



2015 Montgomery County Legal Immigration Services Providers

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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 and advice.

Location: 1012 14th St N.W., Suite 450, Washington, DC 20005

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

Email: helpline@apalrc.org

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

Ayuda (Washington DC Office)

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 victim services practitioners in order to allow them to communicate with clients and patients 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 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. We work 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 (Seven locations throughout 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, 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 affording the 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 intakes conducted the 2nd Monday of every month, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM at the Baltimore Welcome Center, 2224 East Fayette St. Baltimore MD 21231

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/>

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington Immigration Legal Services:

Description: Immigration Legal Services Program: 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. 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, French, and German

Eligibility: Financial eligibility requirement (MLSC guidelines and MD CDBG 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 - 11:30 am
 - Consultation fee: \$60 (**General immigration services**)
- 1618 Monroe St., NW Washington, DC (Columbia Heights)
Phone: (202)939-2420
 - Walk-ins: Wednesdays, 9 am
 - Consultation fee: \$60 (**General immigration services**)
- 12247 Georgia Ave. Silver Spring, MD
Phone: (301)942-1790
 - Walk-ins: Thursday, 8 am
 - Intake closed the last Thursday of the month.
 - Consultation fee: \$60 (**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: \$60 (**General immigration services. Employment based cases welcome**)

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

Central American Resource Center (CARECEN) - Washington D.C. Office

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. **For consultations on Deferred Action:** Wednesdays 9am-11:00AM, Thursday 1pm-3pm. No appointments, Walk-in only. Will take first 10 people who walk in. **Schedule for Citizenship Consultations Only:** Wednesdays: 1:00 – 3:00 PM

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

Served Counties: Washington, DC, Maryland, Virginia

Consultation Fee: Low to no cost.

Areas of legal assistance: Adjustment of Status, Asylum applications, 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), providing court representation for individuals in removal proceedings. Will be assisting clients for administrative relief under Executive Action.

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, deportation defense, asylum applications, 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: <http://www.carecencdc.org>

Foreign-born Information and Referral Network Inc. (FIRN)

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, and information and referral outreach and services.

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

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 (IRC) - Silver Spring Office

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 (KIND) - Headquarters - Washington DC Office - NATIONAL

Description: KIND serves as the leading organization for the protection of unaccompanied children who enter the US immigration system alone and strives to ensure that no such child appears in immigration court without representation. KIND serves unaccompanied children in the Washington, DC and Baltimore areas. KIND finds pro bono attorneys in highly regarded law firms and corporations who agree to represent KIND's child clients in their immigration proceedings. KIND pro bono coordinators in each office provide training on representing unaccompanied children in the U.S. immigration system and comprehensive mentorship until the case is completed.

Language Capacity: English, Spanish

Eligibility: Children must be under 17 at the time of referral to KIND; referrals accepted on a case-by-case basis; Children must reside within KIND's geozone (see www.supportkind.org for more information); Children must not be residing with both biological parents; Children must qualify for relief from removal.

Intake: Appointment required.

Consultation Fees: None

Served Counties: See website

DC Office: does not accept new cases of children residing in Montgomery County. DC office accepts new cases in PG County and other counties closer to Baltimore.

Baltimore Office: will be representing children from Montgomery County from the Immigration Court's docket.

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. Immigration - represent KIND's child clients in their immigration proceedings.

Location: 1300 L St. , Suite 1100, Washington, DC 20005

Contact: (202) 670-3585

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

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 solicited 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

Sexual Assault Legal Institute (SALI) at Maryland Coalition against Sexual Assault

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

Language Capacity: Spanish and French on staff and access to 24/7 Language Line.

Served Counties: Statewide

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: Help completing forms, Filings with USCIS Immigration: Assistance with self-petitioning and Assistance with U and T visas.

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 (TASSC)

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, 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 some from Latin America and former USSR and Iran.

Language Capacity: English (Amharic and French with volunteer translators)

Served Counties: DC Metro area

Areas of Legal Assistance: Various immigration issues and more specifically asylum cases. The application for asylum should generally be an affirmative although we also help as exception, applicants who are in removal proceedings (defensive application).

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 but there is a \$150 admin fee. – (check this)

Helpline Phone Number: 202 529 2991 (Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm)

Eligibility:

A torture survivor (as defined by Article 1 of the Convention Against Torture)

Who has no work authorization in the US

Has close relatives to help/support him/her financially in the asylum process

Location: 4121 Harewood Rd, NE Washington DC 20017

Contact: (202) 529-2991 -

Email: info@tassc.org

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

Description: Whitman-Walker specializes in legal assistance for people living with HIV/AIDS and LGBT health-related legal issues. It has a staff of experienced attorneys who provide free legal services to its clients, people living with HIV/AIDS, and members of our LGBT community.

Whitman-Walker helps clients with workplace rights, public benefits, immigration cases, debt collection, wills/powers of attorney/health care directives, and transgender matters, among other legal issues. Whitman-Walker provides direct legal advocacy, representation, and advice to clients in these areas.

Whitman-Walker does not provide assistance in criminal, landlord/tenant and family law cases. However, refers on these matters and other issues outside of our practice areas.

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 - Multi-Ethnic Domestic Violence Project (MEDOVI)

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 including U Visas, T Visas, VAWA Self-Petitions, Legal Permanent Residency and Naturalization, among others. 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 applications for foreign-born victims of domestic violence, human sex trafficking, intimate partner stalking and/or sexual assault. MEDOVI services are available to women and men.

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 Baltimore Immigration Legal Clinic

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. World Relief Baltimore Immigration Legal Clinic provides 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 Immigration Legal 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.

Universities/Clinics around the DC Metro Area
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University of Maryland Carey School of Law

Description: Students will represent low- and moderate-income immigrants in matters relating to 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

Georgetown University Law Center, Center for Applied Legal Studies, Asylum Clinic

Description: CALS represents refugees in removal proceedings in the Baltimore and Arlington Immigration Courts, and who are asserting asylum as a defense to deportation.

Months of the Year that the Center provides services: 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>

American University, Washington College of Law - Immigrant Justice Clinic

IJC takes cases by referral from other non-profits and do not have a “walk-in” clinic.

They don't want to have people calling them. ONLY by Referrals.

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. IJC takes cases by referral from other non-profits and do not have a “walk-in” clinic.

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>

Catholic University - Columbus Community Legal Services and Immigration Litigation Clinic (ILC)

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>