



Empowered and Informed

SFLPEC
Resource Guide for Migrants



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OVERVIEW & PURPOSE

San Francisco Latino Parity and Equity Coalition (SFLPEC) aims to support Latino and migrant communities by connecting individuals and families to resources and services to address their needs regarding immigration. This resource guide is a compilation of information reflecting best practices from leading experts. It is intended for use by practitioners as a reference tool. We encourage each organization and/or individual to independently vet the information provided and make decisions that align with their unique needs and circumstances.



What is SFLPEC?

The San Francisco Latino Parity and Equity Coalition (SFLPEC), a fiscally sponsored project of Good Samaritan Family Resource Center, unites 23 Latino-led agencies, boasting a cumulative workforce of over 900 employees and positively impacting over 60,000 individuals city-wide each year. Founded in 2016, SFLPEC is dedicated to ensuring equitable representation and resources for Latinos in San Francisco. Our advocacy efforts reach residents primarily in Districts 9, 10, 11, 5, and 6, crafting tailored solutions year-round for Latino families. Our vision entails coordinating and marketing a robust network of vital services while driving structural changes to combat racial disparities. Our collective impact initiative seeks to enhance equity in our communities through:

- Advocacy & policy change
- Pursuing financial investment in the Latino Community
- Data gathering and community outreach
- Connecting our community to our services



SFLPEC Member Organizations

Acción Latina
Calle 24 Latino Cultural District
CANA
CARECEN
Catholic Charities
Clecha
El/La Para TransLatinas
Galería de La Raza
Good Samaritan Family Resource Center
Horizons Unlimited
Instituto Familiar de la Raza
La Raza Community Resource Center
La Raza Centro Legal
La Voz Latina
Marigold Project
Mission Cultural Center for Latino Arts
Mission Economic Dev. Agency
Mission Graduates
Mission Language Vocational School
Mission Neighborhood Center
Mission Neighborhood Health Center
The Women's Building

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

In this country every person has rights,
regardless of their country of origin, legal status,
native language, religion, sexual orientation or
gender identity.

REFERENCE: KNOW YOUR RIGHTS CARECEN SF
WEBSITE: CARECENSF.ORG



KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

1. The Right to Not Open the Door.
2. The Right to Remain Silent.
3. The Right to Make a Phone Call.
4. The Right to Make a Hearing Before a Judge.
5. The Right to Have your Physical integrity Respected.
6. The Right to Not Sign Any Documents.
7. The Right to Evaluate Whether You Qualify for Any Immigration Process.



RIGHT #1

The Right to NOT Open the Door



If any authority, including immigration officers, knock on your door looking for someone, **YOU SHOULD NOT OPEN THE DOOR.** Ask them to slide the warrant under the door, and/or take a photo from the window. Without opening the door, check that the warrant has the correct name and address of the person they are looking for in your home.

If you have any doubts about the legitimacy of this warrant, call the San Francisco Rapid Response Network at (415) 200-1548, or the Alameda Rapid Response Network at (510) 241-4011. If the officers do not show you the warrant or if the name and/or address are not correct: **DO NOT OPEN THE DOOR!**



DERECHO #2

The Right to Remain Silent.



If you are stopped by any authority, including immigration officers, you have the right to remain silent, and only give your real name; then, ask to call your attorney. You have the right to only respond in the presence of your attorney.

REMEMBER:

Do not give any information except in the presence of your attorney!



RIGHT #3

The Right to Make a Phone Call



If you are detained by any authority, including immigration officers, you have the right to make a phone call to your attorney or a family member.

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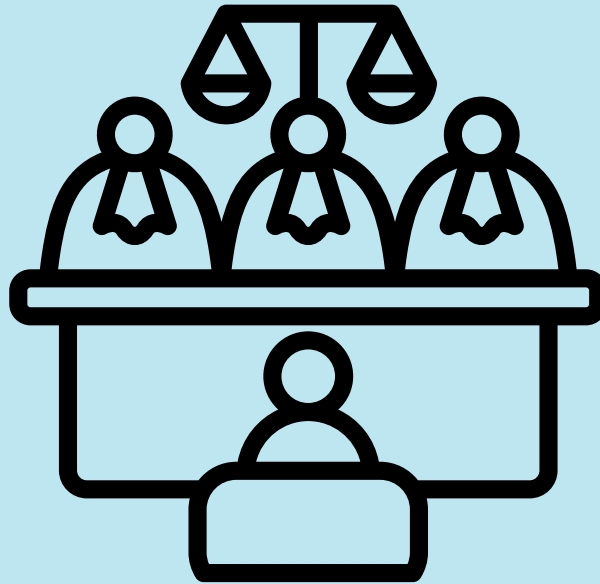
Keep an emergency phone number in your pocket to call your attorney or family members!

Establish an Emergency Family Plan so your children and family members know what to do and who to call.



RIGHT #4

The Right to a Hearing Before a Judge



If you are detained by any authority, including immigration officers, you have the right to request a hearing before a Judge to present your case.

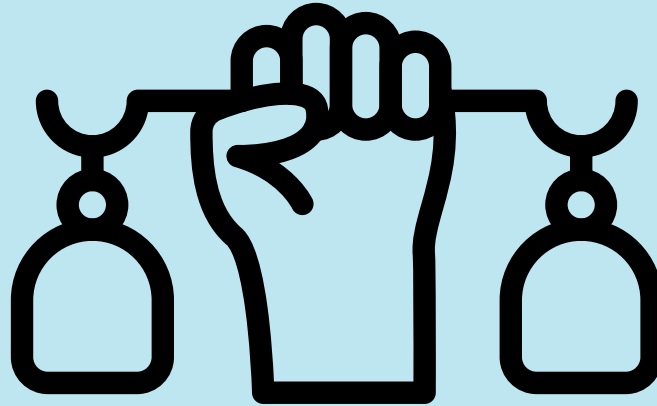
REMEMBER:

You have the right to due process!



