

Non-Profit Immigration Legal Service Organizations in L.A. and O.C.

- 1. Access California Services:** 631 S. Brookhurst St. Suite 107, Anaheim, CA 92804. (714)917-0440

Areas of legal assistance: Adjustment of Status, Asylum applications, Consular processing, DACA, Employment authorization, Employment-based immigrant and non-immigrant petitions, Family-based petitions, Naturalization/Citizenship, T visas, Fiancé(e) visas, Temporary Protected Status (TPS), U visas, Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) petitions

Legal assistance offered: Help completing forms, citizenship preparation classes and materials, filings with USCIS, representation before the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA).

Eligibility and Cost: Services are provided through nominal fees, which are determined on a case-by-case basis.

Events: Host Citizenship Classes throughout the month. Classes provide civics instruction for those preparing for naturalization.
- 2. Catholic Charities of Los Angeles – Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project:** 1530 James Wood Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90015. (213)251-3505

Areas of legal assistance: Asylum applications, removal hearings, special Immigrant Juvenile Status, T visas, U visas

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)

Eligibility and Cost: Pro bono representation for unaccompanied children, most often those who are survivors of domestic and gang-based violence and adults detained at Adelanto Detention facility with mental illnesses. The Affordable Services Program is focused on helping adult, juvenile, and child immigrants with a criminal or alleged gang history, victims of crime, domestic violence, or trafficking, or with a particularly complicated immigration history. The consultation fee is \$60.

Events: Immigration Court Help Desk is a program consisting of information sessions and self-help workshops for unrepresented adults and families facing removal proceedings at the Los Angeles Immigration Court. The individual information sessions walk-ins are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30am-12pm, 1:30 pm-4pm.
- 3. Catholic Charities of Los Angeles – Immigration & Refugee Services (Los Angeles Office):** 1530 James Wood Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90015. (213)251-3411. Services available in Spanish, English, Vietnamese, Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese), and Farsi

Areas of legal assistance: DACA, Family-based petitions, Naturalization/Citizenship, Adjustment of Status, Consular Processing

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

Eligibility and Cost: They serve people regardless of race, gender or religious belief with a focus on helping low to middle income, underrepresented people. They charge a nominal fee for their immigration services.

Events: Bi-weekly Citizenship workshops, must call number above to register.
- 4. Catholic Charities of Orange County – Immigration, Citizenship Program:** 1820 E. 16th St. Santa Ana, CA 92701. (714)347-9664

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Types of legal assistance: Help completing forms, filings with USCIS, representation before the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA)

5. **Central American Resource Center (CARECEN):** 2845 W. 7th St. Los Angeles, CA 90005. (213)385-7800

Areas of legal assistance: Adjustment of Status, Asylum applications, Consular Processing, DACA, Employment Authorization, Family-based petitions, NACARA, Naturalization/Citizenship, Removal hearings, T visas, TPS, U visas, VAWA petitions, FOIA requests, TPS renewals

Types of legal assistance: Help completing forms, filings with USCIS, representation at Asylum interviews (Credible Fear Interviews, Reasonable Fear Interviews), Representation before Immigration court, Representation before the BIA, Federal court appeals

Eligibility and Cost: This organization focuses on helping immigrants from Central America. Their initial consultation fee is \$50 and any follow up fees for further legal services are case-based.

Events: Citizenship classes. Enrollment is open and continuous.

6. **Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles:** 2533 W. 3rd St. Suite 101, Los Angeles, CA. (213)365-1906

Areas of legal assistance: Adjustment of Status, DACA, VAWA petitions, Family-based petitions, NACARA, Naturalization/Citizenship, Removal hearings, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, T visas, TPS, U visas

Types of Legal assistance: Help completing forms, filings with USCIS, representation before the Immigration Court, representation before the BIA

Eligibility and Cost: Immigration legal service consultations are \$40 per person and walk-ins are taken on Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday at 8 am.

Events: Know Your Rights presentations, outreach campaigns, call their immigrant assistance hotline at 1-888-624-4752, bilingual referral specialists available Monday through Friday 9am-5pm for info on upcoming programs.

7. **El Rescate Legal Services:** 1501 W. 8th St. Suite 100, Los Angeles, CA 90017. (213)387-3284

Areas of legal assistance: Adjustment of Status, Asylum applications, Consular Processing, DACA, Employment authorization, Family-based petitions, Naturalization/Citizenship, Removal hearings, U visas, VAWA petitions, FOIA requests, Advance Parole

Types of legal assistance: Help completing form, filings with USCIS, Representation at Asylum Interviews (credible fear interviews, reasonable fear interviews), representation before Immigration Court

Eligibility and Cost: Their services are open to all individuals despite gender, sexual preference, religion or ethnic background with a focus on those who cannot afford legal aid and are in non-legal immigration status. Services are low cost depending on the type of case.

