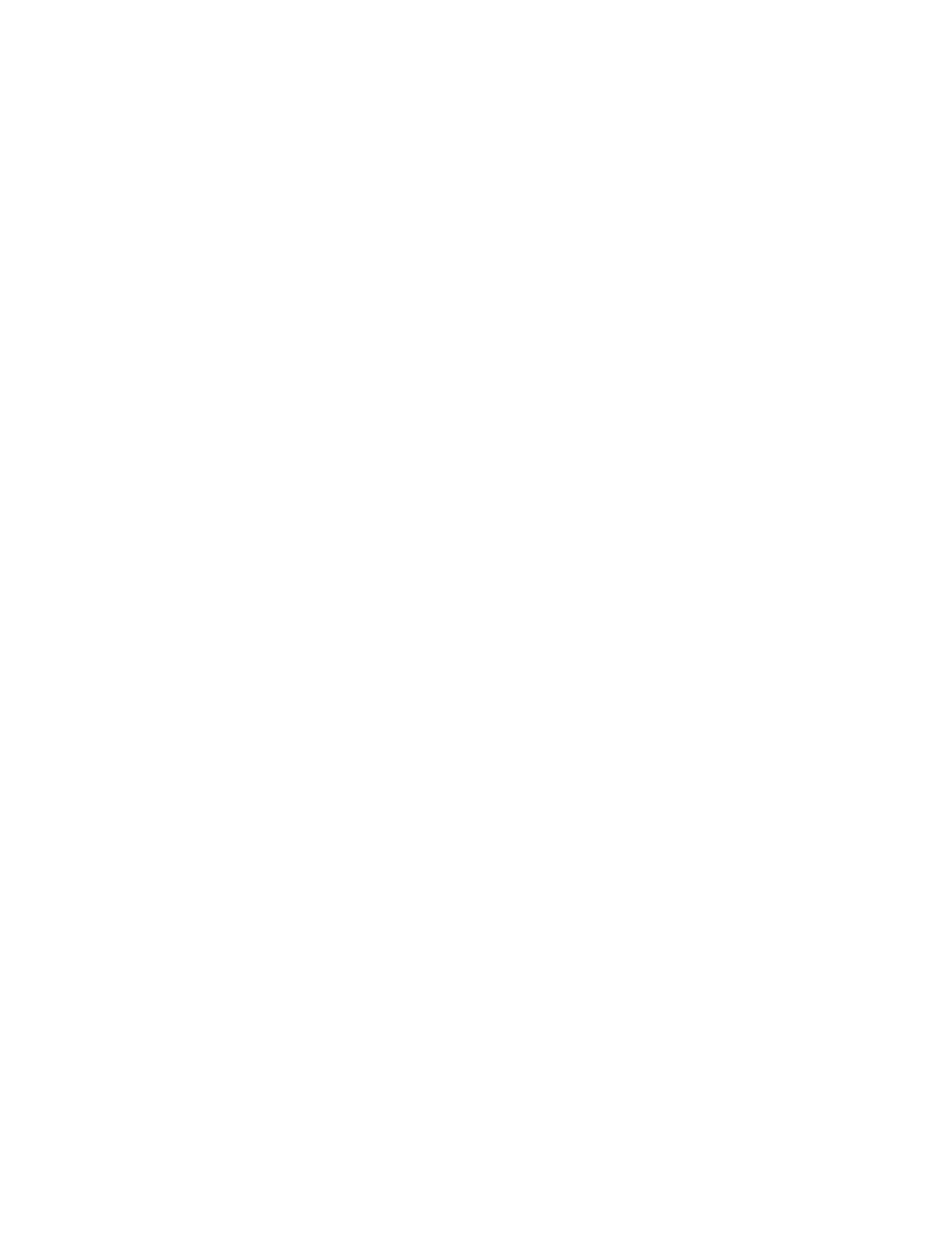


# 2014

## ANNUAL REPORT



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Dear Friends:

It is our honor to present to you the annual report for 2014.

Because of friends like you, the CLINIC network addressed unprecedented challenges with unparalleled compassion in 2014. In a spirit of solidarity, our network of community based legal immigration programs and immigrant advocates rose to the occasion—ensuring that vulnerable newcomers are treated with dignity and have access to justice, as is reflected in so many of the documents in the Church’s social teaching.

