



# **The Anti-Human Trafficking Directory of Legal and Social Service Providers**

**International Rescue Committee**  
122 East 42nd Street, 12th Floor  
New York, NY 10168



## ARIZONA

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### Arizona League to End Regional Trafficking (ALERT)

Phoenix, AZ/Tucson, AZ

Richard Galindo

Tel: 603-433-2441

Email: [richardg@theirc.org](mailto:richardg@theirc.org)

- Services:**
- Culturally appropriate social, legal, immigration and counseling services for trafficked persons
- Experience:**
- Seven years of trafficking law and social service expertise, including several contracted immigration attorneys
- Languages & Cultures:**
- 18 languages on staff; more available on-call
  - Experience with African, Latin American, European and Asian cultures

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### Catholic Charities Community Services

Phoenix, AZ

William DeSantiago

Tel: 602-997-6105

Email: [bdesantiago@cc-az.org](mailto:bdesantiago@cc-az.org)

- Services:**
- Family based visa processing, Asylum, Deportation Defense
- Experience:**
- 32 years of immigration law experience
- Languages & Cultures:**
- Spanish & 23 other languages
  - Experience with African, Latin American, & European cultures

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### Friendly House, INC

Phoenix, AZ

Marianne Gonko

Tel: 602-257-1870 x230

Email: [marianneg@friendlyhouse.org](mailto:marianneg@friendlyhouse.org)

- Services:**
- Asylum applications, VAWA petitions special immigrant juvenile petitions & humanitarian parole applications
  - All family based immigration - waivers & appeals, K1 and K3 visas, V visas
  - Consular processing
  - Citizenship applications
  - Representation in removal proceedings
  - Outreach services to local immigrant community
- Experience:**
- Social services agency with a licensed immigration attorney on staff who practices solely in the area of Immigration & Nationality law
- Languages & Cultures:**
- Spanish
  - Experienced with primarily Hispanic culture and limited experience with African, Asian and European

## CALIFORNIA

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## Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach

San Francisco, CA

Dean Ito Taylor

Tel: 415-567-6255

Email: [DIT@APILegalOutreach.org](mailto:DIT@APILegalOutreach.org)

**Services:**

- Multilingual and culturally appropriate social & legal services to the Asian community - comprehensive services to trafficked persons
- Legal representation in immigration and other civil law matters
- Technical assistance and training to service providers

**Experience:**

- Attorneys with experience representing trafficked persons in all immigration matters
- Advocates and social workers with experience in assisting trafficked persons.

**Languages & Cultures:**

- Cantonese, Mandarin, Taiwanese, Chiu Chow, Vietnamese, Korean, Tagalog, Japanese, Hindi, Punjabi, Thai, Lao
- Culturally competent services to many Asian and Pacific Islander communities

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## Asian & Pacific Islander Institute on Domestic Violence

San Francisco, CA

Firoza Chic Dabby

Tel: 415-954-9988

Email: [cdabby@apiahf.org](mailto:cdabby@apiahf.org)

**Services:**

- Training for domestic violence advocates working with trafficked women - \$500/day fee

**Experience:**

**Languages & Cultures:**

- Experience with Asian culture

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## Asian Law Alliance

San Jose, CA

Richard Konda

Tel: 408-287-9710

Email: [sccala@pacbell.net](mailto:sccala@pacbell.net)

**Services:**

- Services limited to low-income clients
- Immigration legal services
- Assistance with citizenship & public benefits
- Assistance with housing laws, domestic violence and civil rights

**Experience:**

- Immigration law experience - specifically T & U Visas

**Languages & Cultures:**

- Vietnamese, Korean, Mandarin, Cantonese, Lao
- Experience with Asian and Pacific Islander Cultures

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## Bilateral Safety Corridor Coalition

San Diego, CA

Marisa B Ugarte

Tel: 619-459-8559

Email: [sdbbcc@yahoo.com](mailto:sdbbcc@yahoo.com)

**Services:**

- Assist with communication with law enforcement
- Counseling Services
- Housing
- Educational outreach & training
- Emergency Response Team

**Experience:**

- Assisting trafficked persons and conducting trainings

**Languages & Cultures:**

- Spanish, Italian, French, Portuguese
- Experience with Latino and European cultures

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## Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (LAFLA)

Los Angeles, CA

Sheila Neville

Tel: 323-801-7991

Email: [sneville@lafila.org](mailto:sneville@lafila.org)

**Services:**

- Assists both certified and pre-certified victims
- Direct legal aid, including T & U visas, political asylum, and visa processing
- Outreach within Los Angeles Area
- Access to public benefits and help with employment authorization
- Training: provides free legal resource materials
- Web based training as well as responses to requests for technical assistance

**Experience:**

- LALFA has trained hundreds of legal advocates, social service providers, and law enforcement personnel
- Extensive experience in direct legal aid and legal issues

**Languages & Cultures:**

- Spanish on staff; access to many Asian languages through Asian/Pacific Islander Unit

## COLORADO

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### Colorado Legal Services

Denver, CO

Jennifer Lee

Tel: 303-866-9399

Email: [jlee@collegalserv.org](mailto:jlee@collegalserv.org)

**Services:**

- Free Civil legal assistance to low income immigrant workers
- Immigration assistance
- Litigation assistance for cases involving working conditions and wage regulation

**Experience:**

- T & U Visas, VAWA, family based petitions, naturalizations

**Languages & Cultures:**

- Spanish on staff, interpreter provided if necessary
- Most Latin American cultures

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AREA

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### Ayuda, Inc.

