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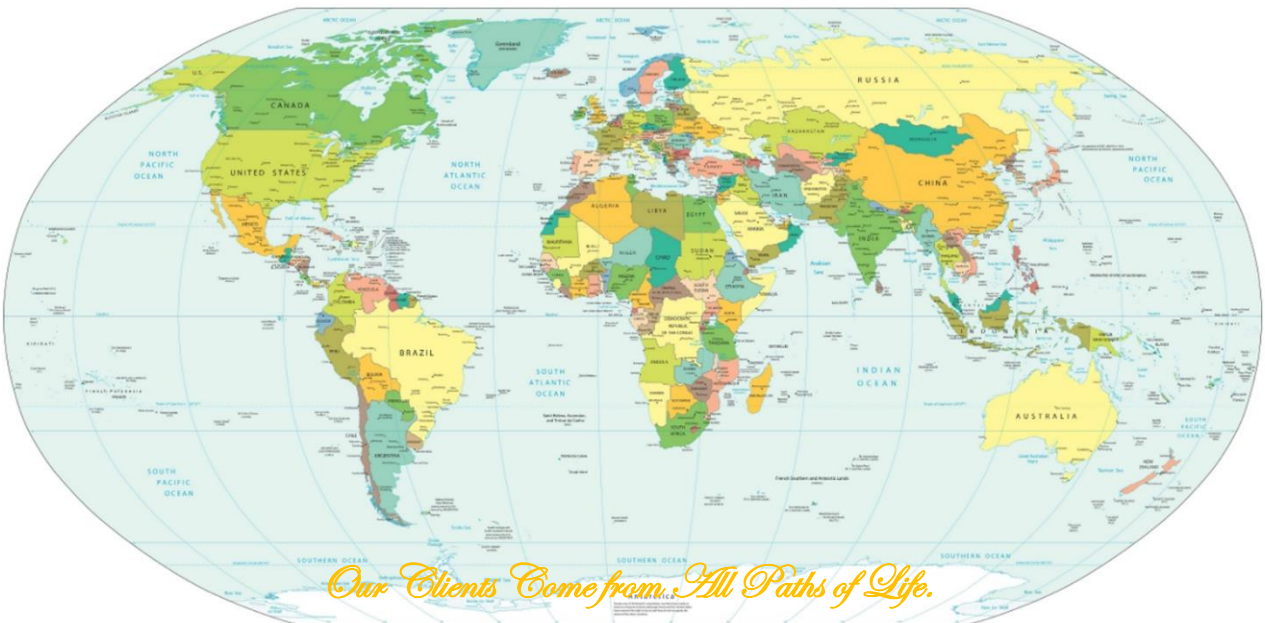
Legal representation and immigration services to those who come to South Florida from foreign lands;

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Professional assistance to those who lack sufficient means to obtain legal help; and

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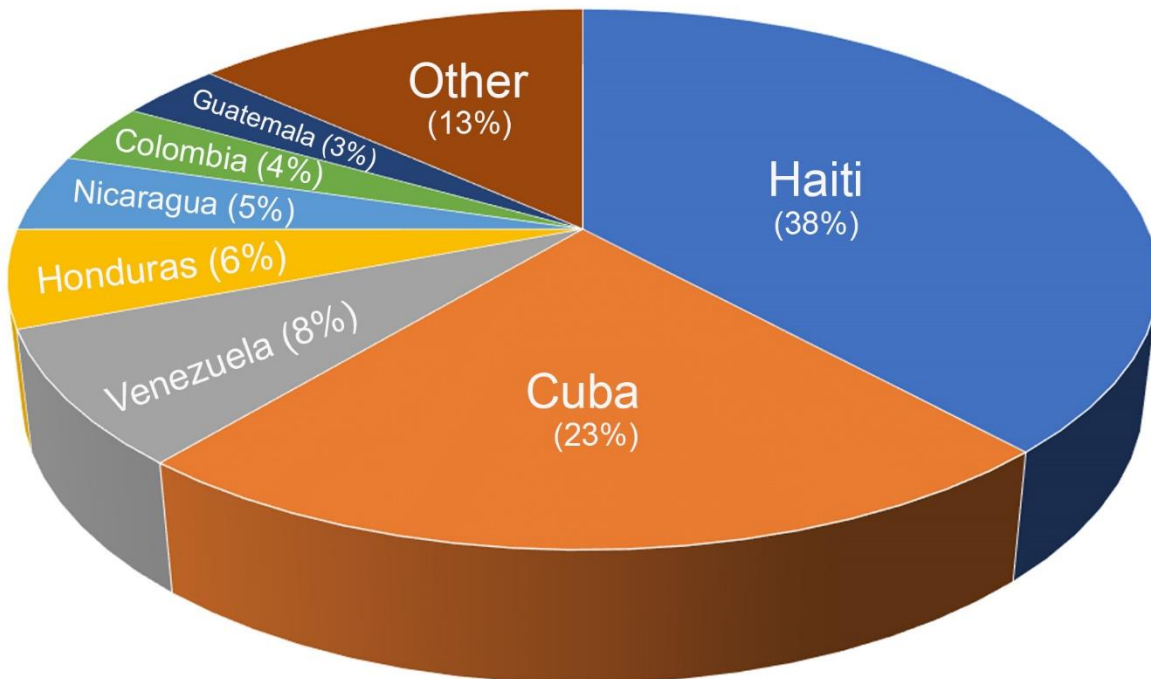
Quality services without regard to faith, race, national origin, or any other distinguishing characteristic.





