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Free Legal Services for People in Connecticut

Low-income Connecticut residents are invited to call for free legal assistance 1 (800) 453-3320. In the Middletown, Hartford and all other parts of the state Call 1 (860) 344-0380 for help with non-criminal legal problems.

For eligible clients, Statewide Legal Services:

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- Makes referrals to other legal services programs or attorneys for free legal representation

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- Social Security-Welfare-Government Benefits
- Consumer Issues-Bankruptcy
- Employment Issues

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Apply for Legal Aid online: www.apply.slsct.org

Funds for integration support for Ukrainian refugees in the U.S., helping to cover the legal costs of defending their rights as current immigration policies threaten their safety and security.



Proactive Planning for Immigrants & Their Families in Connecticut

Legalization Paths for Undocumented Individuals:

Below are common pathways for undocumented individuals to adjust their status or obtain legal immigration status in the U.S. **It's important to act quickly**, as some of these options may no longer be available under the new administration:

- **Provisional Waiver (I-601A)** – forgiveness for unlawful presence.
 - **Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)** – provides temporary relief from deportation & work authorization.
 - **Medical Deferred Action (Medical Extreme Cases)** – options for parents of sick or disabled children.
 - **Travel for DACA Applicants (Advance Parole)** – use I-131 ASAP (need for travel is for “humanitarian, education, or employment” purposes).
 - **Non-Immigrant Visa & Non-Immigrant Waiver (e.g., H-1B, F-1, J-1)** – serving the 3- or 10-Year Reentry Bar in full or part on the U.S. soil regardless of the person's location or how they return.
 - **The Fairness for Legal Immigrant Families Act (245i)**
 - **Cancellation of Removal (42B)**
 - **VAWA (Violence Against Women Act)** – Abused Spouses, Children, & Parents of U.S. Citizens / LPRs.
 - **T & U Visas and Adjustment** – available for victims of human trafficking (T visa) or certain crimes (U visa), offering temporary relief & a path to permanent residency for cooperating with law enforcement.
 - **Asylum (within 1 year) / Convention Against Torture / Withholding of Removal** – individuals fleeing persecution in their home country can apply for asylum. If granted, they may live & work in the U.S. and later apply for a green card.
 - **Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS)** – for minors who have been abused, abandoned, or neglected by one or both parents. SIJS provides a pathway to a green card.
 - **Military Parole in Place (PIP)** – family members of U.S. military personnel may apply for parole to adjust their status & apply for a green card without leaving the U.S.
 - **TPS (Afghanistan, Burma (Myanmar), Cameroon, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Haiti, Honduras, Lebanon, Nepal, Nicaragua, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Syria, Ukraine, Venezuela, Yemen)**
 - **U4U & Re-Parole / Humanitarian Parole / Processes for Cubans, Haitians, Nicaraguans, & Venezuelans**
 - **Employment-Based I-140 + I-601A** – using USC / LPR Parents as qualifying relative.
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Important Considerations for Immigrant Families in Connecticut:

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- **Consult an Immigration Attorney**
To avoid unlicensed immigration help, make sure the attorney you choose is properly licensed. You can verify a lawyer's credentials at <https://www.avvo.com/find-a-lawyer>.
 - **Connecticut Resources for Families:**
 - **ICE Detainee Locator:** Track detained family members at [locator.ice.gov](https://locator.ice.dhs.gov)
 - **Connecticut Probate Courts:** Access guardianship forms at ctprobate.gov
 - **Know Your Constitutional Rights**
 - **Due Process (5th & 6th Amendments):** Right to be informed of charges, to access an attorney, and to present evidence in court.
 - **Protection from Unreasonable Searches (4th Amendment):** No searches without probable cause (except for border searches).
 - **Right to Remain Silent (5th Amendment):** You have the right to avoid self-incrimination.
 - **Right to Education (14th Amendment):** All children, regardless of immigration status, have the right to attend public schools.
 - **Right to File Lawsuits:** Undocumented individuals can file lawsuits in federal court (and some state courts).
 - **Before Signing Anything, Consult a Lawyer**
Be cautious if ICE asks you to sign documents waiving your right to an attorney or judge. Always understand what you're signing.
 - **The Connecticut Trust Act (2013)**
This law limits what information local & state law enforcement can share with the federal government, preventing detentions based solely on immigration status unless there's a serious criminal conviction.
 - **Carry Valid Immigration Documents**
Always carry your valid immigration documents (e.g., work permit, green card) for identification. Avoid carrying foreign passports without valid visa, as they could be used against you in deportation proceedings.
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Plan for Possible ICE Arrest:

- **If You Have Children:**
Inform ICE if you're the primary caregiver of a U.S. citizen or permanent resident child under 18, as they may choose to release you.
 - **Create a Safety Plan:**
 - Memorize emergency contact numbers (family, friend, attorney).
 - Arrange care for children or dependents if you are detained.
 - Store important documents (e.g., birth certificates, immigration papers) in a secure location.
 - Use the ICE Detainee Locator at [locator.ice.gov/odls/#/search](https://locator.ice.dhs.gov/odls/#/search) or call the local ICE office to track your location if detained.
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Planificación proactiva para inmigrantes y sus familias en Connecticut

Formas de Legalización para personas indocumentadas:

A continuación se presentan las vías comunes para que las personas indocumentadas ajusten su estatus u obtengan un estatus migratorio legal en los EE. UU. **Es importante actuar rápidamente**, ya que es posible que algunas de estas opciones ya no estén disponibles bajo la nueva administración:

