2019 Factsheet

Mission
The Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota enhances opportunities for immigrants and refugees through legal representation for low-incomes individuals, and through education and advocacy with diverse communities.

Goals
- Remedy legal problems by providing quality immigration legal services to low-income immigrants and refugees of all nationalities;
- Prevent legal problems by providing law-related education to immigrants and refugees of all nationalities; and
- Raise public awareness of immigration issues so as to encourage sound public policy that protects the universal human rights of immigrants and is both compassionate and practical.

Unique Attributes
- ILCM is the only legal program in Minnesota that provides comprehensive immigration services to low-income persons of all nationalities regardless of legal status.
- ILCM has two offices in St. Paul, and offices in Moorhead, Worthington, and Austin - increasing access to legal services for immigrants and refugees throughout Minnesota.

Clients
- ILCM serves immigrants and refugees residing in the state of Minnesota who earn less than 187.5% of federal poverty guidelines.
- In 2019, ILCM served clients coming from 115 countries, with 36% of ILCM cases originating from Mexico, 21% from countries in Central and South America, 20% from countries in Asia, 20% from countries in Africa, and the remainder from countries in Europe, Oceania, and North America.
- In 2019, 57% of ILCM clients lived in the seven-county Metro Area, while 40% resided in rural Minnesota, and 3% resided outside of Minnesota.

Activities
- Assist clients in preparing and presenting citizenship applications, and in passing exams.
- Reunite families by helping citizens and permanent residents to petition for family members abroad; keep families together through family petitions; and prevent the separation of families by providing representation for persons in removal proceedings.
- Assist families and individuals in filing asylum applications; assist battered immigrant women and children in filing Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) petitions; assist victims of serious crimes in obtaining U-Visas.
- Provide legal representation for young immigrants through our DREAMers Immigration Project.
- Present appeals in court to defend the constitutionally-guaranteed rights of immigrants.
- Advocate for fair and comprehensive immigration reform.
- Educate immigrants, professionals, and the general community about immigration and the issues faced by immigrants and refugees.

2019 Success
ILCM provided legal services in 4,578 unique cases with clients from 115 countries.

ILCM reached over 8,929 individuals through law-related education and advocacy presentations and countless others through press conferences, radio, and television appearances.

298 pro bono attorneys donated over 4,190 hours of service to ILCM clients and their families.

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