"I was eyes to the blind, and feet to the lame. I was a father to the needy, and I championed the cause of the stranger. I broke the fangs of the unrighteous and made them drop their prey from their teeth." —Job 29:15-17

Incorporated in 1998, Catholic Charities Legal Services, Archdiocese of Miami, Inc. (hereafter "CCLS") is a nationally recognized agency with an experienced team of attorneys and immigration professionals and whose mission is to provide professional legal services, both application assistance and attorney representation before the Citizenship and Immigration Services, the Immigration Courts and the Board of Immigration Appeals, to those who come from foreign lands who lack sufficient means to obtain representation without regard to faith or national origin. In addition to its professional competencies, CCLS' staff reflects the diversity of the population it serves, allowing for culturally sensitive and linguistically appropriate services. In 2021, CCLS served clients from over 120 different countries and territories.



"Despite our varied origins – we trace our ancestry from all the continents of the world – and despite our partisan or political differences, we are still 'one nation under God with liberty and justice for all'."
 —Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski, Miami, FL, January 2021

MIAMI OFFICE

Refugee Assistance (Legal) Program

The (RS) Refugee Assistance Program is federally funded by the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) within the Department of Health and Human Services. It is administered in Florida by the Department of Children & Families to provide various services to refugees. Our program is funded to provide employment related immigration services to refugees, asylees, Cuban and Haitian Entrants, and others. In 2021, we provided 884 services for 639 new clients under this program.

Hope & Life: *"Israel" and his wife are natives and citizens of Cuba. Even though they fled Cuba together and sought refuge in the United States in December 2019, their cases were separated in immigration court. When they came to Catholic Charities Legal Services seeking legal representation in immigration court, our attorneys had to decide whether to consolidate their cases, because even though they had individual political asylum claims, they also had political asylum claims partly based on the fact they were married. Israel and his wife were not able to have children, because the government denied medical treatment to help treat infertility issues. The issue became more pressing when Israel was served with scheduling orders ordering him to present his entire asylum case by a strict deadline; the judge was getting ready to schedule an individual hearing. Fortunately, at the same time, our office was working on Israel and his wife's adjustment of status based on the Cuban Adjustment Act. Because we had not heard back on the status of their adjustments, our attorneys continued to work diligently to prepare a second notice of filing presenting all the evidence of the persecution Israel suffered in Cuba. However, three days before Israel's notice of filing was due, Israel and his wife received their green cards! Our attorneys were able to prepare and file motions to terminate court proceedings for Israel and his wife before the scheduling orders deadline.*

Thanks to the Refugee Assistance Program funds, Catholic Charities Legal Services, Archdiocese of Miami, Inc. was able to assist Israel and his wife with their immigration cases so that they can begin to look forward to their new lives in the United States.

Cuban Nationals Project

This project provides legal assistance and accepts referrals. Staff assist with work permits, parole requests, and fee waiver requests for recent Cuban arrivals in order for them to have the rights tools to start their new life in the United States. We provide assistance to this same population with their adjustment of status applications after a year of their arrival so they can become legal permanent residents. Subsequently, after their five years as legal permanent residents, we provide them assistance for naturalization. The program assists Cuban nationals who are legal permanent residence or U.S. citizens to reunify with their family member who are in Cuba through family petitions.

In 2021, CCLS has assisted Cubans who were formally part of the MPP (Migrant Protection Program) and were in 2021 paroled in filing motions to change venue (COV), asylum applications with the Department of Justice and USCIS, work permits and Cuban adjustment applications. In 2021, we have completed 884

services under the Refugee Assistance Program grant, where 731 were Cuban nationals. CCLS has assisted 130 individuals with their adjustment of status and naturalization applications, where 38 of those services were rendered to asylee clients.

Managed-Service Program

The Managed-Service Program provides low cost and free legal services for clients who do not qualify under one of the agency's many grants. During calendar year 2021, the Managed-Service Program ("MSP") provided 6,630 services for 4,280 new clients. More than two-thirds of services – accounting for 68% of total services provided – were applications for employment authorization (28%), attorney consultations (21%), and TPS applications (19%). The MSP also did a significant number of travel document requests (170 services) and family petitions (145 services). We provided more than 85 different types of services under the Managed-Service Program during 2021. Nonetheless, most of the services are still in progress (64%).

Some of the program's biggest impact comes from representing individuals in removal proceedings.