You stood with us as we joined the US bishops in prayer at the United States–Mexico border in Nogales, Arizona. You rallied your communities and wrote letters to the refugee families detained in Artesia, New Mexico and Berks County, Pennsylvania. You offered your expertise and opened your hearts to unaccompanied migrant children seeking asylum and family reunification in the United States.

In 2014, like never before, advocates from all walks of life were on the front lines, responding to historic moments in immigration policy with solutions that promoted the common good. The migration trends and policy reforms of the past year were more than matters of politics. To CLINIC and its network, protecting migrants was, and will continue to be, an issue of human dignity.

We are immensely grateful to all of the people whose support enables us to carry out this work—our dedicated staff, tireless affiliates, and all of our friends and

supporters. This report illustrates CLINIC’s impact and the contributions of these people throughout the year. May the pages that follow leave you empowered to continue to serve our brothers and sisters in need. Those who were able to attend this year’s annual CLINIC Convening in Salt Lake City experienced this personally.

Thank you for your friendship and may we, together, continue the good work we have begun to promote the values of our nation and our faith. The life and mission of CLINIC—which is all of you—is certainly (and has been for many years) reaching out to those on the margins so that they may know that not only is there a community of people who care for them, but also that “God is here” – “¡Dios está aquí con nosotros!”

May the Lord bless you. Thank you for all that you do and are!

Gratefully yours in the Lord,



Most Reverend Kevin Vann  
Bishop of Orange  
Chairman

*Kevin W. Vann*



Jeanne Atkinson  
Executive Director

*Jeanne Atkinson*

# The Power of the CLINIC Network

**Each year CLINIC trains and supports thousands of people.**

Each time CLINIC trains and mentors an affiliate staff as a legal representative, that person uses his or her knowledge of immigration law to assist thousands of immigrants a year.

**Through the legal help of CLINIC's network, hundreds of thousands of immigrants gain hope for their families.** Families are reunited. They gain emotional and spiritual strength, and communities gain new members, seeking to become integrated as US citizens.

**More than 600,000 immigrants become US citizens each year, continuing America's storied history as a country of immigrants.** The US continues with each generation to strengthen its democratic principles and institutions, inspire others across the globe, and lead based on its principles.