Washington, DC

Trafficking Project

Tel: 202-387-4848

Email: [rhuffman@ayudainc.org](mailto:rhuffman@ayudainc.org)

**Services:**

- General immigration & domestic violence assistance
- Direct services, both Legal and Social for trafficked persons and to people seeking U Visas (interim relief)

**Experience:**

- Providing assistance with all aspects of trafficking and U visa cases
- Advocating and defending the legal and human rights of immigrant communities
- Member of Freedom Network

**Languages & Cultures:**

- English, Spanish & French
- Can find interpreters for most other languages
- Primarily experienced with Latino culture but also limited experience with numerous other culture

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## Center for Multicultural Human Services

Falls Church, VA

Farinaz Amirsehi, MA, NCC

Tel: 703-533-3302

Email: [famirsehi@cmhs.org](mailto:famirsehi@cmhs.org)

- Services:**
- Limited legal services for asylees through Break The Chain
  - Provides social, mental health, and medical services for certified trafficked persons
- Experience:**
- Languages & Cultures:**
- 30 languages including: French, Spanish, Farsi, Vietnamese, Korean, Dari, Punjabi, & Mandarin
  - Experience working with African, Middle Eastern, Hispanic, Asian & European cultures

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## Human Rights First

Washington, DC

Erin Corcoran

Tel: 202-547-5692

Email: [corcorane@humanrightsfirst.org](mailto:corcorane@humanrightsfirst.org)

- Services:**
- Free legal services to qualifying clients - based on US poverty guidelines
  - Legal Assistance with U visa applications and asylum applications for trafficked persons (affirmative & defensive)
- Experience:**
- Experience assisting trafficked person with asylum claims and U visa applications
- Languages & Cultures:**
- Spanish & French

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## Immigrant Women Program, Legal Momentum

Washington, DC

Carole Angel

Tel: 202-326-0040

Email: [cangel@legalmomentum.org](mailto:cangel@legalmomentum.org)

- Services:**
- Advocacy - T & U visas, family law, public benefits, sexual assault & domestic violence
  - Legislative
  - Technical Assistance & Training
- Experience:**
- Full immigration, T visas, U visas, family law, public benefits, sexual assault & domestic violence cases
- Languages & Cultures:**
- English & Spanish

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## Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service

**Baltimore, MD**

**Anne Sovcik, Esq.**

**Tel: 410-230-2758**

**Email: [asovcik@lirs.org](mailto:asovcik@lirs.org)**

- Services:**
- Coordination with local specialized foster care programs to place unaccompanied trafficked children in culturally appropriate foster homes, group homes, or independent living arrangements
  - Unaccompanied Refugee Minors (URM) receive intensive case management, education, health care, mental health counseling, legal assistance, & independent living skills training
  - Family reunification assistance, if appropriate
- Experience:**
- Providing comprehensive social services for trafficked children - including programs to assist children in securing pro bono attorneys
- Languages & Cultures:**
- 30 years of experience providing linguistically appropriate services to children
  - In situations of unusual languages or dialects, there is ready access to interpreter services
  - Staff members are specifically trained to provide culturally appropriate and sensitive care and have worked with children from nearly every region of the world.

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## U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

**Nyssa Mestas**

**Tel: (202) 541-3366**

**Email: [nmestas@uscgb.org](mailto:nmestas@uscgb.org)**

- Services:**
- USCCB provides services for both certified adult and eligible child victims of trafficking & gives ongoing technical assistance to the agencies serving the victims
  - USCCB also serves pre-certified victims and promotes education, outreach & training around the issue of human trafficking
  - Can provide services to children identified anywhere in the U.S. & to adults anywhere there is not another existing trafficking grantee
- Experience:**
- USCCB has provided trafficking services to numerous cultures for both Adults and Children: Asian, East European, African, Mexican & Central American
  - Staff has participated in national and international trafficking meetings.
- Languages & Cultures:**
- By prearrangement can accommodate a range of languages
  - Experience with Asian cultures, East European cultures, African cultures, Mexican & Central American cultures

## DELAWARE

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## Community Legal Aid

Wilmington, DE

Madeline Welch, Esq.

Tel: 302-575-0660

Email: [mwelch@declasi.org](mailto:mwelch@declasi.org)

**Services:**

- Full-time immigration law services by an attorney: VAWA, asylum, & U Visas
- No fee services if client meets income eligibility requirements
- Priority given to matters that most need an attorney & are most likely to result in a significant benefit
- Legal education & consultation on status issues

**Experience:**

- Case experience includes VAWA & U visa interim relief applications

## FLORIDA

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## Catholic Charities Diocese of St. Petersburg

St. Petersburg, FL

Jose Fernandez

Tel: 727-893-1313

Email: [jfernandez@ccdosp.org](mailto:jfernandez@ccdosp.org)

**Services:**

- Immigration services
- Family petitions (I-130), work permits, tourist visas, application for naturalization
- Limited experience with T & U visas
- Refugee resettlement, employment services, health partnership, micro-enterprise program

**Experience:**

- B.I.A. accreditation

**Languages & Cultures:**

- Spanish, English, Vietnamese, Serbo-Croatian, Arabic, Russian, French, Mei Mei
- Experience with Latin American, Serbian/Croatian/Bosnian, Vietnamese, & Somali-Bantu cultures

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## Florida Council Against Sexual Violence

Florida

Terri Poore

Tel: 850-297-2000

Email: [tpoore@fcasv.org](mailto:tpoore@fcasv.org)

**Services:**

- Crisis services to victims of sexual violence, including hotlines
- Access to state wide sexual violence recovery services via a network of 32 rape crisis centers
- Training and technical assistance related to sexual violence issues
- Policy Response and Advocacy
- Statewide Information/Referral Line (1-888-956-7273)

**Experience:**

- Statewide coalition of 32 rape crisis centers in Florida

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## Florida Freedom Partnership

Coral Gables, FL

Regina Bernadin

Tel: 305-640-9856 / 1-866-443-0106

Email: [traffickingffp@FloridaFreedom.org](mailto:traffickingffp@FloridaFreedom.org)  
[www.FloridaFreedom.org](http://www.FloridaFreedom.org)

**Services:**

- Legal referrals
- Clinical intervention
- Case management
- Employment services
- Safe and Appropriate Housing
- English as a Second Language classes

**Experience:**

- Accompanying clients to interviews with federal agencies
- Special immigrant juvenile
- Counseling training in Traumatic Incident Reduction

**Languages & Cultures:**

- English, Spanish, & French
  - Haitian-Creole, Mandarin, Chinese, Italian, Portuguese, & Russian available based upon need
  - Experience with Latin American, African, Asian and Eastern European culture
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## Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center

Miami, FL

Ana Vallejo

Tel: 305-573-1106

Email: [avallejo@fiacfla.org](mailto:avallejo@fiacfla.org)

**Services:**

- Direct legal assistance to trafficking victims, including T & U visas and VAWA petitions as a part of the Florida Freedom Partnership
- General assistance, both legal and social, to low income immigrants

**Experience:**

- Extensive knowledge and experience with almost every aspect of trafficking law, including: T & U Visas, VAWA petitions, S Visas, and Asylum

**Languages & Cultures:**

- Spanish, Creole, and French
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## Florida Rural Legal Services, Inc.

