibility: A torture survivor (as defined by Article 1 of the Convention Against Torture) who wants to file an application for asylum, has limited financial resources, and signs up to become a member of TASSC.

Contact: (202) 529-2991

Email: info@tassc.org

Website: <http://tassc.org/>



Whitman-Walker Health

Description: Whitman-Walker is pleased to have a staff of experienced attorneys who provide free legal services to clients of WW, people living with HIV/AIDS, and members of our LGBT community. We help clients with workplace rights, public benefits, immigration cases, debt collection, wills/powers of attorney/health care directives, and transgender matters, among other legal issues. We provide direct legal advocacy, representation, and advice to clients in these areas. We do not provide assistance in criminal, landlord/tenant and family law cases, though we can provide appropriate referrals on these matters and other issues outside of our practice areas. We specialize in legal assistance for people living with HIV/AIDS and LGBT health-related legal issues

Language Capacity: Spanish, English

Eligibility: People living with HIV/AIDS, and LGBT health-related legal issues

Intake: Our intake coordinator will conduct a telephone interview and our attorneys will review your case to determine how we can assist you. We offer limited initial consultation on a walk-in basis at our offices at Elizabeth Taylor Medical Center and at the Max Robinson Center, Monday through Friday, 9:00 am until 5:30 pm. (Walk ins for Max Robinson Center should arrive prior to 4:00 pm).

Served Counties: Washington, DC, metropolitan area

Consultation Fees: Provide free legal services to clients of WW, people living with HIV/AIDS, and members of our LGBT community.

Areas of legal assistance: We offer counseling and, in appropriate cases, legal representation on matters relating to:

Discrimination and workplace rights

Health, disability and life insurance

Immigration

Name and gender change documents for transgender individuals

Public benefits, including Medicare and Social Security

Medical privacy

Returning to work after disability Wills, health care directives, and powers of attorney

Debtors' rights

Types of legal assistance: We help clients with workplace rights, public benefits, immigration cases, debt collection, wills/powers of attorney/health care directives, and transgender matters, among other legal issues. We provide direct legal advocacy, representation, and advice to clients in these areas.

Location: 1701 14th St N.W., Washington, DC 20009

Contact: Legal Services (202) 939-7627

Email: info@whitman-walker.org or lbrubaker@whitman-walker.org

Website: <http://www.whitman-walker.org/legal>



Women's Law Center Maryland

Description: The Multi Ethnic Domestic Violence Project (MEDOVI) assists Maryland residents who are foreign-born victims of domestic violence, human sex trafficking, intimate partner stalking and/or sexual assault with immigration issues. MEDOVI's legal services are available to women and men.

Language Capacity: English or Spanish. Use a language line for non-English and non-Spanish speakers.

Eligibility: Maryland residents who are Foreign-born victims of domestic violence, human sex trafficking, intimate partner stalking and/or sexual assault

Intake: 410-396-3294 to schedule

Served Counties: State of Maryland

Consultation Fees: No fees.

Areas of Legal Assistance: Immigration services including U Visas, T Visas, VAWA Self-Petitions, Legal Permanent Residency and Naturalization, among others.

Types of Legal Assistance: Legal assistance filing VAWA Self-Petitions, a U Visa applications, T Visa Applications, among others. Information and advice about your legal rights and options. Safety Planning. Referrals to other programs in the community that may be able to help you. Accompaniment to court hearings including criminal and family law cases.

Location: 111 N. Calvert Street, #100, Baltimore, MD 21202

Phone: 410-396-3294

Email: admin@wlcmd.org

Website: <http://www.wlcmd.org/services/domestic-violence-law/immigration-remedies/>



World Relief

Description: The World Relief Baltimore Immigration Legal Clinic advises and represents immigrants and their family members in immigration matters such as: applying for permanent residence and work permits, petitioning for family members to remain or reunite with them in the U.S., and applying for naturalization. We provide assistance to immigrants or their family members who reside within the state of Maryland, or who have cases with the Immigration Court in Maryland. In addition, the Clinic participates in a joint program with the University of Maryland School of Law to provide free consultations to individuals in deportation proceedings on a biweekly basis with the collaboration of volunteer pro bono attorneys. The Clinic is committed to ensuring that legal consultations are available on a continual weekly basis so that immigrants and their families will be able to understand their legal options.