RIGHT #5

The Right to Have Your Physical Integrity Respected



If you are detained by any authority, including immigration officers, you must not be mistreated or verbally offended by any authority. Your person must be respected!

REMEMBER:

No one has the right to abuse you physically or verbally.



RIGHT #6

The Right to Not Sign Any documents



If you are detained by any authority, including immigration officers, you have the right not to sign any documents, except if your attorney or legal representative recommends it.



RIGHT #7

The Right to Evaluate Whether You Qualify for Any Immigration Process



You may qualify for or benefit from some immigration processes, even if you are detained. These benefits may include asylum or cancellation of a previous deportation order. With a legal consultation, you can better understand your options and know if you are eligible for an adjustment of immigration status.

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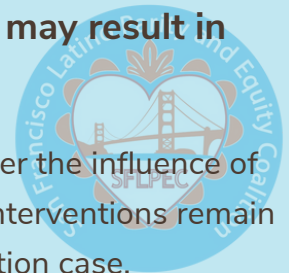
Ask your attorney if you qualify for any immigration relief program.



WHAT WE SHOULD AVOID IN ORDER TO NOT COMPLICATE AN IMMIGRATION CASE:

1. Do not run from an immigration agent, police officer or other authorities.
2. Do not order or allow children to open the door if someone knocks on the door.
3. Do not open the door without asking and confirming who it is.
4. Do not carry false identification documents such as social security, driver's license, etc.
5. Do not drive vehicles if you do not have a license, if you do not have insurance and the vehicle registration is not current.
6. Do not participate in public disorders or in your home that provoke police intervention*.
7. Do not abuse alcohol, and avoid public intoxication. It can provoke police intervention*.
8. Do not get involved in cases of public or domestic violence. It is illegal and requires police intervention*.
9. Do not physically mistreat or abuse minors. It is illegal and requires police intervention*.
10. Do not possess drugs and other illegal substances. This may result in police intervention.

* If the police intervene, particularly in cases of violence, driving under the influence of alcohol, drug possession or other activities considered illegal, these interventions remain on your record and may create difficulties for your immigration case.



WE ALL HAVE RIGHTS IN THIS COUNTRY

And Being Prepared is Our Responsibility

REMEMBER:

- Seek legal consultations with immigration legal programs in your community.
- Share this information with your family, friends, and at your workplace.
- Prepare a family emergency plan with the participation of all members of your household.
- Assure your loved ones that they and everyone else have rights in this country.
- Keep critical information and contacts on hand, such as the Your Rights Card in this pamphlet.

Join efforts to protect the rights of our immigrant community:
We must raise our voices and claim our rights!



RED CARD

All people in the United States, regardless of immigration status, have certain rights and protections under the U.S. Constitution. The ILRC's Red Cards help people assert their rights and defend themselves in many situations, such as when ICE agents go to a home.

1. **Nonprofits:** If you are an immigrant-serving organization or a public defender, the Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC) can arrange to order and ship cards to you for free. Please use the order form here to place your Red Card order.



2. **Print Your Own:** The artwork for printing your own cards is available at the bottom of this page. These are formatted as standard 3.5" by 2" business cards. Any print or copy shop should be able to work from these files. Translated versions are designed to support monolingual immigrants translate their rights with immigration officers.

3. **Businesses, Private Attorneys, and Orders of 1000+:** Order from www.RedCardOrders.com.

*Immigrant Legal
Resource Center
Red Cards*

RESOURCE:
IMMIGRANT LEGAL
RESOURCE CENTER
WEBSITE:
[HTTPS://WWW.ILRC.
ORG/RED-CARDS](https://www.ilrc.org/red-cards)

RAPID RESPONSE HOTLINES

San Francisco Immigrant Support-Rapid Response Network:

**Help for an Immigrant Detained by ICE
24-Hour Hotline at (415) 200-1548**

Languages: English, Spanish, and
Cantonese.

If you see Immigration and Customs
Enforcement (ICE) in San Francisco, call
this same-day hotline to connect the
people affected to legal assistance.

This number is only for someone who
was detained today in San Francisco. The
Rapid Response hotline usually has just
one person answering the phone. So if
the line is busy, please call back.

Save the number to call when needed.
(415) 200-1548



*Immigrant Legal
Resource Center*

*Rapid Response
Network*

WEBSITE:
[HTTPS://IMMIGRANT
S.SFGOV.ORG/HELP/
RAPID-RESPONSE](https://immigrants.sfgov.org/help/rapid-response)

RAPID RESPONSE HOTLINES

If this happened somewhere else, you can call:

- Alameda County (510) 241-4011
- Santa Clara County (408) 290- 1144
- Marin County (415) 991-4545
- San Mateo County (203) 666-4472
- Monterey County (831) 643-5225
- NorthBay (707) 800-4544
- Fresno (559) 206-0151
- Sacramento (916) 245-6773
- Santa Cruz County (831) 239-4289
- San Diego (619) 5001767



*Immigrant Legal
Resource Center*

*Rapid Response
Network*

WEBSITE:

[HTTPS://IMMIGRANT
S.SFGOV.ORG/HELP/
RAPID-RESPONSE](https://immigrants.sfgov.org/help/rapid-response)

ICE Out of California Hotline If you or a loved one have been the victim of an ICE raid, have been Directly transferred from jail to immigration detention, or are the victim of a TRUST Act violation, call toll-free:

1-844-TRUST-01 (1.844.878.7801)