Fort Myers, FL

Michael Stirrup

Tel: 239-334-4554

1-800-476-1837

Email: [Michael.stirrup@frls.org](mailto:Michael.stirrup@frls.org)

**Services:**

- Legal services for migrant and seasonal agricultural workers throughout Florida
- Primarily legal services related to agricultural labor & employment issues

**Experience:**

- Legal assistance, T & U visas, for migrant farmworkers who are victims of trafficking

**Languages & Cultures:**

- Spanish & Creole
  - Experience with Mexican and Haitian cultures
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## Gulf Coast Legal Services

St. Petersburg, FL

John Dubrule, Esq

Tel: 727-821- 0726

Email: [john.d@gulfcoastlegal.org](mailto:john.d@gulfcoastlegal.org)

**Services:**

- Non-profit legal aid organization - eligibility is based on income - no fees, except required filing fees
- Represent clients in VAWA self-petitions, special juvenile immigrant petitions, asylum, T & U visas
- Practice areas include family, benefit, elder and immigration law NACARA and naturalization cases in certain circumstances
- Removal Defense

**Experience:**

- Experience with U visas and willing to accept T visa cases

**Languages & Cultures:**

- Spanish, French, Portuguese, & Czech
- Translators can be provided for Vietnamese and Serbian languages
- Experience with Latino, Haitian, & Bosnian cultures

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## Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc.

West Palm Beach, FL

M. Shane O'Meara  
or J. Samantha Vacciana

Tel: 561-655-8944

Email: [someara@legalaidpbc.org](mailto:someara@legalaidpbc.org)

**Services:**

- Provides legal assistance primarily in the areas of immigration law (U visas), family law, & elder law
- Provides legal assistance for victims of domestic violence, primarily VAWA and U Visas
- Assistance for individuals who are HIV positive

**Experience:**

- U visas filed under interim guidance memos

**Languages & Cultures:**

- English & Spanish
- Experience with clients from Haiti, Mexico, Cuba, Jamaica, Guatemala, Bahamas, Argentina, Brazil & Columbia

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## Lutheran Services of Florida

Orlando, FL

Ann Kujawa

Tel: 407-869-0988

Email: [akujawa@lsfnet.org](mailto:akujawa@lsfnet.org)

**Services:**

- Standard family-based immigration law
- Assistance with adjustment of status, citizenship, citizen-spouse package, refugee travel documents, employment authorization among other services

**Experience:**

- Refugee resettlement, matching grant program and immigration services

**Languages & Cultures:**

- English & Spanish
- Experience with numerous cultures including: Asian, African, European, and the Americas

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## Lutheran Social Services of Northeast Florida

Jacksonville, FL

Barbara Carr

Tel: 904-730-8230

Email: [bcarr@LSSJAX.org](mailto:bcarr@LSSJAX.org)

- Services:**
- Referral services
  - Case management services
- Experience:**
- Staff has received trafficking training
  - Primary resettlement site of for EMM and LIRS
  - Facilitates State of Florida Dept. of Refugee Services employment, youth, adult, & career ladderling
- Languages & Cultures:**
- 10 languages
  - 20 years experience resettling refugees

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## Florida State University - Center for the Advancement of Human Rights

Tallahassee, FL

Tel: 850-644-4550

Email: [cahr@ispa.fsu.edu](mailto:cahr@ispa.fsu.edu)

- Services:**
- Pro-bono legal immigration services
- Languages & Cultures:**
- English & Spanish

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## Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services - FL Center for Survivors of Torture

Clearwater, FL

Tel: 727-450-7273

Email: [FCST@gcjfs.org](mailto:FCST@gcjfs.org)  
or [sblake@gcjfs.org](mailto:sblake@gcjfs.org)  
or [nkelly@gcjfs.org](mailto:nkelly@gcjfs.org)

- Services:**
- Case Management, linkages to community resources, Referrals to legal service providers
- Experience:**
- Funded by the ORR to provide case management services for refugees, Asylees, Cuban Haitian entrants and trafficking victims
- Languages & Cultures:**
- Interpreter Program- All languages accommodated
  - Experience serving individuals from 38 countries since 2000.
  - Primarily Bosnians, Vietnamese, Cubans, various South American Countries, Egyptians, & Afghans

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## World Relief

New Port Richey, FL

Daniel Walters

Tel: 727-849-7900

Email: [dwalters@wr.org](mailto:dwalters@wr.org)

- Services:**
- Community outreach
  - Social services for trafficked persons
  - Certified to offer a range of benefits to pre-certified refugees, including: housing, family contact, case management, legal representation and assistance, English instruction, trauma counseling, and medical treatment
- Experience:**
- Experience resettling refugees and asylees and certified victims of trafficking
  - Programs encompass area stretching from central Florida to West Virginia

## GEORGIA

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### Project Safe, Inc

Athens, GA

Alexis Graf

Tel: 706-549-0922

Email: [pjctsafe@bellsouth.net](mailto:pjctsafe@bellsouth.net)

**Services:**

- Legal advocacy, including immigration and temporary protective orders
- 24 Hour Hotline (706-543-3331)

**Experience:**

- Confidentially located shelter for women and their children who are in a domestic violence situation and need safe shelter.

**Languages & Cultures:**

- Spanish-speaking volunteers and access to the language line

## HAWAII

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### Immigrant Rights & Public Interest Legal Center

Honolulu, HI

Pat McManaman

Tel: 808-847-8828

Email: [info@naloio.org](mailto:info@naloio.org)

**Services:**

- Legal services - T & U visas
- Asylum, VAWA, I-751, SIJS, Removal, other complex immigration law matters

**Experience:**

- Representation of clients seeking both T & U visas
- 23 years of experience
- Four Attorneys on Staff

**Languages & Cultures:**

- Cantonese & Mandarin languages
- Pacific Islander and Asian cultures

## ILLINOIS

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### Mutual Ground, Inc.