# 270,042

**clients provided immigration consultations**

# 25

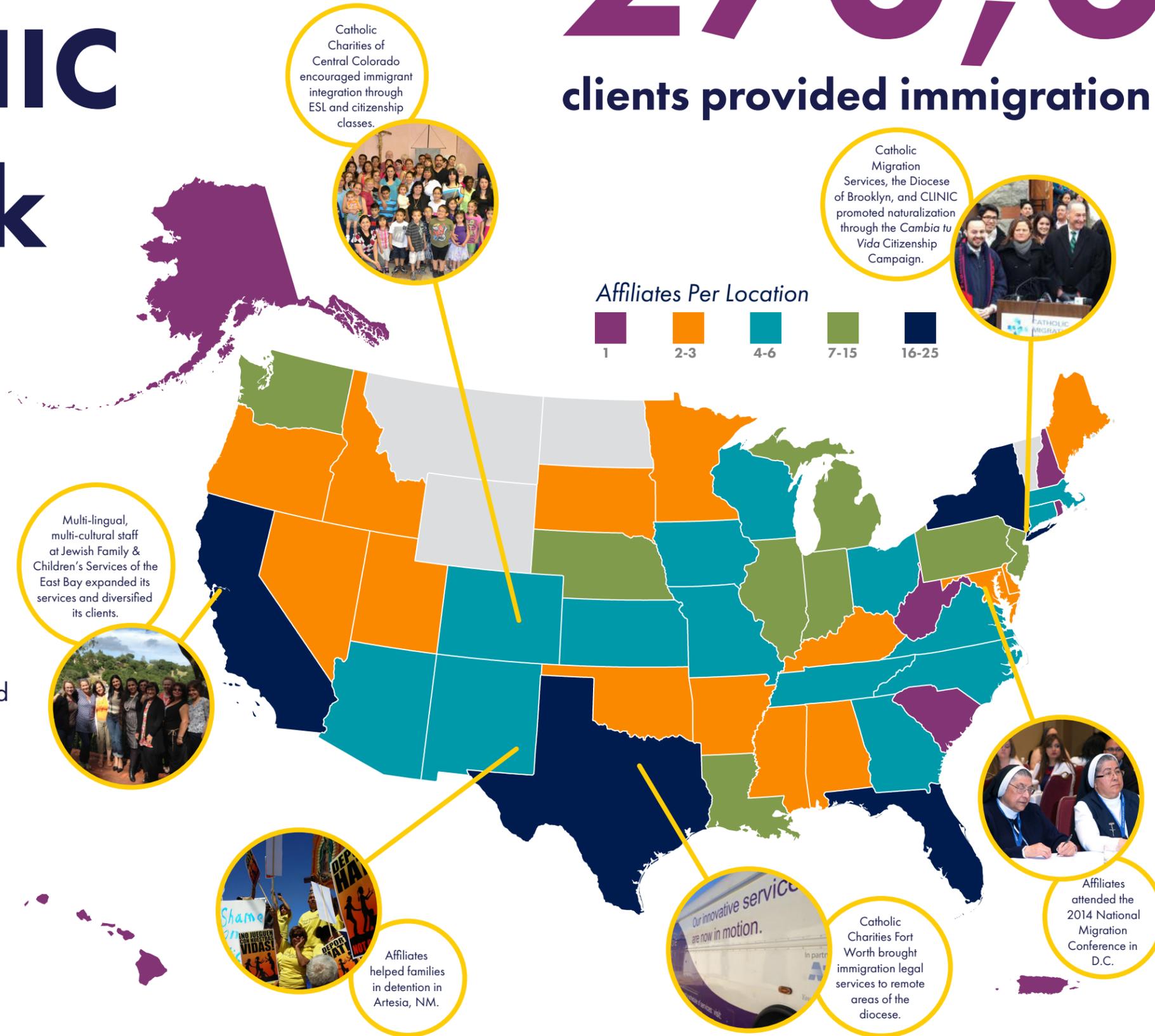
**new affiliates**

# 46

**states, plus D.C. and Puerto Rico, served by CLINIC affiliates**

# 78%

**of affiliates participate in local or national advocacy**



## EXPANDING OUR REACH AND IMPACT

More community-based organizations are embarking on immigration legal services than ever. Libraries are among those partnering with CLINIC to promote naturalization. Other newcomers to CLINIC's network in 2014 include domestic violence shelters and labor unions. These first-of-their-kind partnerships empower affiliates to support the immigrant community at venues they know and trust.

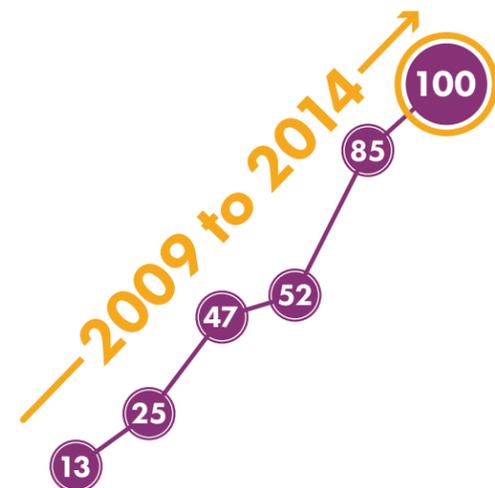
### Promoting Citizenship at the Public Library

The Los Angeles Public Library created special display areas, or Citizenship Corners, in over seventy branches to provide information on the naturalization process. CLINIC met with library staff to discuss offering direct assistance with orientation

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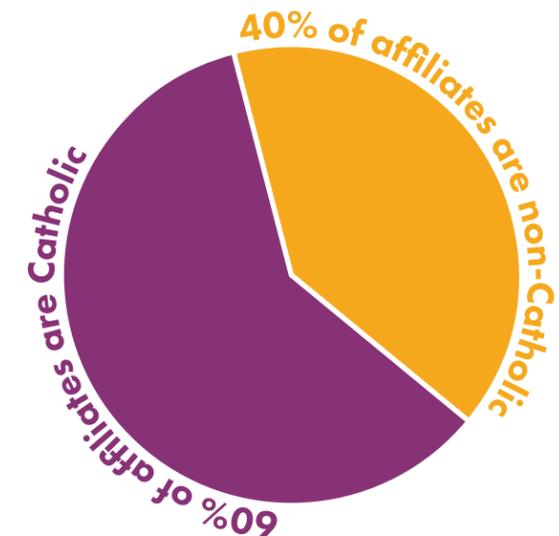
and screening for citizenship. The Los Angeles Public Library was inspired by other affiliates such as the Hartford, Connecticut Library

that have received Board of Immigration Appeals Recognition and Accreditation to offer more advanced legal immigration services. CLINIC continues to work hard to bring new players into the immigration field in order to maximize community resources for immigrants in need.