Hope & Life: *"Claudette," a foreign national facing deportation, successfully had her removal proceedings administratively closed once we demonstrated she clearly qualified for TPS. She now has a work permit, is gainfully employed, and volunteers her free time with her local church.*

Hope & Life: *"Maikol," a lawful permanent resident - who during a brief lapse of judgment committed a mistake many years ago - was able to remain in the US with his family and not be deported to a country with a totalitarian regime. He is thankful that the expertise, experience, and goodwill of the agency allowed him the opportunity to remain in the land of the free.*

While most of the clients the program serves can afford a nominal fee for services, capacity to assist clients on a Pro-Bono basis would help reach those who are truly and completely destitute. We can accomplish that goal through the generous support of our donors and funders.

Special Projects:

Creole Know Your Rights Presentation (Special Del Rio Haitian Project- Notre Dame)

The program provides Know Your Rights presentation ("KYR") to recent arrival Haitian Migrants. The KYR presentation for the Haitian community is similar to the pilot presentation Catholic Charities Legal Services, Archdiocese of Miami, Inc. ("CCLS") offered to migrants from Brazil in 2017. The KYR presentation is a guide to immigrants' rights when interacting with law enforcement – they have rights regardless of their immigration status. CCLS conducted monthly creole KYR at the Miami office, serving 5-10 clients a month. In June of 2021, CCLS noticed an influx of Haitian migrants entering through the



Thanksgiving Drive 2021 at Notre Dame – From the left Supervising Attorney Deborah Sainvil, Attorney Cassandre Damas, Senior Paralegal Cassy Pierre, CEO Randy McGrorty, COO Myriam Mezadieu, Senior Paralegal Onel Joseph

Del Rio Texas border seeking legal help. This resulted in a rise in the number of migrants seeking immigration services from CCLS. CCLS immediately expanded the KYR to a “Special Project to respond to the Del Rio Haitian migrant’s crisis.” To respond to the increasing demands for immigration services, to service more individuals, and to comply with the CDC guidelines, CCLS relocated its KYRs from the Miami office to Notre Dame D’Haiti Catholic Parish Hall in Little Haiti, an off-site location. CCLS conducted a weekly KYR presentation that served 20-40 migrants each session: an average of 85-120 respondents a month. Following the KYR, Creole-speaking CCLS

attorneys consulted one-on-one with everyone present.

The weekly KYR provides legal screening/intake, legal orientations, a friend of court services when needed, pro-bono attorney consultations, and pro se assistance to thousands of Haitian migrants facing removal without legal representation in Immigration Court and who must report to Immigration Customs Enforcement (“ICE”). The weekly KYR also provides referrals to social services around the community.

“Diversity – rather than being seen as a gift – is feared and often blamed for our divisions.”

— Archbishop Thomas Wenski, Miami, FL, January 9, 2022

Goals



Thanksgiving Drive 2021 at Notre Dame – Recent Arrival Haitian from Del Rio and Child with CEO Randy McGrorty

As CCLS continues to provide immigration services to the Haitian migrant community, we are working on conducting monthly pro se asylum clinics for unrepresented individuals in removal proceedings who are close to reaching their one-year asylum deadlines. CCLS needs private attorneys to volunteer their time at the clinic to assist unrepresented Haitian migrants to complete their asylum application pro-se, at the same time, it would best for such attorneys to provide full pro bono representation to these clients.

CCLS is planning to resume its weekly KYRs at its Miami office. The dream is to have enough attorneys

to provide full representation/ Our vision is to have enough attorneys to take on these cases pro bono or at a low rate because, unfortunately, most of these migrants cannot afford a private attorney.

Intakes:

- January – December, approximately 1,429 (Overall)
- June – December, approximately 1,085 (Notre Dame Catholic Parish Hall)

Hope & Life: *My name is “Nivia.” I recently entered the United States. I was referred to Catholic Charities Legal Services for help with my immigration matter. I attended the immigration session they were hosting at the Notre Dame Catholic Parish Hall. Following the session, I was able to talk to an attorney. I had Court the following week in Puerto Rico. I did not have the means to travel. I was afraid because I did not want to miss my day in Court, worst, to be ordered removed. (I had learned that could happen from the presentation) The attorney took it upon herself to contact the Court in Puerto Rico for me. She requested that the Judge allow me to appear via video or telephonically. She followed up on my case. Not only did she get the judge to allow me to attend my hearing virtually, but she allowed me to return to Notre Dame and assisted me through the hearing. She made sure the Judge changed my Court location for my next hearing to Miami. I am beyond grateful I attended this immigration session at Catholic Charities Legal Services.*



KYR at Notre Dame

Intensive Supervision Appearance Program (ISAP) - Alternatives to Detention (ATD) Know Your Rights Presentations (KYR) (ISAP/ATD KYR)

In response to the Haitian migrant crisis, CCLS collaborated with ISAP and ADT to conduct monthly

virtual KYRs for migrants who were under ISAP or ADT's supervision. Participation ranged from 5-15 attendees per session. The participants were provided to CCLS by ISAP and ADT program. Since many of the participants were under the ISAP or ADT program, that created an obstacle for them to leave their homes to find legal assistance. The KYRs allowed the participants to receive limited amount of information that helped them understand the removal proceedings system in which they were currently in. The ISAP/ATD KYRs were a condensed generic version of the overall information of the immigration system for people in removal proceedings. Although no one-on-one consultations or additional immigration services were provided, the KYRs were followed by a Q&A session.

