

IMMIGRATION LAW LIBRARY RESOURCES

This is not a complete list of immigration references and resources. Depending on the immigration services your organization provides, seek specific resources by talking to experts in the field. At the minimum, it is recommended that your agency have the *Immigration and Nationality Act* and *Title 8 of the Code of Federal Regulations* as well as the online resources, which are readily available. In addition, it is highly recommended that your agency have an immigration resource purchase and update budget since immigration laws change constantly.

Law Libraries

The Immigration and Nationality Act (known as INA), *latest edition*

Title 8 of the Code of Federal Regulations (known as 8 CFR), *latest edition*

Executive Office of Immigration Review Virtual Law Library, www.usdoj.gov/eoir

Your local or state university libraries may provide public access to immigration law collection. To locate a library, visit <http://lists.webjunction.org/libweb/>

Immigration Law Books via World Cat, www.worldcat.org, helps identify immigration law books and locate libraries that carry them via zip code.

On-Site Immigration Resources

Kurzman's Immigration Law Sourcebook, available at www.aila.org

CLINIC Survey of Immigration Laws Training Manual, available at www.cliniclegal.org

Guide for Immigration Advocates published by Immigrant Legal Resource Center, available at www.ilrc.org

CLINIC Manual, *Preparing for Legalization*, available at www.cliniclegal.org

Immigration and Legalization Capacity-Building

CLINIC Manual, *Managing an Immigration Program*, available at <http://www.cliniclegal.org/Legalization/managementmanual.html>.

This manual describes best practices used by many of the country's most experienced nonprofit immigration programs and managers. The training curriculum covers program design, case selection criteria, case management systems, fee schedules, alternative funding sources, financial controls, marketing, staff training, BIA agency recognition and staff accreditation, and legal representation ethics.

American Fact Finder is the U.S. Census Bureau's on-line tool for demographic research that provides more current data on the U.S. population. It provides more up-to-date data through the American Community Survey, which is a sample population survey that is conducted annually. To access the online research tool, visit www.factfinder.census.gov

Pew Hispanic Center, www.pewhispanic.org, is a nonpartisan "fact tank" in Washington, D.C. that provides information on the issues, attitudes and trends shaping America and the world in the areas of demography, immigration, identity, economics, labor, education, and remittances. It provides excellent and analytical statistics and data on the immigrant population.

Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees, www.gcir.org, helps you learn about the giving trend toward immigration-related issues. GCIR serves as a forum for funders to connect immigrant issues to their funding priorities by providing research reports, online data, tools, resources, and analyses on immigration issues. GCIR does not provide grants, but does help you learn about funders' interests.

Foundation Center, www.foundationcenter.org, maintains the most comprehensive database on U.S. grantmakers and their grants, provides training programs, and provides the latest giving trends. The Center has five regional library/learning centers and 340 Cooperating Collections across the country. Their resources, including the grant research database, are available for free at these locations. The cooperating collection locations are listed on their website. For easier accessibility, membership and/or purchase of the grant research database is available.

National Council Nonprofit Associations, www.ncna.org, provides many tools and resources on the nonprofit sector and maintains a directory of state nonprofit associations, which provide technical assistance and document templates to help your agency stay in compliance with state laws.

Naturalization and Immigrant Integration

U.S. Citizenship and Naturalization Handbook, latest edition, by Daniel Levy and update editor Charles Roth, Thompson/West, available at 800-344-5009

Naturalization and U.S. Citizenship: The Essential Legal Guide, latest edition, Immigrant Legal Resource Center, available at www.ilrc.org

CLINIC Handbook, *Citizenship for Us*, 5th edition, available at www.cliniclegal.org.