Intake: If you have a question or seek assistance, please come for a consultation in English on Wednesdays, or in Spanish on Tuesdays (arrive before 9:30 a.m.). We do not take new cases by phone or accept collect calls.

Served Counties: Statewide

Language Capacity: English, Spanish, French and Portuguese.

Areas of Legal Assistance: Permanent residence and work permits, petitioning for family members to remain or reunite with them in the U.S., naturalization, removal defense, TPS, DACA. Limited Asylum cases.

Types of Legal Assistance: Consultations, informational presentations, legal representation before USCIS and the Baltimore Immigration Court.

Location: 7 E. Baltimore Street, Baltimore, MD 21202 (The Clinic is located in downtown Baltimore near the Department of Homeland Security and Immigration Court; accessible by commuter trains, Light Rail and bus routes. It is located at the corner of Baltimore Street and Charles Street, at the Charles Center subway stop.)

Contact: 410-244-0002 - 443-451-1900 or 800-535-5433

Email: worldrelief@wr.org

Website: <http://worldrelief.org/Page.aspx?pid=2896>

Intake: If you have a question or seek assistance, please come for a consultation in English on Wednesdays, or in Spanish on Tuesdays (arrive before 9:30 a.m.). We do not take new cases by phone or accept collect calls.

Served Counties: Statewide

Consultation Fees: There is a fee of \$70

Eligibility: No restrictions



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Description: Students will represent low- and moderate-income immigrants in matters relating to their immigration status. Students will represent individuals fleeing persecution, those facing deportation because of criminal convictions, and those who have been the targets of abusive enforcement practices. They may advocate before the Department of Homeland Security, the Baltimore Immigration Court, and the Board of Immigration Appeals or in the federal courts. Clients may, in some cases, be detained by DHS.

Intake: On the first and third Friday of every month, experienced pro bono immigration attorneys provide free consultations on a first come, first served basis for individuals who are in removal (deportation) proceedings in the Baltimore Immigration Court.

Consultation Fees: Consultations for those in removal proceedings (see Intake information) are free.

Language Capacity: Spanish, French, English

Eligibility: Some cases in removal proceedings in the Baltimore Immigration Court.

Served Counties: all counties in Maryland

Areas of legal assistance: Immigration

Types of legal assistance: Consultations and representation

Email: mrosado@law.umaryland.edu

Website: http://www.law.umaryland.edu/academics/program/curriculum/catalog/course_details.html?coursenum=525K

Description: The Center for Applied Legal Studies (CALs) represents refugees in removal proceedings in the Baltimore and Arlington Immigration Courts, and who are asserting asylum as a defense to deportation.

Intakes: By appointment only. Call 202-662-9565 for additional information. Intake occurs at any time of the year, until the docket is full.

Language Capacity: English, can accommodate most non-English speaking clients

Served Counties: MD, VA and DC residents with cases taking place in the Arlington or Baltimore Courts.

Eligibility: Those residents in need of asylum who are in removal proceedings in the Immigration Court

Intakes: By appointment only. Call 202-662-9565 for additional information

Consultation Fees: No cost

Areas of legal assistance: Asylum in Immigration Court Proceedings

Types of Legal Assistance: Direct representation in Immigration Court

Location: Georgetown Law - Center for Applied Legal Studies 600 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Suite 332 Washington, DC 20001

Phone: (202) 662-9565

Email: calsclinic@law.georgetown.edu

Website: <http://www.law.georgetown.edu/academics/academic-programs/clinical-programs/our-clinics/CALS/index.cfm>



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Description: The Immigrant Justice Clinic (IJC) provides representation on a broad range of cases for low-income immigrants and as well as projects involving individual immigrants and migrants. Students Attorneys in the IJC regularly appear in Immigration Court, and may also appear before federal district court, the courts of Maryland and D.C., and before federal and state agencies. Since migration has a transnational dimension, the IJC occasionally advocates before regional and international bodies. *Immigrant Justice Clinic (IJC) takes cases by referral from other non-profits and do not have a “walk-in” clinic. ONLY by Referrals.*

Language Capacity: No Restrictions

Served Counties: No Restrictions

Eligibility: The IJC generally serves lower-income clients who cannot afford representation by a private attorney.