CCLS Staff: *"The KYRs are extremely rewarding because they not only teach Haitian migrants about their rights but learning about their rights from immigration attorneys protects them from being victims to the misinformation that they are hearing outside in the community."*

CCLS Staff: *"I feel privileged to be part of the CCLS outreach program at Notre Dame d'Haiti Catholic Parish Hall. So many families, especially the new entrants, who cannot afford private attorneys were able to get quality advice from our knowledgeable staff and get their immigration matters in order in many instances. It is a great blessing for us and the Haitian community."*

Temporary Protected Status (TPS)

TPS Notre Dame D'Haiti Catholic Parish Hall

The Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security's re-designation of TPS for Venezuelans on March 9, 2021, made approximately 323,000 Venezuelan eligible for TPS; greatly impacting our community. Then, the Haiti redesignation on May 21, 2021, and later extended to July 29, 2021, made an estimated 155,000 Haitians eligible for TPS as well. Due to COVID pandemic, it was hard to meet the demands of the migrant community at the Miami CCLS office. The Venezuelan community was more equipped to be served virtually. However, given the fact that most of the Haitian migrants were recent arrivals and had little to no access to technology, in addition to the limited creole speaking staff available, CCLS temporarily opened a satellite location which was better equipped to serve the Haitian community. In June 2021, CCLS began the TPS program at Notre Dame D'Haiti Catholic Parish Hall in Little Haiti. As of March 2022, CCLS continues to operate out of its satellite location offering TPS related services, outreach to inform individuals about their eligibility to file for TPS, along with various other immigration services.

We extend our gratitude to Notre Dame D'Haiti Catholic Church personnel for opening the doors of their home to accommodate CCLS to be able to offer services to the Haitian migrant community.

Miami Dade County TPS Grant

In October of 2021, CCLS partnered with other organizations (ONA; AIJ; HUF; SANT LA; HLA; FLIC) for the Miami Dade County TPS (Temporary Protected Status) Grants. The MDC TPS program assists with legal consultations and assists eligible clients complete their TPS applications. The program expanded from application assistance to serving TPS-eligible clients beyond the application stages.

We assisted with additional forms in relation to the TPS application. We conducted follow-ups that included, but were not limited to, requests for evidence for TPS or TPS-related applications, rejection notices, waivers, motions, and court representation for those in removal proceedings.

The program also included monthly TPS clinics with our collaborators every third week of each month



from Thursday to Saturday. During the clinic, we offered a hybrid program for virtual and in-person services (at various locations) in order to make it accessible to the different demographics and to comply with the CDC guidelines. In addition, we provided legal reviews for partner organizations, and supervision and training for legal volunteers on-site and virtually.

Further, we assisted weekly off-site services at various locations such as the Joseph Caleb Center and Sant La, and any other physical locations designated by the Collaborative to assist TPS applicants and partner referrals with complicated cases.

Overall, CCLS has completed over a thousand TPS applications and/or TPS related services individually and with our collaborators. Thank you to Miami-Dade County for the generous grant which allowed us to expand the services we offered to client inside and outside of the office.

<i>2021 TPS RELATED SERVICES</i>	
Service	Total Completed
I-821 (TPS for Haiti)	864
I-821 (TPS for Haitian Children)	77
I-821 (TPS for Venezuela)	264
I-821 (TPS for Venezuelan Children)	23
Any other TPS	80
I-765 Application for Employment (TPS-Haiti)	736
I-765 Application for Employment (TPS-Venezuela)	117

Hope & Life: *"I want to applaud Catholic Charities Legal Services ("CCLS") for their work for the immigrant community. My family and I went to CCLS for help to complete our TPS application. When I arrived, I did not realize that we had to pay a hefty price to the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services "USCIS" to apply. We were a family of 3, and my wife was pregnant at the time. Neither of us was employed because we do not have work authorization. Thus, we did not have the filing fee. A staff at CCLS looked over our paperwork and realized we were eligible to file for a fee waiver to complete the TPS applications along with the work authorization form. They completed a fee waiver for each member of my family. It saved us \$1,100.00, which we did not have. We received our TPS receipts and completed our biometrics. I am entirely grateful."* -Sampson Holy-Flower



Senior paralegal Cassy Pierre to the far left standing, and senior paralegal Onel Joseph to the center seating, while screening, assisting and completing TPS applications at Notre Dame.