Number of subscribers, 2009-2014

**560%**  
increase in new  
subscribers from  
2009 to 2014



## HOPE FOR FAMILIES IN DETENTION

In response to the humanitarian crisis at the southern border, the Department of Homeland Security expanded its system of family detention, holding some mothers and children for months while immigration cases were processed. Detained without criminal charges and few resources, they were uncertain of their rights. Many detained families, despite fears of persecution in their home countries, were rushed through credible fear interviews and legal proceedings without sufficient information or access to counsel.

### Helping Asylum Seekers

One of the 700 mothers and children detained in Artesia, New Mexico was Yesinia. Yesinia fled to the United States to protect her children from the abuse she suffered at her husband's hands.

*CLINIC provided people like Yesinia with the legal counsel to present their cases before an immigration judge as they seek asylum in the United States.*

For years, he kept her confined to the home. When Yesinia alerted authorities to the extensive physical abuse she suffered, they did nothing to stop it.

Her life was in grave danger in Guatemala. With her young children, Yesinia sought refuge in the United States, where she hoped they would be safe. CLINIC provided people like Yesinia with the legal counsel to present their cases before an immigration judge as they seek asylum in the US.

CLINIC dedicated its time and resources to helping families in detention, supporting the ongoing pro bono efforts and meeting with stakeholders, including Diocesan Migrant and Refugee Services and Immigration and Customs Enforcement, until the facility was closed in late 2014.



**3,000+**

letters received for refugee mothers and children detained in Artesia, New Mexico

**18x**

Women with children who had a lawyer were almost eighteen times more likely to be allowed to stay in the US

**25,000**

e-postcards were sent to Congress and the White House calling for the end of family detention with partners at the Justice for Immigrants Network

## ADVOCATING ON BEHALF OF UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN

Fleeing the violence-riddled counties of Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala, over 60,000 unaccompanied children were apprehended along the southern border from October 2013 to September 2014. These children sought refuge in the United States in order to escape forced gang recruitment, poverty, and even death in their home countries. Upon arrival in the United States, many unaccompanied minors were released to family members in the United States while pending the outcome of their court cases and may be eligible to remain based on a fear of future persecution. Access to legal counsel is critical for these vulnerable children.

### Addressing the Crisis of Due Process

CLINIC responded to the needs of unaccompanied children by providing free immigration law training to advocates and pro bono attorneys. CLINIC and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Migration and Refugee Services partnered to ensure invaluable access to due process for unaccompanied children. CLINIC provided technical assistance, training, and support to affiliates representing unaccompanied children in Los Angeles, California; Galveston-Houston, Texas; Miami, Florida; Baltimore, Maryland; Washington, D.C.; Arlington, Virginia; and New Orleans, Louisiana.

In partnership with Equal Justice Works and with funding from the Executive Office for Immigration Review and Corporation for National and Community Service, CLINIC also served as the lead trainer for dozens of Justice AmeriCorps volunteers. These volunteers serve legal programs in CLINIC's network nationwide by representing refugee children.



**1,248**  
unaccompanied  
children matched  
with quality legal  
representation

### 2,600+ people took a training related to unaccompanied minors

600 took a four-week course called *Representing Unaccompanied Children: What to Do and How to Do It*



500 took a ninety minute e-learning about representing immigrant children in removal proceedings within the first month available



1,430 people watched CLINIC's webinar about the Catholic Church's response to the increase in children seeking refuge in the United States



 /  /  = 20

## JUSTICE FOR VULNERABLE IMMIGRANTS

Since 2001, CLINIC's Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) Pro Bono Project has facilitated access to justice for immigrants disadvantaged in legal proceedings. Volunteer attorneys, matched with detained asylum-seekers and long-time lawful permanent residents, serve as life-lines to clients by ensuring access to justice and filing appeals before the BIA at no charge.

### Relief at Last

Pedro, a native of El Salvador, entered the United States without papers in the mid 1990s. He desperately wanted to stay in the United States to provide a better life for his family, free from violence and persecution. Pedro, however, was detained, placed in removal proceedings, and the application for relief he filed on his own was denied by the Immigration Judge.