RESOURCE: IMMIGRANT LEGAL RESOURCE CENTER

WEBSITE: [HTTPS://IMMIGRANTS.SFGOV.ORG/HELP/RAPID-RESPONSE](https://immigrants.sfgov.org/help/rapid-response)

HOW TO USE THE HOTLINES:



THE CONSULAR NETWORK OF MEXICO

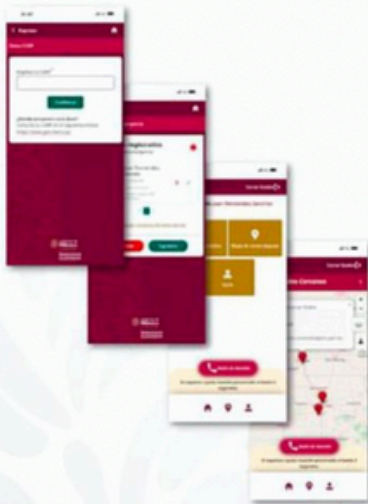
¡Facilitamos tu contacto con la **Red Consular!**

La **aplicación que te conecta** con servicios consulares **desde cualquier lugar del mundo.**



¿Qué es **ConsulApp**?

ConsulApp Contigo es la aplicación diseñada para brindar seguridad y apoyo en situaciones de emergencia. **Conecta rápidamente al CIAM** en caso de detenciones o urgencias, ofrece información clara sobre **tus derechos**, permite registrar **contactos de emergencia** y localizar **consulados cercanos**. Además, facilita el acceso a citas consulares a través de WhatsApp, todo desde la palma de tu mano.



BOTÓN DE CONTACTO PRIORITARIO

Conecta de manera inmediata con el **Centro de Información y Asistencia a Personas Mexicanas (CIAM)**. Ideal para casos de detención inminente o emergencias que requieran contacto con la red consular.

TUS DERECHOS SIEMPRE CONTIGO

Accede a un apartado que **explica de forma sencilla tus derechos** en caso de arresto o interacción con autoridades.

REGISTRO DE CONTACTOS DE EMERGENCIA

Configura contactos que serán notificados automáticamente si usas el botón de contacto en una situación urgente.

LOCALIZACIÓN DE CONSULADOS

Consulta un mapa interactivo para identificar el **consulado más cercano a tu ubicación**.

ACCESO RÁPIDO A CITAS CONSULARES

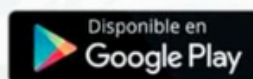
Ingresa directamente a la **plataforma de citas** para trámites como pasaportes o actas, ahora disponible desde WhatsApp.

➤ **Atención inmediata:** Conexión rápida y confiable con la red consular.

➤ **Asistencia personalizada:** A través del CIAM y contactos de emergencia.

➤ **Información práctica:** Conocer tus derechos te empodera ante cualquier situación.

➤ **Acceso intuitivo:** Encuentra consulados y agenda tus citas sin complicaciones.



Relaciones Exteriores

Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores

IMMIGRATION PREPAREDNESS TOOLKIT

The ILRC's Immigration Preparedness Toolkit is a resource-packed informational document designed to help immigrants with no legal status or in mixed-status families begin to understand the immigration legal landscape and plan for their journey through an ever-changing, complex system in the United States. This free toolkit offers in-depth, yet easily accessible information that outlines the basics about a variety of topics including: your rights during ICE confrontations, the different types of immigration options available, ideas for building your consultation roadmap, and tips on covering your bases while waiting for relief. This 13-page resource also incorporates links to other helpful reference documents, fact sheets, and tools readers can use to construct their own personalized plan.



FAMILY PREPAREDNESS PLAN

Every family should have a Family Preparedness Plan in case of an emergency. It is critical for immigrant families to think ahead and set more concrete plans for immigration emergencies that can arise. For example, this Resource Toolkit goes into detail about different childcare options available in case of an absent parent, where to find trusted immigration services in your community, and how to prepare to assert your constitutional rights in the presence of an immigration officer.

This toolkit is divided into different sections that give guidance on family preparedness planning, regardless of immigration status. It gives additional advice to undocumented and/or mixed status families.

For more immigration community resources, visit ilrc.me/resources



*Immigrant Legal
Resource Center*

*Family Preparedness
Plan*



BUSINESSES PREPAREDNESS PLAN

This guide, developed in partnership with the National Employment Law Project (NELP), provides practical advice for employers on handling immigration-related actions in the workplace. It outlines common ICE enforcement actions, employer rights and responsibilities, and steps to prepare for and respond to workplace visits by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Disclaimer: This guide is for informational purposes only and does not replace legal advice. Employers are encouraged to consult an immigration attorney for case-specific guidance.

Access the full guide here:
[Employer Guide – NELP \(2025\)](https://www.nilc.org/resources/a-guide-for-employers-what-to-do-if-immigration-comes-to-your-workplace/)



*National Immigration
Law Center*

*A Guide for Employers
– What to Do if
Immigration Comes to
Your Workplace*



ADVISORY FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS REGARDING IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT

Protecting Clients from Immigration Enforcement

Guidelines for Nonprofits & Social Service Providers

If Immigration Agents Arrive at Your Facility:

- Do NOT allow access to non-public areas without a judicial warrant (signed by a judge).
- Do NOT release client information unless legally required or with client consent.
- Train staff to stay calm, not answer questions, and direct agents to a supervisor.
- Inform clients of their right to remain silent and ask if they are "free to go."
- Document & report the interaction, including agent names and badge numbers.



Northwest Immigrant Rights Project

Advisory to Nonprofit Organizations and Social Services Providers Regarding Immigration Enforcement

ADVISORY FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS REGARDING IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT

Staff Response Protocol:

- Verify if agents have a valid judicial warrant (not just an ICE administrative warrant).
- Do not lie to agents—decline to answer and consult a supervisor.
- Escort clients to private areas if part of regular services.
- If recording, announce it and ensure proper documentation.