Naturalization Project

In 2021, Catholic Charities Legal Services continued to partner with other organizations as part of the New Americans Campaign (NAC). In addition to the partnerships fostered by the NAC, CCLS partnered with the Miami Dade Office of New Americans (ONA). Together with the ONA, CCLS and NAC hosted a virtual citizenship clinic to assist eligible lawful permanent residents apply for naturalization. Through this partnership, led by CCLS, the collaborative has successfully assisted thousands of lawful permanent residents realize their dreams of becoming US citizens.



Labre Project



The Labre Project serves Miami-Dade County's Homeless Population. The primary purpose of the program is to help homeless individuals get their renewed work permits and residency cards, which are

essential to accessing public benefits. This has been a challenging year for the project as stringent ID requirements from the Real ID law, coupled with unprecedented processing delays at USCIS, have made acquiring routine ID cards difficult for the County's noncitizen population. As many clients have told us, *"Without my ID card, I can't get my disability benefits, and I could even lose my house."* Continuing this important work is essential for making sure that the Miami-Dade Homeless Community has access to basic resources.

Successes -

- a. In the 2021 Calendar Year, the program provided 541 individual services for 299 people. Given the limitations of the pandemic, we are proud of this team's commitment to this population.
- b. The program is already on track to exceed those numbers for this year, having provided 186 services to 108 people in the first quarter alone.
- c. Our primary partners are Camillus House, Lotus House, and the Chapman Partnership's three locations (Chapman North, South, and MiaCasa).

Finances and Donors – *the Program is grateful to the City of Miami for a generous \$36,000 donation to the program from the Anti-Poverty Initiative (API) program funds. The Program continues seeking new partners to help us invest new resources to provide more complete assistance to this underserved population.*

Program Goals for this Year – the Program hopes to raise \$150,000 this year in order to fully fund one FTE attorney and paralegal, which may actually be divided among several people. Another goal is for the program to branch out into representing noncitizens before Social Security and other federal agencies. There is a gap in service for noncitizens because current federal funding for nonprofit legal providers specifically excludes noncitizens. Given that Miami has a unique, aging immigrant population that is technically eligible for public benefits, there is going to be a growing need for representation in this area.

How can you help? – it's important to understand how much of the homeless problem in Miami-Dade County is due to bureaucratic processing requirements and delays. Those who want to help improve the homelessness issue in our community can donate to the program and can also advocate for universal ID cards and more user-friendly public benefits portals.

Programs for Children & Family

Unaccompanied Children's Program

The UCP Program provides direct representation to our most vulnerable clients, unaccompanied children, who have crossed the southern border alone seeking asylum and safety in the United States. In 2021, they added 66 new clients and currently represent 380 children and young adults in the South Florida area. The team has had impressive success filing State Court actions for these children to secure Special Immigrant Juvenile status; in 2021 they happily closed many more cases as their clients received their green card! Below is one such client, David, who came to us when he was 16 years old. His case



was full of roadblocks and delays but now that he's a Legal Permanent Resident, he feels the deepest gratitude and relief!

Legal Orientation Program for Custodians

The LOPC is an orientation program for custodians of unaccompanied children who have been released from ORR custody and are currently in immigration court proceedings. The goals of the LOPC are to (1) reduce the number of in absentia removal orders by educating custodians on their role and responsibilities, the immigration court process, and potential forms of relief, and (2) protect children from mistreatment, exploitation, and harm. In 2021, we assisted

over 1,685 custodians through legal orientations, individual intakes, legal screenings, pro se asylum workshops, and pro bono referrals. When EOIR's UAC docket is open at full capacity, our office does Friend of Court services before the Immigration Judge where we assist the child without entering our appearance in immigration court. This program allows our office to provide indirect representation in the form of pro se workshops for children who need asylum filings but are not able to afford an attorney and may not qualify for one of our programs. Those who qualify for in-office placement are placed on a waiting list. Many of these children are also provided non-legal referrals in areas such as therapy/counseling, health care assistance, food assistance, school assistance, and rent assistance.

Unaccompanied Refugee Minors Program

The Unaccompanied Refugee Minor Program is designed to meet the needs of children from other countries whose circumstances require foster care support services because their families are either temporarily or permanently unavailable due to political circumstances, economic hardship, or abandonment, or they are unable or unwilling to provide parental care and supervision. The program provides substitute living arrangements and culturally sensitive services to achieve a balance between ethnic identity and adaptation to a new socio-cultural community. Upon release into our program, these children are represented by our attorneys in dependency court in Miami-Dade County where they are provided the same benefits as any child in state foster care. We are one of the few programs nationwide that assists these URM's on an emergency basis – to avoid any detention by ICE once they turn eighteen. These youths are then eligible for extended foster care after their 18th birthday. We represent them before USCIS and before the EOIR. In 2021, we had approximately 30 URMP cases – both new and old – and all of the URM's were granted or are in the process of being granted immigration benefits. None of the URM's actively in our program are facing removal thanks to our legal representation.