Thanks to the BIA Pro Bono Project, Pedro was matched with volunteer legal representation at the Thurgood Marshall School of Law. The law students soon discovered that neither the judge nor the government had previously considered that Pedro might be eligible to obtain Temporary Protected Status (TPS), a special form of relief allowing him to stay in the United States due to dangerous conditions in El Salvador. With the help of the Thurgood Marshall students, the case was sent back to the Immigration Judge where, with CLINIC's support, Pedro was represented by local counsel. At last, the efforts of the BIA Pro Bono Project volunteers and staff paid off. The judge found that Pedro was eligible for legal status. After a year in detention, Pedro was reunited with his wife and three children.



**83**  
**NEW CASES**



**15 YEARS** of the Attorney of the Day Hotline

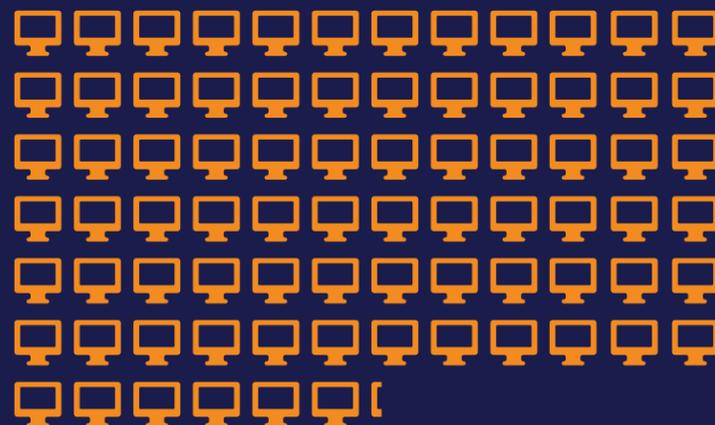
**Top 10 Countries of Origin Served**



**1,822** people trained in 16 cities

- Mountain View, CA
- Los Angeles, CA
- San Bernardino, CA
- Washington, DC
- Orlando, FL
- Atlanta, GA
- Silver Spring, MD
- Charlotte, NC
- Omaha, NE
- Manchester, NH
- New York, NY
- Portland, OR
- Dallas, TX
- El Paso, TX
- Houston, TX
- Crystal City, VA

**5,859** trained on-line



= 75

**70%** of CLINIC affiliates serve people at risk, such as survivors of violence and human trafficking

# CLINIC

## by the numbers

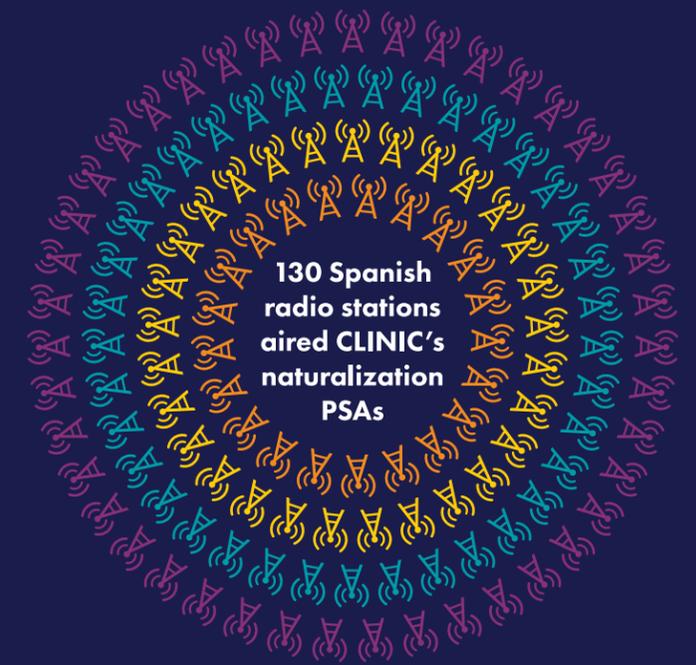
# 275,000+

persons impacted by CLINIC legal services

Over **11,000** seniors, **65,000** adults, and **12,000** children assisted by the CLINIC network in filing an immigration application



= 200



# 182

affiliate staff accredited by the BIA in the last 5 years

# 79

affiliate agencies recognized by the BIA in the last 5 years

# 160%

increase in new affiliate staff accreditation from 2013

# 150

average open caseload of full-time CLINIC affiliates

# 23%

increase in immigration consultations from 2013 to 2014

# 800+

advocates at the National Migration Conference

## READY FOR REFORM

CLINIC is leading the way for charitable organizations to support and prepare for President Obama's Executive Action on Immigration, or "Administrative Relief." The changes, announced on November 20, 2014, provide a needed pathway towards uniting and protecting vulnerable families. New policies included expanded eligibility for deferred action for childhood arrivals (DACA), a program for parents of US citizens and lawful permanent residents, and revised enforcement priorities. To maximize the effective implementation of AR, CLINIC co-chaired the Committee for Immigration Reform Implementation (CIRI), a coalition of national network immigration organizations founded by CLINIC in 2013.