Aurora, IL

Jan Faulhaber

Tel: (630) 897-8989 x 103

Email: [mutualground\\_jan@ameritech.net](mailto:mutualground_jan@ameritech.net)

**Services:**

- Sexual assault advocacy & counseling for southern Kane County, IL & Kendall County
- No fee for services

**Languages & Cultures:**

- Spanish-speaking counselor available

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## Chicago Abused Women Coalition

Chicago, IL

Beatris Burgos

Tel: (773) 278-4110

Email: [cawcgreen@mindspring.com](mailto:cawcgreen@mindspring.com)

- Services:**
- Provides emergency shelter to trafficked persons
  - 24 hour telephone & TTY hotline
  - Comprehensive counseling and advocacy services for women & their children
- Experience:**
- Assisted abused women self-petition for residence under VAWA
- Languages & Cultures:**
- Multiple languages
  - Experience with Latino & Native American cultures

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## National Immigrant Justice Center- Heartland Alliance

Chicago, IL

Claudia Morales  
or Katherine Kaufka

Tel: 312-660-1370

Email: [Cmorales@heartlandalliance.org](mailto:cmorales@heartlandalliance.org)  
Or [Kkaufka@heartlandalliance.org](mailto:Kkaufka@heartlandalliance.org)

- Services:**
- Trafficking legal hotline - 8:30am-5:00pm - 312-660-1331
  - Immigration legal services to trafficked persons, asylum seekers, immigrant victims of violence, and unaccompanied minors
  - Coordinates legal services with social services from the Victims of Trafficking Assistance Program of Heartland Alliance
  - Direct social services to trafficked persons within 150-mile radius of Chicago
  - 24-hour hotline for response to emergency calls, crisis intervention, & supportive counseling services
  - Referrals for housing, physical and mental health, job/vocational training and employment
  - Indirect services and outreach in eight states in the mid-west (Minnesota, Michigan, Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Missouri, Wisconsin and Ohio)
- Experience:**
- Legal representation of trafficked persons, including minors, T & U visas, asylum, special immigrant juvenile status
- Languages & Cultures:**
- Spanish, Polish, French, Mandarin and other languages with prior notice
  - Experience with Latin American, African, Middle East, Asian and Eastern European cultures

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## Quanaa Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Program

Quincy, IL

Susan Goodwin

Tel: (217) 223-2030

Email: [sgoodwin@quanada.org](mailto:sgoodwin@quanada.org)

- Services:**
- Provides emotional, physical, & crisis support for those who have been battered or abused.
  - Assists trafficked persons in 3 major areas: 1) advocacy; 2) shelter; & 3) counseling
- Languages & Cultures:**
- Can provide an interpreter

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## Rape Victim Advocates

Chicago, IL

Angela Exson

Tel: (312) 663-6303

Email: [advocacy@rapevictimadvocates.org](mailto:advocacy@rapevictimadvocates.org)

- Services:**
- Provide rape crisis services to survivors of sexual violence
  - Provide medical and legal advocacy in 16 of Chicago's hospital emergency rooms
- Experience:**
- Staff & volunteers have training on T & U visas
- Languages & Cultures:**
- Spanish & limited Polish
  - Experience with Asian cultures, bi-racial individuals, Native Americans, Latino cultures
  - Experience with Latin American, African, Middle Eastern, Asian, and Eastern European cultures

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## YWCA Metropolitan Chicago RISE Children's Center

Chicago, IL

Diana Clegg

Tel: 312-733-2102

Email: [Diana.clegg@ywcachicago.org](mailto:Diana.clegg@ywcachicago.org)

- Services:**
- Provides free counseling for children who have been sexually abused as well as for non-offending family members
- Languages & Cultures:**
- Spanish
  - Experience with the following cultures, African American, Latino and Caucasian

## LOUISIANA

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### Catholic Legal Immigration Network/Loyola Law Clinic Detention Program

New Orleans, LA

Hiroko Kusuda

Tel: (504) 861-5595

Email: [hkusuda@loyno.edu](mailto:hkusuda@loyno.edu)

- Services:**
- Immigration litigation in all areas including, asylum/withholding of removal/CAT & crime based removal defense
  - Conduct immigration seminars at detention centers, teach immigration clinical program at Loyola Law Clinic
- Experience:**
- Immigration attorney since 1994; practice limited to deportation/removal defense since 2002
- Languages & Cultures:**
- Japanese, Spanish, & French
  - Experience with the following cultures Somalia, DRC, Haiti, Pakistan, Colombia, China

## MAINE

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## Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project (ILAP)

Portland, ME

Beth Stickney

Tel: 207-780-1593  
 Within Maine: 800-497-8505  
 Email: [bstickney@ilapmaine.org](mailto:bstickney@ilapmaine.org)

- Services:**
- Legal assistance with T & U visas for trafficked persons
  - Immigration Legal Assistance - full representation based upon need
- Experience:**
- VAWA, asylum, removal defense, TPS, NACARA & family based immigration cases
- Languages & Cultures:**
- Spanish
  - Experience with cultures from over 100 countries

## MASSACHUSETTS

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### International Institute of Boston

Boston, MA

Mojdeh Rohani

Tel: 617-695-9990  
 Email: [mrohani@iiboston.org](mailto:mrohani@iiboston.org)

- Services:**
- II of Boston provides a wide variety of both social and legal services, including: Assessment, counseling, case management advocacy, legal consultation, and legal representation
- Experience:**
- Experience with T & U Visas, VAWA petitions
- Languages & Cultures:**
- Arabic, Bulgarian, English, French, Spanish
  - Experience with South and Central American cultures, Eastern Europe, Africa

## MINNESOTA

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### Civil Society

St. Paul, MN

Linda A. Miller

Tel: 651-291-0713  
 Email: [office@civsociety.org](mailto:office@civsociety.org)