Children's Legal Services

The mission of the FL Bar Foundation's Children legal Services Grant is to provide legal assistance to children in critical areas which affect their safety, wellbeing, and future development. Through this



grant, our office is able to assist unaccompanied alien children who are released from the Office of Refugee Resettlement. Our representation consists of advocating for custody and placement in either family court, probate court, or children's court and then filing relief and representing these children before USCIS and EOIR. In 2021, our office represented approximately 127 children. Many of which have won Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, asylum, and or T-nonimmigrant status. We assist these children in the initial and renewal filing of their employment authorization cards and more.

Immigration Court Help Desk

ICH educates non-detained respondents in removal proceedings about the immigration court process. ICH provides individuals the tools to make informed decisions about their legal cases and, in doing so, improves the efficiency and effectiveness of immigration court proceedings. The program provides legal orientations, friend of court services, intake clinics, pro-bono attorney referral and placement, outreach, and pro-se assistance to serve over 181,000 Respondents facing removal without representation in the Miami Immigration Court.




Immigration Court Help Desk (ICH)

In 2021, ICH served 7,871 participants. Since the Miami Immigration Court suspended most Master Calendar Hearings at onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020, ICH has implemented a remote services model, providing most of its services remotely. The program has use of different forms of technology, such as electronic documents, applications, and video conferencing to provide services remotely and reaching out to Respondents.

Type of Service	Number of Participants
Group Information Sessions (KYRs)	37
Self-Help Workshops	5
Individual Information Sessions	309

Family Group Legal Orientation Program

In May 2021, the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Justice announced a new “Dedicated Docket”, in which immigration judges in 10 cities will work generally to issue a decision within 300 days of the initial master calendar hearing; Miami was named as one of the cities that will handle these types of cases. Families who may be placed into this new docket were apprehended between ports of entry on or after May 28, 2021, were placed in removal proceedings, and enrolled in Alternatives to Detention. Similar to our Immigration Court Help Desk program, the Family Group Legal Orientation Program (“FGLOP”) provides legal orientations, friend of court services, pro-bono attorney referral and placement, outreach, and pro-se assistance to serve these family groups. As of December 2021, the Miami Immigration Court had almost 16,000 dedicated docket cases, most of who are from Cuba, Venezuela, and Nicaragua. Since the program’s launch in the summer of 2021, FGLOP has provided 14 KYRs to these families and has served over 500 families.

Adults with Children Program

The AWC program provides direct representation to immigrant families in deportation proceedings before the Miami Immigration Court. Many of our clients suffer from ongoing repercussions of the “Zero Tolerance” policy adopted between 2017-2019 at the US southern border, where immigrant families seeking asylum were separated. Our underage clients who were separated from their parents were placed into unaccompanied minor shelters while their parents were detained or deported. This mismanaged policy continues to affect our local community. While most of these families have since been reunited, their legal status in the US remains in limbo.

In 2021, the AWC program represented approximately 140 families with active cases. COVID-19 related delays slowed down the pace of their cases, as immigration court hearings have been postponed. Despite these challenges, the AWC program successfully maintained a diligent representation of its clients. The AWC program is well poised to continue to increase family’s access to representation, due process, and ultimately, legal status, safety, and stability.

The Broward Office



CCLS' Hollywood office is staffed by a multicultural, multilingual, and professional staff with extensive immigration experience. Specifically, the staff includes a Managing attorney, a Detention Programs Supervising Attorney, four staff attorneys, two Immigrant Justice Corps Fellows, and three paraprofessionals. The Hollywood office is a full service arm of the agency that offers services which includes the filing of petitions and applications, attorney representation before all the immigration authorities including the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), the United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP), the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR), the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA), the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO). The people served by the Broward office includes applicants for Employment Authorization, Temporary Protected Status, Asylum, victims of certain serious crimes, applicants for asylum, and citizenship and petitioners for family-based applications.

Victims of Crimes

Immigration law now recognizes the special claims of abused women, men, and children, yet they remain the most vulnerable immigrants with nowhere to turn to escape exploitation and mistreatment because they remain ignorant of their rights and without the resources to exercise them. These individuals represent some of the poorest members of the South Florida community and have little hope of escaping their abusive situation or of changing their economic situation without obtaining legal status in the United States. Their irregular immigration status increases their vulnerability in that their abusers exploit their lack of immigration status and threaten deportation to prevent the victim from seeking outside help and protection. Abusers manipulate the fear and isolation of the immigrants to perpetuate the abuse. The Broward office has had the great privilege of serving those men, women and children that have victims of crimes. The Broward office staff attorneys often represent victims of crimes in their immigration matters before the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service and the Immigration Court. The cases range from U-Nonimmigrant Status for victims of certain serious crimes, VAWA Self-Petitions for victims of Domestic Violence and Petitions for Removal of Conditions based on being subject to abuse or extreme cruelty. Crime victims that are living in shelters or earn below the poverty guidelines are often afforded a full range of immigration representation pro bono for themselves as well as their spouses and children. When grant funding is available and awarded to CCLS, we also utilize such funding to provide pro bono representation for these clients as well. With the assistance of Broward office, these individuals often can gain legal status, employment and ultimately autonomy from their abusers.