## Ready for Immigration Action

CLINIC supports Ready California, an eleven-agency collaboration established to build capacity in preparation for immigration reform. Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Monterey was one such program that, with CLINIC's assistance, enhanced the region's ability to serve a larger number of people with greater efficiency.

To ensure that the agency and staff could practice immigration law, CLINIC assisted them with BIA Recognition and Accreditation through trainings and consultations. With these resources in place, twelve staff in four offices enrolled in a CLINIC e-learning course. As a result, they added three new offices recognized by the BIA. Now, three staff people provide immigration legal assistance and others can use their accreditation as a tool to augment their daily work with clients. For example, family strengthening specialists and family therapists now have the capacity to conduct outreach and screenings. Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Monterey, Ready California, and CLINIC have made immigration law common knowledge across programs.



859

people attended in-person trainings and events on Administrative Relief



1,533

people joined a series of webinars regarding Administrative Relief

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR RENEWAL: DACA

For many immigrants brought to the United States without papers as children, 2014 was the time to renew their two-year grant of work authorization known as the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

CLINIC engaged the White House and government agencies on issues related to filing and adjudicating applications for DACA renewal. With recommendations from a DACA advisory group representing CLINIC's affiliate network, CLINIC advocated for a simpler and streamlined renewal

*CLINIC engaged the White House on issues related to filing and adjudicating applications for DACA renewal.*

process. CLINIC acted as a liaison with government agencies to circumvent case issues in which DACA applications were pending long beyond

the average processing times. One such case was Thomas, a twenty-four-year-old man born in St. Lucia who had not received a response within eighteen months of applying for DACA renewal. Affiliate feedback and CLINIC's advocacy ensured that Thomas and DACA recipients like him received grants of renewal and could continue to work in the United States without fear of deportation.

### Bridging the Gap

Young undocumented immigrants from the Philippines are significantly underrepresented in DACA applications. To close the gap between the need for services and resources available, CLINIC worked with the Philippine Embassy in Washington D.C. and the Philippine Consulate in San Francisco. CLINIC held a DACA information session and workshop at the Philippine Embassy, and an overview of DACA and model training for volunteer attorneys at the Philippine Consulate.



**1,500**

views of video broadcasts focusing on DACA Renewal Guidelines during the first month

**12**

DACA renewal cases were brought to USCIS's attention, investigated, and approved, thanks to CLINIC's intervention

**636**

registrants for webinars on DACA

## HELPING LOCAL ADVOCATES

In 2014, CLINIC's State and Local project supported advocates across the country regarding a number of immigrant-related measures including tuition equity, driver's licenses, and immigration enforcement. Thanks to the efforts of these advocates, a record number of policy changes occurred in 2014 to inhibit the use of detainers.

Detainer practices are a central reason for increases in deportations and family separation. Immigration detainers are requests from federal immigration agencies that law enforcement continue to hold individuals in local custody

*A record number of policy changes occurred in 2014 to inhibit the use of detainers.*

for up to forty-eight hours so that their immigration status may be determined. These partnerships between immigration officials

and local law enforcement agencies erode trust in law enforcement, drain resources, and penalize communities. Through legal analysis, training, and technical assistance, CLINIC has supported advocates who push back against these practices.