Intakes: No Intakes.

Consultation Fees: At no cost.

Areas of Focus: The Immigrant Justice Clinic focuses its work on four broad substantive areas: (1) immigrant deportation defense and immigration detention; (2) immigrant workers' rights; (3) civil rights for immigrants; and (4) immigration, gender, and sexual orientation.

Areas of legal assistance: Removal defense, asylum/refugee work, adjustment of status, SIJS, and citizenship. Adjustment of Status, Asylum applications, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Employment authorization, Habeas Corpus, NACARA, Removal hearings, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, T visas, Temporary Protected Status (TPS), U visas, Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) petitions.

Types of legal assistance: Help completing forms, Filings with USCIS, Representation at Asylum Interviews (Credible Fear Interviews, Reasonable Fear Interviews), Representation before the Immigration Court, Representation before the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA), Federal court appeals.

Location: 4801 Massachusetts Ave N.W., Washington, DC 20016

Contact: (202) 274-4147

Website: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/clinical/immigrant.cfm>

Description: Columbus Community Legal Services (CCLS) is an in-house clinical program at Catholic University's law school, which provides representation to low-income individuals in a wide variety of civil matters in the District of Columbia, including assisting individuals seeking U nonimmigrant status, VAWA self-petitions, and battered spouse waivers. CCLS does not handle criminal matters and does not represent non-citizens placed in removal proceedings.

Areas of legal assistance of (CCLS): U nonimmigrant status, VAWA self-petitions, and battered spouse waivers

Immigration Litigation Clinic (ILC): Students represent non-citizens who have been placed in removal proceedings, assisting them in seeking relief from removal so they may remain in the United States, preserving family unity and keeping them safe from persecution and torture. The clinic does not have any type of "walk-in" consultation services, and does not provide legal advice over the phone.

Areas of legal assistance of (ILC): non-citizens who have been placed in removal proceedings, assisting them in seeking relief from removal so they may remain in the United States, preserving family unity and keeping them safe from persecution and torture.

Language Capacity:

Served Counties: MD and DC residents

Consultation Fee: Free of charge

Location: The Catholic University of America, School of Law:
3600 John McCormack Rd., NE Washington, DC 20064

Contact: For appointments, please call 202-319-6788

Website: <http://clinics.law.edu/Assistance.cfm>

Citizenship Initiative



Montgomery County has joined **Cities for Citizenship**, a coordinated naturalization event and communications outreach effort to encourage 1,000,000 eligible community members nationwide to naturalize this year. Cities for Citizenship is a national initiative aimed at increasing citizenship among eligible U.S. permanent residents and encouraging cities across the country to invest in citizenship programs.

Since late 2016 and early 2017, cities and counties across the country have seen a significant increase in the demand for naturalization. Recognizing the urgency of this moment and the positive impact of naturalization in our county, we have partnered with our amazing community nonprofits that are already doing tremendous work and

ongoing efforts on Citizenship to join in a coordinated campaign to encourage and support naturalization in our county.

This county-wide initiative is aimed at reaching 60,000 residents in Montgomery County who are eligible to naturalize and will include ongoing collaboration with our partners, citizenship workshops around the county, developing 'citizenship corners' at various public/county facilities and community hubs, and Naturalization Ceremonies.

For a list of community partners providing assistance with citizenship applications, citizenship classes and workshops or for more information on Montgomery County's Citizenship Initiative, please visit the Gilchrist Center's website on citizenship at: www.montgomerycountymd.gov/gilchrist/citizenship



http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/partnerships/Resources/Files/MC_Legal_Providers_Directory.pdf

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