Detained Persons

The Broward office is also committed to serving the detained immigrant population of Miami-Dade County, Broward County and Glades County. Through the Legal Orientation Program (LOP), staff attorneys at the Broward office help detained immigrants understand their legal rights and provide them with information on how to navigate the very complex removal process. This year, more than 2,000 detainees across South Florida's three detention facilities received legal orientation through CCLS' Legal Orientation Program (LOP). CCLS attorneys remained committed to the program even when the

COVID-19 pandemic forced authorities to cease outside access to the facilities. CCLS attorneys quickly adapted and worked with all three facilities to deliver LOP services remotely through prerecorded video, Skype, and by phone.

Immigrant Justice Corp Fellowship (IJC)

The Broward office houses two Immigrant Justice Corp Fellows (IJC) through whom we provide direct representation before Immigration and Customs and Enforcement and the Immigration Court at the Broward Transitional Center (BTC) in Pompano Beach. All representation of detained immigrants by the Fellows are provided on a pro bono basis and at no cost to the detained immigrant. The types of cases ranging from release on bond or parole to request for protection from removal in the form of Asylum and withholding of removal. This year, despite the persistence of the COVID-19 pandemic, the CCLS IJC Fellows provided representation to over 150 detainees at the Broward Transitional Center and was able to secure release for over 80 detainees. The IJC Fellows also worked hard to find funding sources to assist their detained clients in paying the high monetary bonds set by the immigration judges at BTC.

One such detained client was “Rosa”:

Rosa was a young, indigenous woman from Guatemala who suffered physical and sexual abuse. Rosa was referred to the IJC Fellows through CCLS’ Legal Orientation Program (LOP) for possible bond representation before the Immigration Court. Because of issues with securing a sponsor, Rosa’s bond hearing was scheduled the day before her merits hearing. IJC attorney was able to have the Department of Homeland Security attorney stipulate to a \$20,000 bond before Rosa’s bond hearing. Rosa’s sponsor was unable to pay for the bond, however, the IJC attorney reached out to a non-profit organization that was able to pay for Rosa’s \$20,000 bond. The IJC attorney also helped Rosa prepare a pro se motion to continue her merits hearing, which was granted, very rare at BTC. Rosa was released and continues her asylum claim before the non-detained immigration court!

Further, many persons detained in the local detention facilities suffer from mental illness. Many of them have mental health issues serious enough for an immigration judge to find that they are incompetent to represent themselves. The Broward office also houses the attorneys that provide legal representation to all detainees that have been deemed mentally incompetent to represent themselves through the National Qualified Representative Program. Broward office staff attorneys are often appointed as qualified representative by the immigration court to represent those detainees at no cost to the detainee. In many cases, our staff has been able to secure the release of those vulnerable detainees back to their families or when necessary to mental health facilities that can provide the care that they desperately need.

Serving the Servants Immigration Program

The Serving the Servants Immigration Program enables CCLS to continue its mission by demonstrating support towards the Roman Catholic Church in the United States. The SSIP assists the Archdiocese of Miami, many other dioceses, eparchies, religious institutes, religious organizations, and charitable organizations with their immigration needs. The SSIP provides legal representation and assistance in

bringing foreign-born priests, religious men and women, ministers, and seminarians from around the globe for formation, education, and/or ministry. It also provides legal representation and assistance for those who are currently present in the United States and assists with student visas. The SSIP provides consultation on religious immigration matters, representation of clients as necessary, preparation of various forms, and on-going management of clients' cases.



In 2021, CCLS provided 86 services as follows:

CCLS SSIP SERVICE DISTRIBUTION FOR 2021		
Service	Total	Percent
I-129, Religious Nonimmigrant Petition	17	20%
I-907, Request for Premium Processing Service	13	15%
I-765, Application for Employment	12	14%
I-131, Application for Travel Document	10	12%
I-360, Immigrant Religious Petition	7	8%
I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status	6	7%
I-821, Temporary Protected Status	6	7%
Other Services	15	17%