Sensitive Locations Protections:

- Schools
- Hospitals
- Places of Worship

DHS guidelines discourage enforcement at these locations unless under extreme circumstances.

Nonprofits should develop protocols, provide staff training, and seek legal advice when needed.

Access the Advisory:

[Advisory for Nonprofit Organizations and Social Service Providers Regarding Immigration Enforcement](https://www.nwirp.org/)



*Northwest Immigrant
Rights Project*

*Advisory to Nonprofit
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Regarding Immigration
Enforcement*

SANCTUARY CITIES



Know About SANCTUARY CITIES

What are Sanctuary Cities?

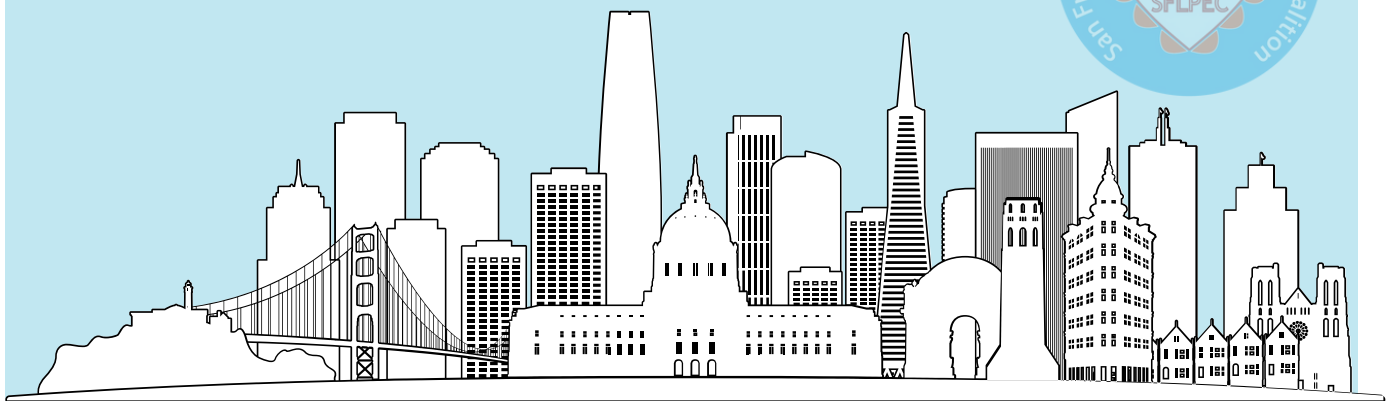
- They are cities, counties and/or states with an ordinance or law that prohibits local law enforcement, city/state agencies, or local resources to be used to do the work of federal immigration enforcement.
- Sanctuary City policies have been proven to benefit localities, increase civic engagement, and promote inclusion of all people in cities regardless of their faith, political views, gender identity, country of origin or migratory status.



Know About SANCTUARY CITIES

Why are Sanctuary Cities Important?

- Sanctuary Cities promote public trust in law enforcement and cooperation from their citizenry
- Sanctuary cities also promote a healthy population as all residents, regardless of their legal status, feel safe when accessing health benefits and other services provided by the city
- Sanctuary Cities promote welcoming cities for all and recognize the critical contributions people who migrate make to the economic, cultural, social and civic fabric of cities, states and the nation



LEGAL RESOURCES



CARECEN SF

Immigration Legal Program

CARECEN SF provides immigration legal services and advocacy for individuals and families in the San Francisco Bay Area.

CARECEN SF works to protect and expand the rights of all migrants by assisting with immigration status adjustments for those who are eligible. Their efforts contribute to increasing economic self-sufficiency and successful integration into society while countering xenophobia and discrimination through education about laws protecting individuals regardless of immigration status.

Services Offered:

- Legal Consultation: The Immigration Legal Program assesses individual cases and provides expert advice for the next steps.
- Processing of Documents and Applications: Assistance with the preparation and submission of necessary immigration paperwork to the appropriate authorities.
- Legal Representation in Immigration Court and USCIS: Attorneys and paralegals represent clients during legal proceedings when necessary.
- Know Your Rights Education: Educational materials, including videos, workshops, webinars, and forums, are provided to keep the community informed on immigration laws.



CARECEN SF

Immigration Legal Program

Additional Services Include:

- Legal permanent status renewal
- Citizenship and naturalization
- Family visa petitions
- Consular processes
- Temporary Protected Status (TPS)
- Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)
- T and U Visas
- Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) protections
- Adjustment of status
- Asylum applications
- Special Immigrant Juvenile Status
- 601 waivers



CARECEN SF

Immigration Legal Program

Beneficiaries:

- Low-income individuals and families
- Monolingual and bilingual Spanish/English speakers
- Long-term and recently arrived migrants

Office Hours:

- Monday to Friday: 9 am – 5 pm
- Drop-in legal consultations: 9 am – 12 pm (first-come, first-served basis)

Main Office: 3101 Mission Street, Suite 101, San Francisco, CA 94110
T: (415) 642-4400 | F: (415) 824-2367



LA RAZA CENTRO LEGAL

Immigration Law Programs

Immigration, Affirmative Program

La Raza Centro Legal provides assistance to low-income, immigrant and Spanish-speaking residents of San Francisco and San Mateo counties who are seeking naturalization and legal status or who are victims of workplace or home raids.

Services provided by our Immigration Law Program:

- Provide legal consults, investigate eligibility for relief and assist in applying for immigration relief.
- Assist victims of crime and asylum seekers.
- Help individuals who are petitioning for family members to this country, applying for legal residency or citizenship, renewing their green card and work permits and fighting deportation.
- Assist youth in filing for legal status under the Deferred Action Executive Order.
- May have fee waivers approved for our extremely low income clients.
- Make referrals to non-profits and low cost immigration attorneys.
- Collaborate with other agencies to strengthen our outreach and education services, and enhance the legal expertise of our attorneys.
- Provide Asylum and Deportation Defense services.