Events: Charlas are held every Wednesday at 2pm, the staff gives a brief overview of current immigration law issues relevant to the need of their clients. After the presentation the staff and

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volunteer attorneys offer all individuals in attendance the opportunity to receive a short legal consultation.

8. **Immigrant Defenders Law Center:** 634 S. Spring St. 10th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90014. (213)634-0999
Areas of legal assistance: Adjustment of Status, Asylum applications, Family-based petitions, Removal hearings, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, T visas, U visas
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 BIA
Eligibility and Cost: Representation to mentally incompetent adults and unaccompanied children who are facing deportation proceedings. These services are free of charge.
9. **Immigration Center for Women and Children (Los Angeles Office):** 634 S. Spring St. Suite 727, Los Angeles, CA 90014. (213)614-1165
Areas of legal assistance: DACA, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, T visas, U visas, VAWA petitions
Types of legal assistance: Help completing forms, Filings with USCIS, Representation before the Immigration Court
Eligibility and Cost: They provide services for women and children who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or other crimes. Their services are provided on a sliding scale fee system that is based on income and family size.
10. **Kids in Need of Defense (Los Angeles Office):** 350 South Grand Ave, 32nd Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90071. (213)892-2043
Services for unaccompanied children: Adjustment of Status, Asylum applications, Removal hearings, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, T visas, U visas
Types of legal assistance: Representation at asylum interviews and representation before the Immigration Court
Eligibility and Cost: They offer free services to unaccompanied refugee and immigrant children
11. **Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (West Office):** 1102 Crenshaw Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90019. (323)801-7989
Areas of legal assistance: Adjustment of Status, Asylum applications, Consular Processing, DACA, Employment authorization, Family-based petitions, Naturalization/Citizenship, Removal hearings, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, T visas, U visas, VAWA petitions, Deportation Defense
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 BIA, Federal court appeals
12. **Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles (Pacoima Office):** 13327 Van Nuys Blvd. Pacoima, CA 91331. 1-800-433-6251
Areas of legal assistance: Adjustment of Status, Asylum applications, Family-based petitions, Naturalization/Citizenship, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, T visas, U visas, VAWA petitions

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Eligibility and Cost: They provide free legal service for low-income individuals and immigrants who are survivors of domestic violence.

13. **Orange County Communities Organized for Responsible Development (OCCORD):** 13252 Garden Grove Blvd. #204, Garden Grove, CA 92843. (714)621-0919

Areas of legal assistance: DACA and Citizenship/Naturalization

Types of legal assistance: Provides citizenship assistance and teaches preparation classes for the citizenship interview.

Eligibility and Cost: Must be a resident of Orange County to receive their free legal services, which are provided through their scheduled clinics and fairs.

Events: Citizenship Fair, February 25, 2017 from 9 am to 12 pm at North Orange Community College District: 1830 W. Romneya Dr. Anaheim, CA 92801. Must call and make an appointment to attend, at the number above, ext. 13.

14. **Public Counsel – Immigrants’ Rights Project:** 610 S. Ardmore Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90005. (213)385-2977 ext. 296

Areas of legal assistance: Asylum applications, Services for detained immigrants at the Santa Ana City Jail, Removal hearings, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, T visas, U visas, VAWA petitions

Types of legal assistance: Filings with USCIS, Representation before the Immigration Court Representation before the BIA, Federal court appeals

Eligibility and Cost: Services offered to asylum seekers and victims of crime. Services are offered to low-income individuals.

15. **Public Law Center:** 601 Civic Center Dr. W, Santa Ana, CA 92701. (714)541-1010

Areas of legal assistance: DACA, Employment authorization, Naturalization/Citizenship, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, T visas, U visas, VAWA petitions, Asylum applications

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 BIA, Federal court appeals

Eligibility and Cost: Services are free for low-income and vulnerable residents of Orange County seeking their services.

16. **World Relief (Garden Grove/Southern California Office):** 13121 Brookhurst St. Suite G and H, Garden Grove, CA 92843. (714)210-4730

Areas of legal assistance: Adjustment of Status, Asylum applications, Consular Processing, DACA, Employment authorization, Employment-based immigrant and non-immigrant petitions, Family-based petitions, Naturalization/Citizenship, T visas, U visas, VAWA petitions

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

Eligibility and Cost: Services are available to immigrants at a low cost depending on the type of case.