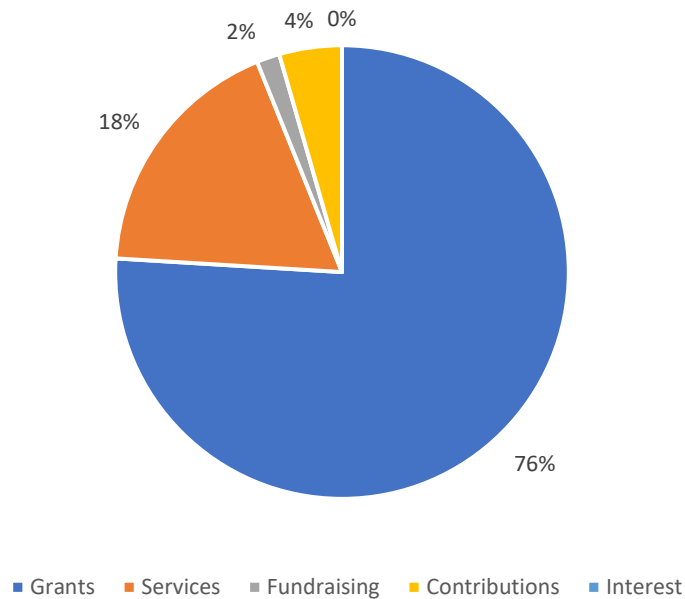
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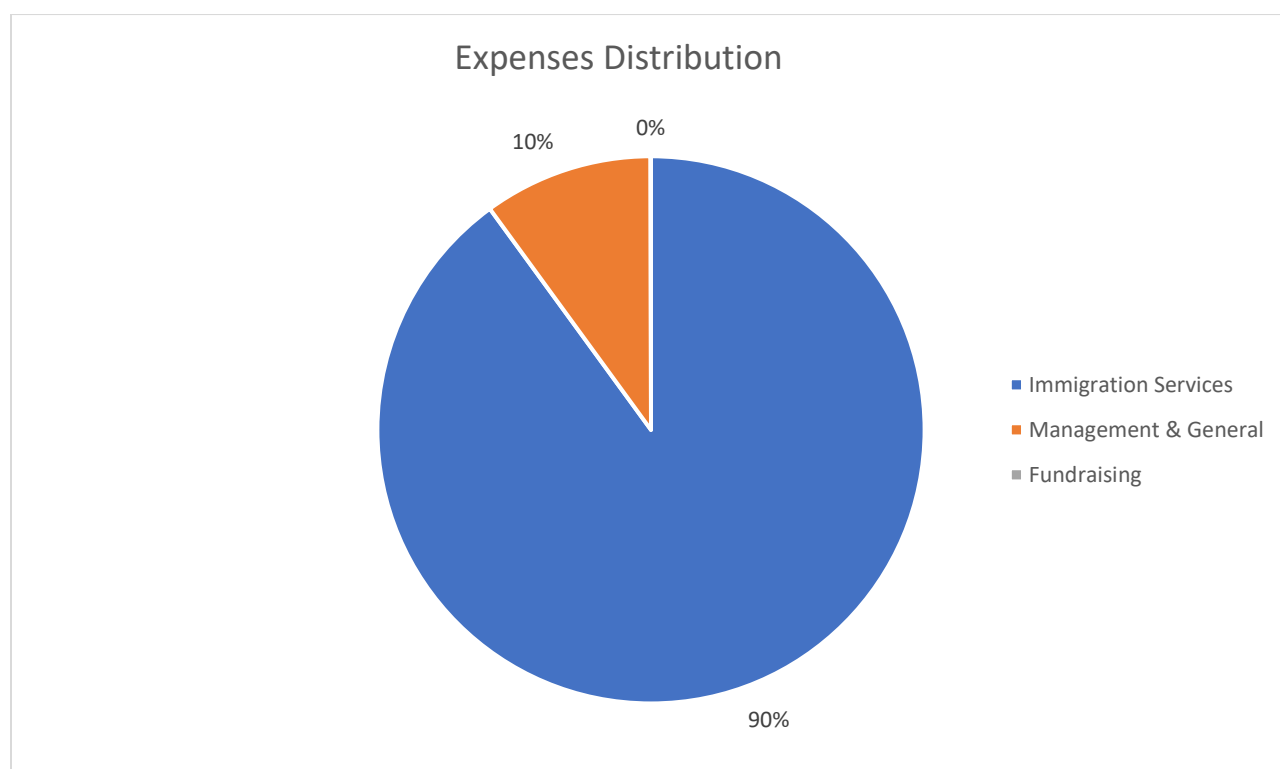
Financials

REVENUES	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Grants	\$2,731,942	160,750	\$2,892,692
Services	682,814	-	682,814
Fundraising	62,540	-	62,540
Contributions	169,996	-	169,996
Interest	3	-	3
Net asset released from restriction	354,511	(354,511)	-
	4,001,806	(193,761)	3,808,045

Income Distribution



EXPENSES			
PROGRAM SERVICES:			
Immigration Services	3,897,886	-	3,897,886
TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES	3,897,886	-	3,897,866
SUPPORTING SERVICES:			
Management & General	433,099	-	433,099
Fundraising	1,207	-	1,207
TOTALSUPPORTING SERVICES	434,406	-	434,406
TOTAL EXPENSES	4,332,192	-	4,332,192
Change in Assets	(330,386)	(193,761)	(524,147)
Net assets – beginning of year	321,305	230,120	551,425
Net assets – end of year	(9,081)	36,359	27,278



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