LA RAZA CENTRO LEGAL

Immigration Law Programs

The Immigration Law Program provides legal consultations and immigration assistance to the low-income, immigrant and Spanish speaking community of San Francisco and San Mateo counties. Please make an appointment by calling our front desk at 415-575-3500 or emailing pilar@lrcl.org. All appointments take place at La Raza Centro Legal, 474 Valencia St. #295, San Francisco, CA 94103.

RESOURCES

To determine your A# number or next court date: 1-800-898-7180

- Immigrant [Legal Resource Center](#)
- Immigration Options for [Undocumented Immigrant Children](#)
- American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California – [Know Your Rights](#)
- Resources to Support [Asylum Seekers and Immigrants During Covid 19 Pandemic](#)
- [Department of Homeland Security](#)
- [Visa Bulletin-to determine familial categories](#)



THE WOMEN'S BUILDING

Immigration Clinic

The Women's Building provides tools and resources to empower individuals, strengthen families, and support the community.

Legal Help

Free Legal Clinics (w/ Justice and Diversity Center)

- Every 4th Tuesday, 9 AM – 12 PM
- Assistance with family law, immigration, employment, & housing (varies by month)
- Appointment required: Call (415) 431-1180 or email resourceroom@womensbuilding.org

Immigration Clinic with Javier Rivera

- 1st Tuesday of the month, 3 PM – 5 PM
- Bilingual (Spanish-English) consultations
- Appointment required



LA RAZA COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

La Raza Community Resource Center's legal team provides free and low-cost services in a safe, confidential, and bilingual space. Each year, the organization assists hundreds of clients in achieving their immigration goals.

The legal team supports family reunification by guiding individuals through the complexities of the immigration process. They defend immigrants in court, fight deportation, and help clients obtain asylum and Permanent Residence. Additionally, they educate the community about legal rights and assist clients in securing employment authorization, Permanent Residence, and U.S. citizenship.

Recognized as a trusted organization among San Francisco's immigrant communities, La Raza Community Resource Center serves as a primary point of contact for many immigrants and refugees seeking information and legal assistance.

Committed to addressing the evolving challenges faced by the community, the organization has expanded its Immigration Program in recent years. Its legal team, consisting of three attorneys and three legal assistants, works closely with the Social Services team, volunteers, and nonprofit partners to provide comprehensive legal services to those in need.

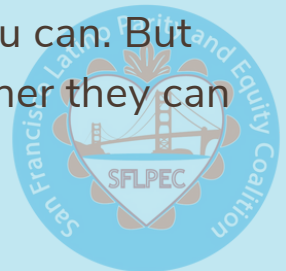


LA RAZA COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

Family-Based (Affirmative) Immigration Services:

- Family-Based (Affirmative) Immigration Services
- Naturalization
- DACA
- Family Petition
- Removal of Conditions on Residence
- Adjustment of Status
- Consular Processing
- Asylee Petition
- Advance Parole & other Travel Documents
- Work Permit Renewal
- Green Card Renewal
- TPS Renewal
- FOIA Request
- Assistance with Family Emergency Plans

Please call (415) 863-0764 or email info@larazacrc.org to schedule a consultation. To continue providing high quality legal services, we rely on support from community members like you. We respectfully ask that you make a donation (minimum \$25 recommended) on the day of your consultation if you can. But don't worry, everyone is served, regardless of whether they can donate.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Legal & Support Services

The Center for Immigration Legal and Support Services (CILSS) promotes racial, gender, and economic equity by providing high-quality, multi-year legal immigration representation and focused case management.

Catholic Charities is committed to helping clients achieve legal status, attain economic self-sufficiency, and actively participate in the social and civic life of their communities.

The organization supports clients through a range of services, offering representation before both U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS) and the immigration court.

Potential benefits, filed USCIS, include:

Family Reunification:

- Family-based petitions
- Adjustment of status
- Consular processing
- Waivers of Unlawful Presence

Victims of Crimes or Persecution:

- U Visa
- T Visa
- VAWA (domestic violence)
- Political Asylum



CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Legal & Support Services

Other Potential Benefits:

- Naturalization
- Special Immigrant
- Juvenile Status
- DACA (Dreamers)
- TPS

Potential Remedies in Immigration Court, for those who have been placed in deportation proceedings and have a hearing before a judge:

- Bond Hearing
- Political Asylum
- Cancellation of Removal

The Organization Also Assist:

- FBI background checks for immigration purposes
- Freedom of Information Acts (FOIA) requests for immigration files



TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS (TPS)



TPS Re-registration

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has extended, by 18 months, the periods to re-register for the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for the following countries: El Salvador, Haiti, Honduras, Nepal, Nicaragua and Sudan.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS)

The 18-month reregistration period under the TPS designation:

- El Salvador will now be extended until *March 9, 2025*
- Haiti will now be extended until *February 3, 2026*
- Honduras now extended until *July 5, 2025*
- Nepal will now be in effect until *June 24, 2025*
- Nicaragua now extended until *July 5, 2025*
- Sudan will now be extended until *April 19, 2025*

CARECEN SF
Central America
Resource Center

WEBSITE:
CARECENSF.ORG



TPS Resources from CARECEN SF

DOCUMENTS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR RE-ENROLLMENT IN THE TPS PROGRAM WITH CARECEN SF:

- Money order of \$520 (if work permit required)
- \$85 money order (for biometrics)
- Form I-821 and Form I-765 (although it does not require a work permit)
- Proof of the last 2 TPS registrations
- If you have a criminal record, please bring your record including the final decision of the Court (if you have recently had contact with the police, it is very important to have an immigration consultation)
- Those who have benefited from Advance Parole (exit permit) must bring their passport and exit documentation
- Bring all your passports, including expired passports (if you have them)
- If it is your first time with CARECEN SF, you must bring the original package from the first registration, along with all previous work permits and/or action notices received from immigration for each registered in the TPS
- If you had authorization from the Immigration Court or a late initial registration, you must bring the evidence (if applicable)



REGISTER FOR TPS

Register for Temporary Protected Status (TPS)

Help for individuals from Afghanistan, Burma (Myanmar), Cameroon, Ethiopia, El Salvador, Haiti, Honduras, Nepal, Nicaragua, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Syria, Ukraine, Venezuela, and Yemen.