- Services:**
- Legal aid for immigration issues
  - All services are free
- Experience:**
- Six lawyers on staff
  - Experience with VAWA Petitions and T & U Visas
- Languages & Cultures**
- Somali, Swahili, Arabic, French, Hindi, Karschi, Gujarati, Urdu, Spanish, Hmong, Russian, Italian, Nepali, Turkish, Norwegian, Chinese, Japanese

## NEVADA

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### Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada Migration & Refugee Services

Las Vegas, NV

Monica Liriano

Tel: 702-383-8387

Email: [mliriano@catholiccharities.com](mailto:mliriano@catholiccharities.com)

**Services:**

- Refugee resettlement

**Experience:**

**Languages & Cultures:**

- Spanish, Farsi, Serbo-Croatian, Arabic, French, Tigrinya, Assyrian, German, Oromo, Armenian, Tagalog
- Experience with numerous cultures

## NEW JERSEY

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### American Friends Service Committee Immigrant Rights Program

Newark, NY

Elissa Steglich

Tel: (973) 643-1924

Email: [esteglich@afsc.org](mailto:esteglich@afsc.org)

**Services:**

- Legal services: asylum, deportation defense, family-based, VAWA, & general
- Some low fees charged

**Experience:**

- Extensive general immigration law experience & some T & U visas

**Languages & Cultures:**

- Spanish & French

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### Catholic Charities, Diocese of Camden

Camden, NJ

Kevin H. Hickey

Tel: 856-342-4100

Email: [Kevin.hickey@VHSCD.org](mailto:Kevin.hickey@VHSCD.org)

**Services:**

- Social service agency affiliated with Camden Center for Law & Social Justice

**Experience:**

**Languages & Cultures:**

- Spanish, Vietnamese, & French
- Experience with cultures of Liberia, Cuba, Haiti, Bosnia, Croatia, Vietnamese

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## Camden Center for Law & Social Justice

Camden, NJ

Carol A. Wood

Tel: 856-342-4848

- Services:**
- Independent, non profit, public interest law firm serving the civil and immigration law needs of new comers and the working poor throughout the Southern New Jersey regions - nominal fees based on income guidelines
  - Representation of individuals in civil court actions and family court matters
- Experience:**
- Over 20 years experience in all areas of immigration
- Languages & Cultures:**
- Spanish

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## Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark

Newark, NY

Geoffrey Scowcroft

Tel: 973-733-3516 ext. 225

Email: [geoffrey\\_scowcroft@ccsnewark.org](mailto:geoffrey_scowcroft@ccsnewark.org)

- Services:**
- Services for all of NJ with a concentration of clients from the four counties of the Archdiocese of Newark (Hudson, Essex, Union & Bergen) - low fee
  - Representation of low-income clients before the USCIS and Immigration Courts
  - Representation in removal proceedings, asylum applications, and advise and assist in matters involving immigration and citizenship (including employment-based and visa applications)
- Experience:**
- Services are accredited by the Board of Immigration Appeals
- Languages & Cultures:**
- Spanish, French/Creole, Polish, Chinese & Italian
  - Access to interpreters in Serbo-Croatian, Albanian, Hausa, Yoruba, Mende, English Creole, Vai & Gola
  - Experience with Latino clients from Central & South America and clients from Southeast Asia and Africa

## NEW YORK

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### Africans In America, Inc.

New York, NY

Bonaventure Ezekwenna

Tel: 347-284-4953

Email: [info@aiainc.org](mailto:info@aiainc.org)

- Services:**
- Provide support, cultural adjustment, counseling, referrals social services, advocacy, & awareness
- Experience:**
- Referral of trafficked persons to organizations offering immigration legal services and unpaid wages services
- Languages & Cultures:**
- French & some African tribal languages
  - Experience with the cultures of Continental Africa

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## Assoc. of the Bar of the City of New York Fund, Inc.

New York, NY

**Immigrant Women &  
Children Project  
Suzanne Tomatore**

**Tel: 212-382-6717**

**Email: [stomatore@nycbar.org](mailto:stomatore@nycbar.org)  
[www.citybarjusticecenter.org](http://www.citybarjusticecenter.org)  
[www.ny-anti-trafficking.com](http://www.ny-anti-trafficking.com)**

- Services:**
- Immigration legal services and advocacy for immigrant victims of domestic Violence, gender-based violent crimes and human trafficking
  - Appointment by telephone required
- Experience:**
- Extensive T & U visa, VAWA, & asylum experience
- Languages & Cultures:**
- Spanish, French, Haitian Creole, Korean in-house & access to many other languages
  - Experience with numerous cultures and collaboration with community organizations for additional support as needed

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## Bellevue/NYU Program For Survivors of Torture

New York, NY

**Hawthorne Smith, Ph.D.**

**Tel: 212-994-7168**

**Email: [smithh01@med.nyu.edu](mailto:smithh01@med.nyu.edu)**

- Services:**
- Multidisciplinary medical, mental health & social services
- Experience:**
- Numerous interpreter services available
  - Clients from over 80 countries
- Languages & Cultures:**

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## Refugee Resettlement Program/Catholic Charities, Diocese of Brooklyn

Brooklyn, NY

**Dr. Mansour, Abdul**

**Tel: 718-722-6017**

**Email: [refugee@ccbq.org](mailto:refugee@ccbq.org)**

- Services:**
- Assistance with filling out immigration forms such as family petitions, and adjustment of status
  - Referrals to different social service providers
  - Case management
- Experience:**
- 18 years experience serving refugees, asylees, Cuban-Haitian entrants, and trafficked persons
- Languages & Cultures:**
- Farsi, Pashtu, French, Creole, Russian, Albanian, Serbo-Croatian, Burmese, Fulani, Arabic, & Spanish

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## The Door

New York, NY

Christa Stewart

Tel: 212-941-9090 ext. 3233

Email: [christa@door.org](mailto:christa@door.org)

**Services:**

- Trafficking legal services in civil matters for youth aged 12-21
- Reproductive Health Care
- Counseling
- ESL and nutritional programs

**Experience:**

- Co-founder of an anti-trafficking program, established NYC Service Network for Trafficked Persons
- Legal representation for trafficked persons & guidance for attorneys assisting trafficked persons
- Regular presentations regarding trafficking issues

**Languages & Cultures:**

- Familiarity with a range of cultural backgrounds
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## Farmworker Legal Services of New York, Inc.