CLINIC Guide, *Strategies for Naturalizing the Most Vulnerable Applicants*,
<http://www.cliniclegal.org/Refugee/Docs/Natzhandbook.pdf>

CLINIC Online Naturalization Workshop Toolkit
<http://www.cliniclegal.org/Refugee/natztoolkit.html>

CLINIC Report, *A More Perfect Union: A National Citizenship Plan*,
<http://www.cliniclegal.org/DNP/citzplan.html>

Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)

VAWA: Immigration Relief for Abused Immigrants by CLINIC and Immigrant Legal Resource Center, available at www.ilrc.org

Advocacy to Improve Services for Battered Immigrant Women Living in Rural Communities by Legal Momentum, available at www.legalmomentum.org

CLINIC-LAFLA-MRS Trafficking Legal Guide, available at www.cliniclegal.org

Family-Based Immigration

Family-Based Immigration Manual: A Practitioners Guide by CLINIC, available at www.cliniclegal.org

Department of State Visa Bulletin, provides a summary on the availability of immigrant visas by preference categories and regions on a monthly basis. To access, click http://travel.state.gov/visa/frvi/bulletin/bulletin_4252.html

Immigration and Crimes

Immigration and Crimes from the Immigration Advocates Network library, [http://www.immigrationadvocates.org/library/folder.172046-Immigration and Crimes](http://www.immigrationadvocates.org/library/folder.172046-Immigration%20and%20Crimes)

Relief From Removal by CLINIC, available at www.cliniclegal.org

Detention Watch Network, <http://www.detentionwatchnetwork.org/>, is national coalition of organizations and individuals working to educate the public and policy makers about the U.S. immigration detention and deportation system and to promote humane treatment of detainees. DWN creates useful and timely resources for members and the community, including the Real Deal Fact Sheet on Detention, the Detention Map, the DWN website, and the Raids Response Toolkit. It also coordinates meetings and trainings to raise awareness and involvement around detention and deportation issues.

Defending Immigrants Partnership, www.defendingimmigrants.org, contains resources to defend noncitizens in criminal courts.

Periodicals and Newsletters

Interpreter Releases weekly publication provides current and accurate immigration analysis, including reproduction of key documents and memos. To subscribe, visit <http://west.thomson.com/home.aspx?>

Bender's Immigration Bulletin biweekly publication provides legal analysis of new immigration laws and policies. To order, visit <http://bookstore.lexis.com/bookstore/product/10762.html>

Catholic Legal Immigration News, CLINIC's monthly newsletter, provides immigration law updates, news from the Catholic network, a training schedule, and information on immigration advocacy efforts. The newsletter is available at www.cliniclegal.org

Online Resources and List Serves

Immigration Advocates Network (IAN), www.immigrationadvocates.org, is a one stop resource center for charitable legal immigration providers. This free national online network carries a web-based library; podcast, webinar, and video trainings; calendar of training dates; news alerts; and an online directory of members. It also provides a list of suggested listserves, which we have also listed below.

American Civil Liberties Union Immigrants' Rights Project operates a listserv for detention practitioners. To subscribe, please e-mail your name and e-mail address, your employer and your employer's contact information, and a one-sentence statement confirming that you do not work for the government to detentionlistserv@aclu.org.

American Immigration Law Foundation's Immigration Policy Center provides policy reports and updates on immigration and immigrants in America. To subscribe, visit http://www.aifl.org/ipc/ipc_index.asp.

ASISTA hosts two listservs, VAWA Updates and VAWA Experts. VAWA Updates provides the latest guidance, policy, and advocacy developments on VAWA laws, including legislation, U visas, trafficking, and related issues. VAWA Experts is a discussion listserv for people with significant expertise in immigration law and a high VAWA case load. To apply, send an e-mail to questions@asistaonline.org.

Bender's Immigration Bulletin (Daily Edition) provides daily news, case law and policy updates, and analysis from <http://www.bibdaily.com>. To subscribe, visit <http://www.bibdaily.com/> (the subscription box is on the right side of the page).

Brennan Center for Justice hosts the Legal Services E-lert, offering news and opinion pieces about free and low-cost civil legal aid. Legal issues that affect low-income individuals and families, including immigrants, are frequently covered. To subscribe, visit <http://www.brennancenter.org/content/elerts/> (scroll down to the bottom of the page).