If the immigrant already has TPS, they need to make an appointment now to re-register their TPS before it expires. Even if the deadline for re-registering has passed, it's still a good idea to get a consultation about immigration options. Some TPS holders may also qualify for another, more permanent form of relief. If they don't yet have TPS, make an appointment with one of the organizations below to apply.

Temporary Protected Status can be granted to individuals from Afghanistan, Burma (Myanmar), Cameroon, Ethiopia, El Salvador, Haiti, Honduras, Nepal, Nicaragua, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Syria, Ukraine, Venezuela, and Yemen.

Who can help

The organizations below can help immigrants apply for or re-register for TPS.

<https://immigrants.sf.gov/help/tps>



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR IMMIGRATION APPLICATIONS



MISSION ASSET FOUND

IMMIGRATION FEE LOAN

Get Help Paying for an Immigration Application

San Francisco residents can access financial assistance to cover their immigration application fees through a loan program. Qualified residents may have 50% of their application costs covered.

Steps to Apply:

1. Complete the Immigration Application

Eligible individuals can apply for a loan to cover various USCIS application fees, including:

- Citizenship (\$725)
- DACA (\$495)
- Green Card (\$1,225)
- Temporary Protected Status (TPS) (\$495)
- Petition for Relatives (\$535)
- U-Visa (\$585)

Applicants must have a completed immigration application before applying for the loan but should wait to submit it to USCIS until after receiving the loan check.



MISSION ASSET FUND IMMIGRATION FEE LOAN

2. Apply for a Loan

To apply, an individual must provide:

- Proof of being 18 years or older
- A valid email address
- A valid photo ID (e.g., driver's license, passport)
- Proof of California residency (photo ID may suffice)
- Proof of a checking account (e.g., voided check, bank letter, or statement)
- Proof of income (e.g., 2 months of pay stubs or 3 months of bank statements)
- A Social Security Number or ITIN

Applications can be submitted online.

Immigration fees can create financial barriers for many immigrants. To address this, OCEIA funds Mission Asset Fund to help San Francisco residents cover these costs and support their pathway to legal status.



FREE OR LOW-COST IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES



GET AN IMMIGRATION SCREENING

An estimated 12 to 15% of undocumented immigrants may have options for some form of immigration documentation. To explore potential pathways, individuals are encouraged to schedule an immigration screening with one of the organizations listed below. These organizations can assess available legal options and assist with the renewal of Green Cards or DACA. For San Francisco residents, initial consultations are often low-cost or free.

In addition to obtaining an immigration screening, individuals can visit immi.org for further information on immigration options. Immigrants are also advised to save the Rapid Response Hotline number, 415-200-1548, for same-day legal assistance in the event of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) activity in San Francisco.

The listed organizations provide immigration screenings and related services.

<https://immigrants.sf.gov/help/screening>



DETENTION RESOURCES



GET DETENTION HELP

Get Detention Counsel Help for an immigrant currently detained. The organizations listed below provide legal representation for immigrants currently detained. Call to schedule an appointment for a San Francisco resident in detention.

The listed organizations specialize in defending detained San Francisco residents. For San Francisco residents, initial consultations are generally low-cost or free.

Arab Resource & Organizing Center (AROC)
522 Valencia St
San Francisco, CA 94110
(415) 861-7444

Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Asian Law Caucus (AAAJ - ALC)
55 Columbus Ave
San Francisco, CA 94111
(415) 896-1701

Legal Services for Children
870 Market Street, Suite 356
San Francisco, CA 94102
(415) 863-3762

Mission Action
938 Valencia Street
San Francisco, CA 94110
(415) 282-6209

Pangea Legal Services
350 Sansome Street, Suite 650
San Francisco, CA 94104
(415) 254- 0475

<https://immigrants.sf.gov/help/detention-counsel>



ASYLUM RESOURCES



APPLY FOR ASYLUM

Help for immigrants who are afraid to go back to their countries: Schedule an appointment with one of the organizations below to apply for asylum or to explore asylum as a defense in deportation proceedings.

Asylum is a protection granted to people who fear persecution in their home country for their race, religion, nationality, social group, or political opinion.

The organizations below can help immigrants find out if they qualify for asylum, and may be able to help them apply.

Arab Resource & Organizing Center (AROC)
522 Valencia St
San Francisco, CA 94110
(415) 861-7444

Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach (APILO)
1121 Mission Street
San Francisco, CA 94103
(415) 567-6255

Central American Resource Center (CARECEN)
3101 Mission Street #101
San Francisco, CA 94110
(415) 642-4400

Immigration Center for Women and Children
3543 18th Street
San Francisco, CA 94110
(415) 861-1449

Jubilee Immigration Advocates
100 Bush Street Suite 508
San Francisco, CA 94104
(415) 813-1958

Visit: <https://immigrants.sf.gov/help/asylum> to find more Organizations.