Rochester, NY

Lewis Papenfuse

Tel: 585-325-3050

Email: [lpapenfuse@wnylc.org](mailto:lpapenfuse@wnylc.org)

**Services:**

- Legal consultation and representation free of charge for labor law, civil rights, landlord-tenant for migrant & seasonal farm workers

**Experience:**

- Representation of trafficked persons - preparation of T & U visa

**Languages & Cultures:**

- Spanish, French, & Italian
  - Multi-cultural staff with experience with migrants from all over the world
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## Girls Education & Mentoring Services, Inc. (GEMS)

New York, NY

Rachael Lloyd

Tel: 212-926-8089

Email: [Rachael@gemsgirls.org](mailto:Rachael@gemsgirls.org)  
[www.gems-girls.org](http://www.gems-girls.org)

**Services:**

- Provides comprehensive case management, counseling, health care, education, employment and youth leadership training to sexually exploited young women

**Languages & Cultures:**

- English Spanish, and Russian only
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## Human Rights Clinic, Doctors of the World-USA, Inc.

New York, NY

Hari Acharya

Tel: 212-226-9890 x239

Email: [hari.acharya@dowusa.org](mailto:hari.acharya@dowusa.org)

**Services:**

- Medical & psychological evaluations & affidavits provided for torture survivors seeking immigration relief, including T & U visas - Preferred that clients contact this organization through their attorney

**Experience:**

- Staff has basic knowledge of asylum, withholding of removal, SIJS, T & U visas, VAWA, & CAT

**Languages & Cultures:**

- English only, no interpreters provided - client or attorney must provide interpreter, if needed
  - Clients from over 100 countries
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## Human Rights First

New York, NY

Ruthie Epstein &  
Joanna Lydgate

Tel: (212) 845-5232 or 845-5231  
Email: [epsteinr@humanrightsfirst.org](mailto:epsteinr@humanrightsfirst.org)  
[lydgatej@humanrightsfirst.org](mailto:lydgatej@humanrightsfirst.org)

- Services:**
- Legal assistance with asylum claims
- Languages & Cultures:**
- Spanish & French speakers on staff; Interpreters provided if necessary

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## New York Association for New Americans (NYANA)

New York, NY

Crystal Deboise

Tel: 888-242-5838  
Email: [Crystal\\_Deboise@nyana.org](mailto:Crystal_Deboise@nyana.org)

- Services:**
- Comprehensive case management
  - Legal services and crisis intervention
  - Training for service providers and law enforcement
  - Referrals for housing, health-care, counseling & other services
- Experience:**
- Languages & Cultures:**
- Spanish, French, Hindi, Urdu, Serbia-Croatian, & Russian

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## Safe Horizon Anti-Trafficking Program (ATP)

New York, NY

Florrie Burke

Tel: 212-577-7700  
Email: [fburke@safehorizon.org](mailto:fburke@safehorizon.org)

- Services:**
- Direct Services: case management and linkage to necessary social & legal services, including shelter or housing referrals, counseling, legal assistance, medical services, & vocational assistance
  - Training & Education: conducts workshops, presentations, & training sessions for community based organizations, government entities, & law enforcement. Also provides training, consultation, & technical assistance to other anti-trafficking programs throughout the country
  - Community Outreach: Works closely with community based organizations, immigrant groups, and other entities that can help with the provision of services and enhance community understanding of this complex problem
  - NYC Service Network: Convenes and facilitates the NYC Service Network for Trafficked Persons. This network is comprised of service providers, advocates, & attorneys who share best practices, create partnerships, & coordinate long term services for trafficked persons in New York metropolitan area
- Languages & Cultures:**
- On staff: American Sign Language, French, & Spanish, Hindi, Urdu, Gujarati
  - Access to other languages through 24 hour hotline

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## Sex Workers Project at the Urban Justice Center

New York, NY

Juhu Thukral

Tel: 646-602-5690

Email: [swp@urbanjustice.org](mailto:swp@urbanjustice.org)

- Services:**
- Criminal Justice Advocacy
  - Immigration legal assistance
- Experience:**
- VAWA self-petition, T & U visas, & Gender-based asylum
- Languages & Cultures:**
- Spanish, Hindi, Mandarin, & Cantonese

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## Refugee, Immigration, & Employment Services - Catholic Family Services

Rochester, NY

Tel: 585-262-7070

Email: [sremito@cfcrochester.org](mailto:sremito@cfcrochester.org)

- Services:**
- Accredited representative who assists clients in adjusting status, filing for new/replacement documentation, family reunification petitions, travel documents, AOS's, EAD's & other similar filings to the USCIS - nominal fees
- Experience:**
- Experience working with refugees and other entrants for over 20 years
- Languages & Cultures:**
- Russian, Ukrainian, Bosnian, French, Spanish, Somali, Mai, Vietnamese, Farsi, Arabic, German, Hungarian, Romanian, Italian, Amharic, Swahili, Nuer & other African dialects
  - Experience with clients from southeast Asia, Middle East, Africa, South America, Europe, & Central Asia

## OHIO

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### International Institute of Akron, Inc.