- **Perdón Provisional (I-601A)** – perdón por presencia ilegal.
- **Acción Diferida para los Llegados en la Infancia (DACA)** : proporciona alivio temporal de la deportación y autorización de trabajo.
- **Acción Diferida Médica** (Casos Médicos Extremos): opciones para padres de niños enfermos o discapacitados.
- **Viaje para los solicitantes de DACA (Advance Parole)**: use el I-131 lo antes posible (la necesidad de viajar es con fines "humanitarios, educativos o de empleo").
- **Visa de No Inmigrante y Exención de No Inmigrante (por ejemplo, H-1B, F-1, J-1)**: cumple con la Prohibición de Reingreso de 3 o 10 años en su totalidad o en parte en suelo estadounidense, independientemente de la ubicación de la persona o de cómo regrese.
- **La Ley de Equidad para las Familias de Inmigrantes Legales (245i)**
- **Cancelación de Deportación (42B)**
- **VAWA (Ley de Violencia contra la Mujer)** - Cónyuges, hijos y padres maltratados de ciudadanos estadounidenses / LPR.
- **Visas T & U y Ajuste** : disponibles para víctimas de tráfico de personas (visa T) o ciertos delitos (visa U), que ofrecen alivio temporal y un camino hacia la residencia permanente para cooperar con las fuerzas del orden.
- **Asilo (dentro de 1 año) / Convención contra la Tortura / Suspensión de la Deportación** : las personas que huyen de la persecución en su país de origen pueden solicitar asilo. Si se les otorga, pueden vivir y trabajar en los EE. UU. y luego solicitar una tarjeta verde.
- **Estatus Especial de Inmigrante Juvenil (SIJS)**: para menores que han sido abusados, abandonados o descuidados por uno o ambos padres. SIJS proporciona un camino hacia una tarjeta verde.
- **Los familiares del personal militar de los EE. UU.** pueden solicitar el permiso de permanencia temporal para ajustar su estado y solicitar una tarjeta verde sin salir de los EE. UU.
- **TPS** (Afganistán, Birmania (Myanmar), Camerún, El Salvador, Etiopía, Haití, Honduras, Líbano, Nepal, Nicaragua, Somalia, Sudán del Sur, Sudán, Siria, Ucrania, Venezuela, Yemen)
- **U4U y Re-Parole / Parole Humanitario / Procesos para Cubanos, Haitianos, Nicaragüenses y Venezolanos**
- **Basado en el empleo I-140 + I-601A** - utilizando a los padres USC / LPR como pariente calificado.

Consideraciones Importantes para las Familias Inmigrantes en Connecticut:

- **Consulte a un abogado de inmigración**
Para evitar la ayuda de inmigración sin licencia, asegúrese de que el abogado que elija tenga la

licencia adecuada. Puede verificar las credenciales de un abogado en <https://www.avvo.com/find-a-lawyer>.

➤ **Recursos de Connecticut para familias:**

- **Localizador de detenidos de ICE:** Rastree a los familiares detenidos en locator.ice.gov
- **Tribunales de sucesiones de Connecticut:** Acceda a los formularios de tutela en ctprobate.gov

➤ **Conozca sus derechos constitucionales**

- **Debido Proceso (5ª y 6ª Enmiendas):** Derecho a ser informado de los cargos, a acceder a un abogado y a presentar pruebas en el tribunal.
- **Protección contra registros irrazonables (4ª Enmienda):** No se permiten registros sin causa probable (excepto los registros fronterizos).
- **Derecho a permanecer en silencio (5ª Enmienda):** Tiene derecho a evitar la autoincriminación.
- **Derecho a la Educación (14ª Enmienda):** Todos los niños, independientemente de su estatus migratorio, tienen derecho a asistir a las escuelas públicas.
- **Derecho a presentar demandas:** Las personas indocumentadas pueden presentar demandas en un tribunal federal (y en algunos tribunales estatales).

➤ **Antes de firmar cualquier cosa, consulte a un abogado**

Tenga cuidado si ICE le pide que firme documentos renunciando a su derecho a un abogado o juez. Entiende siempre lo que estás firmando.

➤ **La Ley de Confianza de Connecticut (2013)**

Esta ley limita la información que las fuerzas del orden locales y estatales pueden compartir con el gobierno federal, evitando las detenciones basadas únicamente en el estatus migratorio a menos que haya una condena penal grave.

➤ **Lleve consigo documentos de inmigración válidos. Siempre lleve consigo sus documentos de inmigración válidos (por ejemplo, permiso de trabajo, tarjeta verde) para identificarse. Evite llevar pasaportes extranjeros sin una visa válida, ya que podrían ser utilizados en su contra en los procedimientos de deportación.**

Plan para un posible arresto de ICE:

➤ **Si tiene hijos:**

Informe a ICE si usted es el cuidador principal de un niño menor de 18 años, ciudadano estadounidense o residente permanente, ya que pueden optar por liberarlo.

➤ **Crea un plan de seguridad:**

- Memorice los números de contacto de emergencia (familiares, amigos, abogados).
 - Organizar el cuidado de los hijos o dependientes si está detenido.
 - Guarde los documentos importantes (por ejemplo, certificados de nacimiento, documentos de inmigración) en un lugar seguro.
 - Use el Localizador de Detenidos de ICE en locator.ice.gov/odls/#/search o llame a la oficina local de ICE para rastrear su ubicación si está detenido.
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