CITIZENSHIP RESOURCES



APPLY FOR CITIZENSHIP

Help for Permanent Residents Applying for Citizenship

Step 1:

Some Green Card holders may be eligible to apply for U.S. citizenship. Due to frequent changes in immigration laws, individuals should refer to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) website for the most accurate and up-to-date information on eligibility requirements.

If Not Eligible:

For those who cannot or choose not to apply for citizenship, it is essential to renew their Green Card on time. The organizations listed below can assist with this process.

<https://immigrants.sf.gov/help/citizenship>

Step 2:

If deemed eligible, individuals can attend the next SF Pathways to Citizenship Workshop for help with the naturalization process.

Unable to Attend the Workshop?

Those unable to participate can seek assistance through the SF Pathways to Citizenship Initiative or contact one of the organizations listed on the next page.



APPLY FOR CITIZENSHIP

Who Can Help:

The following organizations provide support with naturalization, Green Card renewals, family petitions, and other essential services for permanent residents. For San Francisco residents, initial consultations are typically low-cost or free.

Arab Resource & Organizing Center (AROC)
522 Valencia St
San Francisco, CA 94110
(415) 861-7444

Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach (APILO)
1121 Mission Street
San Francisco, CA 94103
(415) 567-6255

La Raza Community Resource Center (LRCRC)
474 Valencia Street #100
San Francisco, CA 94103
(415) 863-0764

Self-Help for the Elderly
601 Jackson Street
San Francisco, CA 94133
(415) 677-7600

Jubilee Immigration Advocates
100 Bush Street Suite 508
San Francisco, CA 94104
(415) 813-1958

Visit: <https://immigrants.sf.gov/help/citizenship> to find more organizations.



GREEN CARD RESOURCES



APPLY FOR GREEN CARD

Help for Immigrants Seeking Permanent Residency

Immigrants seeking permanent residency in the United States can schedule an appointment with one of the organizations listed below to determine if they qualify for a Green Card. Eligibility may be based on family sponsorship, employment, refugee or asylum status, or other pathways. Holding a Green Card allows individuals to live and work in the U.S. permanently and may provide a pathway to U.S. citizenship.

Already Have a Green Card?

Current Green Card holders may be eligible to apply for U.S. citizenship.

Who Can Help:

The following organizations assist immigrants in determining their eligibility for a Green Card and can guide them through the application process. For residents of San Francisco, initial consultations are generally low-cost or free.

<https://immigrants.sf.gov/help/green-card>



DACA RESOURCES



HELP FOR CURRENT DACA RECIPIENTS

Help for Current DACA Recipients

Current DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) recipients can schedule an appointment with the organizations listed below to renew their DACA status.

About DACA:

Established in 2012, DACA offers temporary protection from deportation and work authorization to certain undocumented immigrants who arrived in the U.S. as children.

Recent Update:

As of September 13, 2023, a federal judge ruled DACA unlawful but did not end the program. The decision is expected to be appealed and may reach the U.S. Supreme Court.

What This Means:

- Current DACA protections and work permits remain valid.
- Renewals continue for those who currently have or have had DACA within the past year.
- No new, first-time applications are being accepted at this time.



HELP FOR CURRENT DACA RECIPIENTS

Who Can Help:

The following organizations assist with DACA renewals. Initial consultations are generally low-cost or free, and the application fee may be covered for San Franciscans.

<https://immigrants.sf.gov/help/daca>

Proof of Residency:

School transcripts can help demonstrate residency for DACA applications. Current and former San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) students can request transcripts for free by emailing: transcripts@sfusd.edu.



T VISA RESOURCES



HELP FOR TRAFFICKING VICTIMS

Help for Trafficking Victims – Applying for a T Visa

Trafficking victims can seek protection through a T visa. To find out if someone qualifies, they should schedule an appointment with one of the organizations listed below.

About T Visas:

T visas are designed to protect victims of human trafficking who assist federal authorities in investigating and prosecuting trafficking cases. This visa provides a path to lawful status in the U.S., along with work authorization and access to certain benefits.

Who Can Help:

The following organizations can assist trafficking victims with determining eligibility for a T visa and help them through the application process. Consultations are often low-cost or free for San Franciscans.

<https://immigrants.sf.gov/help/t-visa>



DEPORTATION RESOURCES



GET DEPORTATION COUNSEL

Help for Someone with an Active Deportation Case

If someone is facing deportation, they should schedule an interview with one of the organizations listed below as soon as possible. These organizations specialize in legal defense for deportation cases and can offer guidance on next steps.

Important:

- If the individual has a scheduled immigration court date, inform the organization when calling.
- Try to schedule the interview before the court date.
- San Francisco residents are given priority for these services.

Who Can Help:

The organizations below are part of the San Francisco Immigration Legal Defense Collaborative (SFILDC) and can assist with referrals to the central waitlist for legal representation in deportation proceedings. Initial consultations for San Franciscans are typically low-cost or free.

<https://immigrants.sf.gov/help/deportation-counsel>



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APPLY FOR A GREEN CARD UNDER THE VAWA

Help for victims of domestic violence:

The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) offers protection for victims of physical or mental domestic abuse. It allows both women and men to apply for a Green Card without needing assistance from their abuser.

Eligibility:

You may qualify for a Green Card under VAWA if you are:

- An abused spouse or child of a U.S. citizen or Green Card holder.
- An abused parent of an adult U.S. citizen.
- Holding a conditional Green Card and seeking permanent status without the assistance of your abusive spouse.

Next Steps:

- Schedule an appointment with one of the organizations listed below to determine eligibility and get assistance with the application process.

Who Can Help:

The organizations below specialize in helping victims of domestic violence with VAWA Green Card applications. For San Franciscans, initial consultations are generally low-cost or free.