Akron, OH

Pat Barger or Rebecca Jenkins

Tel: 330-376-5106

Email: [immigration@lek.net](mailto:immigration@lek.net)

- Services:**
- Family Immigration, asylum, removal, naturalization, battered spouse petitions
- Experience:**
- 2 BIA accredited representatives, Immigration Court experience, limited experience with T & V visas
- Languages & Cultures:**
- On staff languages: Russian, Spanish, Lao, Thai, Serbian, Kiswahili
  - All languages available

## OKLAHOMA

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## Catholic Charities

Oklahoma City, OK

Margie Solis

Tel: 405-523-3001

Email: [msolis@catholiccharities.ok](mailto:msolis@catholiccharities.ok)

- Services:**
- Provides immigration services to low-income households of Oklahoma City
  - Deals with Immigration law, family based petitions, VAWA, Asylum, TPS, U Visa
- Experience:**
- I-130s, VAWA, TPS, adjustment of status, asylum, U & T Visas, deportation/removal proceedings
- Languages & Cultures:**
- Spanish Speakers on staff, serves all cultures

## TEXAS

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### International Catholic Migration Commission

San Antonio, TX

Hilary Chester

Tel: 210-325-2810

Email: [chester@icmc.net](mailto:chester@icmc.net)

- Services:**
- Referrals to attorneys
- Experience:**
- Work with unaccompanied minors in federal custody, manage their placement, care and reunification with family members
- Languages & Cultures:**
- Spanish
  - Experienced with primarily Central American cultures

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### Mosaic Family Services, Inc.

Dallas, TX

Bill Bernstein

Tel: 214-821-5393

Email: [billb@mosaicservices.org](mailto:billb@mosaicservices.org)

- Services:**
- Social services agency providing comprehensive case management
- Experience:**
- Social services provider working closely with attorneys & agencies providing legal services connected with T visas for trafficked clients
  - Case managers have experience working extensively on documentation of trafficked persons and provide interpretation
- Languages & Cultures:**
- English, Arabic, Thai, Vietnamese, Bosnian, Kurdish, Laotian, Cantonese, Mandarin, Amharic, Fulani, Spanish, French, Tigrinya, German, Swahili, Wolof, Fee Fee, Turkish, Farsi, Russian, and Kirukuyu

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### Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center

El Paso, TX

Katie Hudak

Tel: 915-544-5126

Email: [katieanita24@hotmail.com](mailto:katieanita24@hotmail.com)

- Services:**
- Submission of VAWA forms, T & U visa applications, political asylum and detained minor cases
- Experience:**
- Limited experience with T & U visas
- Languages & Cultures:**
- Spanish, Vietnamese, French, & Arabic
  - Primarily experienced with Latino culture

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## Political Asylum Project of Austin (PAPA)

Austin, TX

Edna Yang

Tel: 512-478-0546 x202  
 Email: [ednay@papaustin.org](mailto:ednay@papaustin.org)

- Services:**
- Provides direct immigration legal services to indigent immigrants throughout Central Texas
  - Program for representation of immigrant survivors of abuse (PRISA) works with immigrant survivors of domestic violence seeking assistance with VAWA self petitions and adjustment of status
  - Assistance for crime victims with U visa applications and trafficked persons with T visa applications & adjustment
- Languages & Cultures:**
- Spanish, Korean, & some Russian
  - Primary experience with Hispanic, Asian and Middle Eastern clients

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## Victim Intervention Program (VIP)/Rape Crisis

Dallas, TX

Ellen Elliston, PhD, LCSW

Tel: 214-590-4285  
 Email: [ejelli@parknet.pmh.org](mailto:ejelli@parknet.pmh.org)

- Services:**
- VIP services at Parkland Health & Hospital System serve victims of trafficking through the coordination of medical services and offer psychosocial evaluations
- Experience:**
- Experienced therapists who have provided therapy and served as expert witnesses for traumatized clients, including victims of trafficking
- Languages & Cultures:**
- Spanish & translation services available for other foreign languages
  - Experience with African, Middle Eastern, Central & South American culture

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## YMCA International Services

Houston, TX

Jessica Donahue

Tel: 713-339-9015  
 Emergency: 281-216-7042  
 Email: [jessicad@ymcahouston.org](mailto:jessicad@ymcahouston.org)

- Services:**
- T & U visas, asylum, VAWA, & all family based immigration including removal proceedings - free or nominal fee
- Experience:**
- Experience with trafficking victims and other community based NGOs
- Languages & Cultures:**
- 25 languages available - Spanish, Arabic, Amharic, etc.
  - 25 plus years of experience with various cultures

## VIRGINIA

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## Refugee & Immigration Services

Richmond, VA

Carol McElhinney

Tel: 804-355-4559

Email: [cmcelhinney@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:cmcelhinney@richmonddiocese.org)

**Services:**

- Full range of assistance with BCIS paperwork
- Employment assistance, English-as-a-second-language training, and assistance with accessing social services and health benefits to all clients eligible for refugee benefits
- Offices in Roanoke and Hampton

**Experience:**

- BIA certified with 2 immigration counselors in Richmond office
- U visas

**Languages & Cultures:**

- Spanish, French, Cantonese, Tagalog, Vietnamese, Khmer, Somali, Dinka, Kiswahili, Thai, Farsi, Amharic, Mandarin, Korean, Serbo-Croatian, German, Laotian, Lebanese, Gujarati, Nepali, Haitian-Creole, Albanian, Arabic, Urdu, Persian, Turkish
- Experience resettling Vietnamese, Cambodians, Russians, Bosnians, Somalis, Sudanese, Iranians, Iraqis, Afghans, Haitians, Cubans, Liberians, Ethiopians, Egyptians, and Poles over the past 29 years
- Experience serving asylees from Togo, Burundi, Sudan, Somalia, Colombia, Venezuela, and Uzbekistan
- 10 of the 18 staff were born in other countries, five of whom were refugees or political asylees
- Immigration department has been in existence since 1980 and served clients from around the world

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## Refugee & Immigration Services of the Catholic Diocese

Roanoke, VA

Barbara A. Smith

Tel: 540-342-7561

Email: [Barbaras22@ris-roa.com](mailto:Barbaras22@ris-roa.com)

**Services:**

- Provides resettlement services to political refugees
- Provides immigration consultation on a sliding fee scale to persons in Southwest Virginia
- Services include, among others, adjustment of status to citizenship & asylum and travel documents

**Experience:**

- 2 accredited immigration counselors of staff, including one who speaks Spanish, with combined experience of 13 years of immigration work

**Languages & Cultures:**

- RIS operates Roanoke Interpreter Services which provides interpretation and translation services throughout the State of VA as well on a national basis
- Over 200 interpreters in 64 languages - this is a fee-based service
- Experience resettling the individuals from the following cultures: Africa, the Middle East, Asia, Eastern Europe, Caribbean, Mexico, Central & South America