CLINIC's listserv provides news articles and announcements on immigration law. To subscribe, visit <http://www.clinic.kintera.org/subscriptions>.

Detention Watch Network's listserv connects detention advocates from across the country. The listserv is a great way to stay updated on the latest news on detention and deportation issues. To subscribe, visit <http://www.detentionwatchnetwork.org/listserve>. (This listserv is not open to the media or government employees.)

Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees (GCIR): GCIR's E-newsletters keep funders and nonprofits up-to-date on the most recent resources available on a myriad of immigrant-related topics. Resources include links to recent articles, newspaper columns, major reports, books, recorded programs, conferences, and trainings. To subscribe, visit <http://www.gcir.org/publications/e-newsletters>.

ILW.com: The Immigration Daily and Immigrant's Weekly listservs provide news, updates and editorials for immigration advocates by immigration law publisher ILW.com (<http://www.ilw.com>). To subscribe to the Immigration Daily, visit <http://www.ilw.com/immigdaily/>. To subscribe to the Immigrant's Weekly, visit <http://www.ilw.com/immigrants/weekly/>.

Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC) hosts several free e-mail distribution lists as a service to nonprofit agencies, private attorneys and other legal service providers. Current lists include: Education (ILRC training news), Family Immigration, NACARA, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, Activists, and DREAM Act. You can subscribe online at: <http://www.ilrc.org/listserv.php>.

Migration News is published by Migration Dialogue at UC Davis and reports on important migration developments world-wide. To subscribe, visit http://migration.ucdavis.edu/mn/subscribe_mn.php.

National Immigration Law Center (NILC) publishes the Immigrants' Rights Update, which provides news and resources on a number of immigration issues including employment, public benefits, and detention. To subscribe, visit <http://www.nilc.org/pubs/iru/index.htm#subscribe>.

The National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild hosts several listservs for its members, including a general immigration listserv and lists that focus specifically on immigration and crimes, HIV, and gangs. To become a member, visit <http://www.nationalimmigrationproject.org/JoinDonate/joinus.html>.

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U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), is the official Department of Homeland Security site with the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 Code of Federal Regulations, all immigration-related forms, and memos and updates from the government. USCIS provides e-mail updates regarding policy changes or new guidelines. To subscribe, visit <https://service.govdelivery.com/service/user.html?code=USCIS>

Technical Support Organizations & Resources

Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc., www.cliniclegal.org

Immigrant Legal Resource Center, www.ilrc.org

ASISTA (assistance for survivors of domestic violence and sexual abuse), www.asistaonline.org

Legal Momentum (assistance for survivors of domestic violence and sexual abuse),
www.legalmomentum.org

Women's Law, www.womenslaw.org

Partnership, Membership, or Networks

American Immigration Lawyers Association, www.aila.org (it's best to include your local chapter information and contact person if your agency already has an established relationship)

ABA Immigration Legal Resource Referrals,
http://www.abanet.org/publicserv/immigration/legal_services_directory_map.shtml

ABA Directory of Law School Public Interest and Pro bono programs,
<http://www.abanet.org/legalservices/probono/lawschools/>

Congressional Office(s) and staff contacts: <https://forms.house.gov/wyr/welcome.shtml>

Library of Congress "Ask a Librarian" personal assistance by phone or e-mail regarding legal and legislative research assistance for foreign, international, federal, and state law:
<http://www.loc.gov/rr/askalib/ask-law.html> or 202-707-5079

USCIS Office of Communications has a Community Relations Program to communicate with community-based and faith-based organizations about their work, policy updates, and guideline changes as well as to receive community feedback. USCIS district offices organize quarterly CBOs meetings and conduct community outreach through Community Relations Officers. To locate and contact your local USCIS Community Relations Officer, click [here](#) or visit the Office of Citizenship at www.uscis.gov

Many states have a local chapter of the Legal Aid Society or have state immigrants' coalitions.