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MESSAGE FROM ILAP'S LEADERS

Dear Friends,

As we reflect on our work in 2024, we cannot ignore what has happened since that time. Horrific and unlawful immigration policies and Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE) activity have terrorized immigrant communities in Maine and beyond, completely changing our work. But the strong organizational foundation and programming our community of supporters helped us build in 2024—and the 30+ years before that—has prepared us for our current fight as we push back in immigration and federal courts, the legislature, and the media.

In 2024, ILAP staff and volunteers provided direct legal services and outreach to over **5,000** clients and reached thousands more through our robust website with translated self-help materials. *Pro bono* attorneys donated over **2,000** hours of their time, **valued at more than \$800,000**, assisting clients in their asylum and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) cases.

We continued to build on our core legal services while we expanded special projects to address emerging needs. We helped hundreds of clients through our monthly Change of Venue Clinic and Temporary Protected Status Clinics throughout the state. We met clients in their own communities through our Rural Maine Project, Immigrant Children's Project, and Asylum Assistance and Legal Orientation Project.



their rights and prepare for the expected increase in immigration enforcement.

We developed a Detention Project, in collaboration with the Refugee and Human Rights Clinic at the University of Maine School of Law, in response to a growing number of immigrants being detained in Maine. This groundwork helped us prepare for the unrelenting expansion of immigration detention we are seeing now.

We also worked alongside local and national partners on policy initiatives, including the Let Asylum Seekers Work Campaign in attempts to decrease the waiting period for asylum seekers to obtain work authorization. We led advocacy efforts with the Executive Office for Immigration Review in response to the opening of a new immigration court in Chelmsford, Massachusetts and some of our recommendations were implemented.

As we move forward, the collaborations, partnerships, and programming we developed in past years give us strength and resilience to fight back against the challenges we face now. And they will help us push forward until we reach our vision of a more just and humane immigration system.

Thank you for your partnership and support in these efforts!

In solidarity,





ILAP'S 2024 IMPACT

Legal Help. Education. Protection. Statewide Impact.

TOP CASE AREAS

1,119 asylum and removal defense

281 immigrant youth (SIJS)

278 Temporary Protected Status (TPS)

128 permanent residency

76 survivor-based relief



Services in
all 16
counties



Clients
from 70+
countries



SPECIAL PROGRAMS

323

immigrants in
underserved parts of
Maine received legal
support through our Rural
Maine Project

2,265

hours donated by 41 *pro
bono* attorneys to provide
free immigration legal
representation

370

asylum applications
completed through the
Asylum Assistance &
Legal Orientation Project
(AALOP)

99%+

success rate in full
representation cases with
final outcomes



5,214
individuals
served



2,470
received
direct legal
support



2,744
reached
through 119
education
events



214,469 users visited ILAP’s website, over half of which accessed translated legal information in French, Portuguese, Spanish, Lingala, Creole, Somali, and Arabic.

ADVOCACY HIGHLIGHTS

In 2024, ILAP advanced bold, collaborative advocacy to protect immigrant rights and expand access to justice—across Maine, New England, and nationwide.

At the national level, ILAP played a leading role in the Let Asylum Seekers Work campaign, successfully urging U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to automatically extend work permits. ILAP also helped drive bipartisan efforts—spearheaded by Representative Chellie Pingree—to shorten the mandatory waiting period before asylum seekers become eligible to work. At the same time, ILAP continued to push back against federal attempts to restrict access to asylum.

In partnership with organizations across New England, ILAP submitted urgent policy recommendations in response to the opening of a new immigration court in Chelmsford, Massachusetts. Proposals included clarifying the court's name and address, improving public transportation (which is nearly nonexistent), and eliminating barriers to accessing remote hearings.

Here in Maine, ILAP joined with the Maine Immigrants' Rights Coalition



agency dedicated to welcoming, supporting, and integrating new immigrants.

ILAP also continued its advocacy for:

- Greater protections for immigrant children
- Expanded access to safety net services for immigrant families
- Broader designation and support for Temporary Protected Status (TPS)
- Safeguards against labor exploitation and trafficking in rural areas
- Increased funding for civil legal aid in Maine

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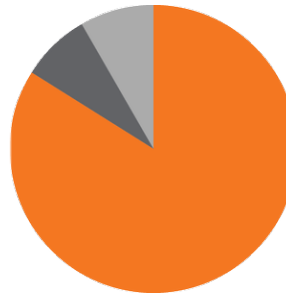
REVENUE

GRANTS	\$1,956,379
DONATIONS	\$1,285,913
IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS*	\$834,315
EVENTS, FEES & OTHER REVENUE	\$61,509
TOTAL	\$4,138,116





PROGRAM*	\$3,409,883
FUNDRAISING	\$330,442
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL	\$313,912
TOTAL	\$4,054,237
CHANGE IN ASSETS	\$83,879



**In-kind contributions and Program expenses include the value of donated pro bono attorney time.*

For transparency and accountability to our donors and supporters, ILAP undergoes annual external audits. The above information is from audited financial statements for January 1, 2024-December 31, 2024.

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IMMIGRANT JUSTICE

Want to protect immigrant families and help shape a more just future for Maine?

Here's how you can help today:



Donate

Help provide life-changing legal help and advocacy for immigrant families.



Connect

Sign up for our newsletter and follow us on Facebook or Instagram to stay informed and engaged with Maine's immigrant communities.



Advocate

Speak out and take action to protect immigrant rights and influence policy.



Volunteer

Use your time, skills, or legal expertise to support immigrant clients.



Thank you for partnering with ILAP to advance equity and justice for immigrants in Maine!

ILAP values all gifts of time, money and expertise, which is why you will see everyone who supports our work listed together—without categories to separate us. We are grateful to every one of you, including those listed, those who've chosen to remain anonymous, and those who have supported us year in and year out on our journey toward justice.

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