## WASHINGTON

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## Children's' Response Center - Services for Sexual Assault & Traumatic Stress

Bellevue, WA

Deborah Doane

Tel: 425-688-5130

Email: [ddoane@u.washington.edu](mailto:ddoane@u.washington.edu)

**Services:**

- Advocacy & counseling services for child & youth victims of sexual assault & other forms of trauma in East & North King Counties
- Legal advocacy, medical advocacy, & consultation
- Crisis intervention, information & referral, assessment & evaluation
- Abuse & trauma specific therapy, group therapy, & parent-child interaction therapy
- Prevention & education services in the community

**Experience:**

- Children's Response Center is an outpatient program of Harborview Medical Center & a fully accredited Community Sexual Assault Program in the State of Washington
- Mental health/consulting services are provided by Masters level registered Social Workers

**Languages & Cultures:**

- Chinese (Mandarin & Cantonese), Hmong, Japanese & access to interpreter services
- Culturally sensitive direct services provided

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## Northwest Immigrant Rights Project

Granger, WA

Matt Adams

Tel: 509-854-2100

Email: [www.nwirp.org](http://www.nwirp.org)

**Services:**

- Assistance with various immigration matters, including: T & U visas, applications for political asylum, representation in removal proceedings, petitions under VAWA, naturalization applications, family visas, & applications for green cards
- Fees for services are based on the Federal poverty guidelines

**Languages & Cultures:**

- Spanish

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## Asian Pacific Islander Women & Family Safety Center

Seattle, WA

Tel: 206-467-9976

Email [Judith@apialliance.org](mailto:Judith@apialliance.org) or [emma@apialliance.org](mailto:emma@apialliance.org)

**Services:**

- Legal advocacy and assistance with T visa applications
- Client Advocacy, including: food, shelter, healthcare, counseling, information and referrals
- 24 hour Human Trafficking Response Team with WARN

**Languages & Cultures:**

- Korean, Tagalog, Samoan, Korean, Chinese (Mandarin, Cantonese), Vietnamese
- Experience with the following cultures: Japanese, Korean, Samoan, Tongan, native Hawaiian, Marshall Islands, Palau, Filipino, & Maori

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## Domestic Abuse Women's Network (DAWN)

Tukwila, WA

Sidney

Tel: 425-656-4305 x235

Email: [Sidney@dawnonline.org](mailto:Sidney@dawnonline.org)

**Services:**

- Crisis support services, referral & information, shelter, & support groups

**Languages & Cultures:**

- Spanish & access to interpretation telephonically or in person
- All staff is trained in cultural awareness & competent

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## Refugee Women's Alliance

Seattle, WA

Carrie Schonwald &  
Anne KoTel: 206-721-3846  
Email: [carrie@rewa.org](mailto:carrie@rewa.org)**Services:**

- Hotline: Monday-Friday 9am-5pm: **206-898-4741**
- "Trafficking Response Team" to serve Washington state
- Comprehensive services for pre certified and certified trafficked individuals, including legal council, case management, assessment, intake & referrals for emergency shelter, medical aid, mental health & counseling

**Languages & Cultures:**

- Access to 19 languages including: Amharic, Bulgarian, Cambodian, Cantonese, Illicano, Japanese, Korean, Lao, Mandarin, Russian, Romanian, Samoan, Somali, Tagalog, Taiwanese, Thai, Tigrine, Ukrainian, & Vietnamese
  - Experience working with the following communities: Bulgarian, Cambodian, Chinese, Ethiopian, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Thai, Russian, Philippine, Somali, Ukrainian, Latino, Kenyan, Nigerian, & Vietnamese
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## Volunteer Advocates for Immigrant Justice

Seattle, WA

Henry Cruz

Tel: 206-359-6201  
Email: [henry@vajj.org](mailto:henry@vajj.org)**Services:**

- Pro bono legal representation project in Seattle area that offers free legal assistance to detained immigrants seeking asylum or other forms of relief before the immigration court

**Experience:**

- T visa applications

**Languages & Cultures:**

- Spanish & other languages through volunteer interpreters
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## Washington Anti-Trafficking Response Network (WARN)

Seattle, WA

Edgar Mason

Tel: 206-623-2105  
Email: [edgarm@their.org](mailto:edgarm@their.org)**Services:**

- Refugee adjustments
- Assistance with permanent residency and naturalization
- Legal and Case Management for trafficking victims throughout Washington

**Experience:**

- 3 years of providing direct services to pre-certified trafficking clients

**Languages & Cultures:**

- Amharic, Armenian, Arabic, Bosnian, Chinese (Mandarin) Dutch, French, German, Italian, Luganda, Polish, Russian, Somali, Spanish, & Vietnamese
  - Experience with East African, Western African, Central African, & former Yugoslavia cultures
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## Wisconsin

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## Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of Milwaukee

Milwaukee, WI

Barbara Graham

Tel: 414-769-3417  
Email: [bgraham@ccmke.org](mailto:bgraham@ccmke.org)**Services:**

- Immigration legal representation and assistance, in the fields of: Family Based, Asylum, Nacara, Religious Workers, TPS, and cancellation of removal

**Experience:**

- VAWA (both self-petition and cancellation), U Visa, Gender Based Asylum

**Languages & Cultures:**

- Spanish, French, English
  - Clients from 49 different countries, mainly Spanish speaking
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When we were updating this directory, we were simply astounded by the turnover of staff. We had several instances when our contact from one organization ended up our contact in a completely different organization. It is necessary that we periodically update this document to ensure that we do not lose track of the names and faces of our field. Next to this document at [http://www.theirc.org/what/irc\\_antitrafficking\\_initiative/directory.html](http://www.theirc.org/what/irc_antitrafficking_initiative/directory.html) there is a link that will guide you through updating or becoming involved in this directory. Please do not hesitate. We need your assistance in ensuring that this directory is a valuable tool for all of us. If you have any questions or comments about this directory, you can contact the director of our Anti-Trafficking Initiative, Melynda Barnhart, at [mbarnhart@theirc.org](mailto:mbarnhart@theirc.org).