<https://immigrants.sf.gov/help/vawa>



SPECIAL IMMIGRANT JUVENILE STATUS RESOURCES



APPLY FOR A GREEN CARD WITH SIJS

Help for abused or neglected children:

Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) provides a pathway to a Green Card for children who have been abused, neglected, or abandoned by a parent and are involved in the state juvenile system.

Eligibility:

A child may qualify for SIJS if:

- They are under 21 years old.
- They are unmarried.
- A juvenile court has determined they cannot reunite with one or both parents due to abuse, neglect, or abandonment.

Next Steps:

- Schedule an appointment with a legal service provider to determine eligibility and receive help with the application.
- Legal assistance can also help with family court processes needed to support the SIJS application.

Who Can Help:

Organizations specializing in SIJS applications can assist in determining eligibility and filing the necessary documents. For San Francisco residents, initial consultations are often free or low-cost.



LGBTQ+ RESOURCES



THE LGBT ASYLUM PROJECT

The LGBT Asylum Project is a San Francisco-based nonprofit dedicated to providing accessible legal representation for LGBTQ+ asylum seekers fleeing persecution due to their sexual orientation, gender identity, or HIV status. Many of their clients, often low-income, arrive in the U.S. after enduring imprisonment, torture, and psychological trauma inflicted by their governments, communities, and even family members.

Seeking safety, they come to San Francisco's Castro District, a known refuge for LGBTQ+ individuals, where the LGBT Asylum Project offers legal support to help them remain in the U.S. permanently. The organization assists individuals from over 20 countries with extreme anti-LGBTQ+ persecution, including Nigeria, Russia, El Salvador, Uganda, and Venezuela.

Serving immigrants within the San Francisco Asylum Office jurisdiction (Bakersfield, CA to Seattle, WA), the LGBT Asylum Project provides critical legal aid to prevent deportation and ensure vulnerable individuals find safety and stability.

If you are an LGBTQ person from another country and are currently in the USA, please fill out the form below:

[Intake Google Form](#)



THE SF LGBT CENTER

The SF LGBT Center connects the LGBTQ+ community and allies to opportunities, resources, and support through diverse programming.

The Center serves as a hub for:

- Arts & culture
- Community engagement
- Employment services
- Financial empowerment
- Small business development
- Youth services
- Volunteer opportunities.

The Center also provides access to a network of organizations supporting LGBTQ+ individuals in San Francisco. Additionally, it offers space for meetings and events, fostering collaboration and inclusivity.

Find the Center:

SF LGBT Center
1800 Market Street
San Francisco CA 94102
Phone: (415) 865-5555 – Main Line
Email: info@sfcenter.org



EL/LA PARATRANSLATINAS

Trans Legal Survival Guide

The Trans Legal Survival Guide is designed to help trans individuals navigate legal protections and prepare for potential political and legal challenges. Developed by Advocates for Trans Equality (A4TE), this 17-page guide provides clear legal terminology, breaks down essential topics, and offers practical steps to safeguard rights and well-being.

Key Topics Covered:

- Changing your name and gender marker
- Setting up power of attorney
- End-of-life planning
- Updating your name on credit reports
- Parental and family protections
- Other essential legal protections

With growing anti-trans policies at the state and federal levels, taking proactive legal steps can help reduce risks and ensure greater security for trans individuals and their families.



Download or bookmark the Trans Legal Survival Guide:
[Trans Legal Survival Guide](#)



EL/LA PARA TRANSLATINAS

El/La Para TransLatinas is a safe space and a holistic support organization for transgender, intersex, and gender-diverse individuals from Latin America.

Services Provided:

Education

- Health promotion
- Workshops on educational topics and life skills
- Artistic expression

Support

- Individual peer counseling
- Connection and referrals to resources
- Resource navigation
- Guidance and support
- Connection and referrals for HIV testing
- Financial assistance for surgery

Professional Development and Leadership Programs

- Luchadoras
- TransLatina Workforce
- Workshop Facilitator Program
- Volunteering opportunities
- Events and social participation

El/La Para TransLatinas also offers additional programs tailored to meet the unique needs of its participants.



CALIFORNIA LGBTQ HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES NETWORK

Your Rights in California in Response to Recent Executive Orders

Authored by California LGBTQ+, Civil Rights, and Health Care Advocates

Following recent executive orders from the Trump administration that target transgender, gender-diverse, and intersex individuals, California remains committed to protecting its LGBTQ+ residents. State laws continue to provide strong anti-discrimination protections in schools, workplaces, healthcare, housing, and other areas.

Key protections include:

- Non-Discrimination – Businesses, schools, healthcare providers, and government entities cannot discriminate based on gender identity or expression.
- Education – Schools must respect students' gender identity, including name, pronoun use, and access to gender-appropriate facilities.
- Healthcare – Gender-affirming care is legally protected, and discrimination in medical settings is prohibited.
- Employment & Housing – Employers and landlords cannot discriminate based on gender identity or sexual orientation.
- Legal & Civil Protections – Individuals can update gender markers on IDs, and protections extend to foster care, long-term care, and prison housing.



CALIFORNIA LGBTQ HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES NETWORK

Although executive orders do not change California laws, federal agencies may attempt enforcement actions. If you face discrimination, document incidents and file complaints with the California Civil Rights Department, Department of Education, or Attorney General's Office.

For legal support, contact Lambda Legal, National Center for Lesbian Rights, Transgender Law Center, or local LGBTQ+ advocacy groups. Additional resources and complaint procedures are available through California government agencies.

For access to the full document, visit:
[Anti-Trans EOs Community Fact Sheet](#).



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Northwest Immigrant Rights Project
Office of Civic Engagement and Immigrant Affairs
PODER SF
San Francisco LGBT Center
The LGBT Asylum Project
The Women's Building