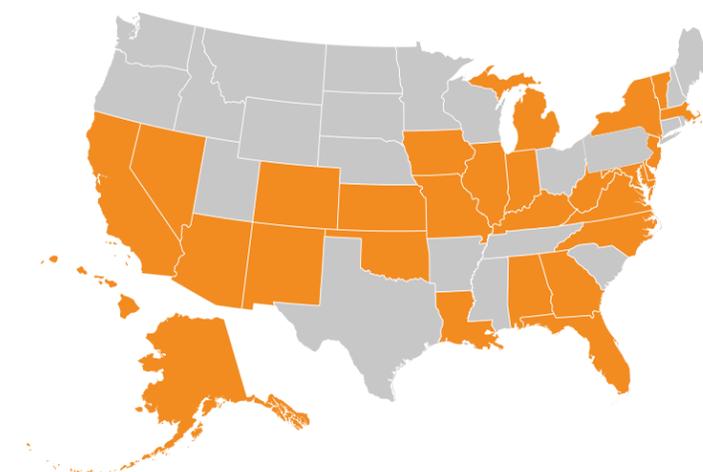


### Success in Palm Beach

The Sheriff's Office of Palm Beach County, Florida announced it would no longer honor immigration detainers in July 2014 following pressure from the faith-based coalition People Engaged in Active Community Efforts (PEACE). Having drawn upon CLINIC resources and guidance, PEACE pressed officials to adopt an anti-detainer policy. CLINIC supplied reports on the costs to taxpayers, policy analysis, and best practices from other advocates that gave PEACE a robust foundation to move forward, end the detainer policy, and promote strategies recognizing the contributions of all people.

**22,000+**  
visitors to  
state & local  
website  
resources

**260**  
jurisdictions passed  
policies limiting  
cooperation with  
detainers within the  
first nine months of  
2014



CLINIC assisted **28** states with local immigration related legislation

## CITIZENSHIP

Approximately 8.5 million immigrants are eligible for naturalization but have not yet applied. In 2014 CLINIC took steps to address barriers to citizenship and promote immigrant integration.

### New Americans

CLINIC is proud to be a part of the New Americans Campaign (NAC) and other initiatives that help lawful permanent residents realize their full potential. Through the NAC, CLINIC has provided nearly \$572,225 to affiliates in Charlotte, Dallas, Detroit, Houston, Los Angeles, New York, and Miami. Additionally, CLINIC supports over 100 partners, including legal-service providers, faith-based groups, and community leaders by providing free trainings and resources on naturalization.

### Immigrant Gateways

Catholic Charities of Onondaga County was selected to receive a two-year grant to start a

*CLINIC trainings have helped ensure New York's continued legacy as an immigrant gateway.*

citizenship legal and education program due to the unmet need for charitable immigration services in Syracuse. CLINIC

administered the grant with funding from USCIS and provided training and technical assistance.

At the conclusion of the grant, Catholic Charities served over 200 clients from twenty countries through well-developed citizenship services. Today, six BIA accredited representatives assist clients with citizenship, green cards, and family reunification applications. Access to funding and CLINIC trainings have helped ensure New York's continued legacy as an immigrant gateway.



**545**  
participants in  
on-line learning

**20%**  
of affiliate program  
caseload devoted to  
naturalization and  
citizenship

**\$2 Million**  
in flow-through funding to  
affiliates from the New  
Americans Campaign (NAC)

## THE NEXT GENERATION OF SOCIAL JUSTICE LEADERS

For students who are the first in their families to attend college, the challenges to succeed in their studies and career are especially daunting.

CLINIC, the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law (Lawyers' Committee), and the Washington, D.C. office of the National Immigration Law Center (NILC) partnered to help first generation college students gain hands-on experience in the field of advocacy for social justice. By connecting emerging leaders with mission-driven organizations, FirstGEN offers fellows the training and experience to create lasting change.

### Agents for Change

For Karla Davis, CLINIC's inaugural FirstGen Fellow, the topic of immigration is personal. As a young child, Karla's mother brought her and her sister to Los Angeles, California from Mexico,

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undocumented. In search of a better life, like so many, Karla's mother chose to risk her safety to help her children gain a quality education and opportunity. Through

a lengthy and complex immigration process, Karla ultimately gained residency in the US.

As an inaugural 2014 FirstGEN fellow, Karla was moved by her experience at CLINIC. She developed life-long professional skills and a passion for public service. FirstGEN introduced Karla to the mission-driven efforts of charitable organizations working on behalf of at-risk families like her own.



**4** first generation college students



**16** sessions equipping future leaders to promote social justice

## SERVING THE CHURCH'S MINISTRY IN THE US

Foreign born priests, nuns, and religious workers are shepherds to the faithful in the Catholic Church as well as key leaders in our communities, schools, hospitals, and other institutions. CLINIC's Religious Immigration Services (RIS) helps members of religious communities navigate the complicated system of visa requirements and immigration laws so that these modern-day disciples may minister to communities in the United States.

### Religious Immigration In Action

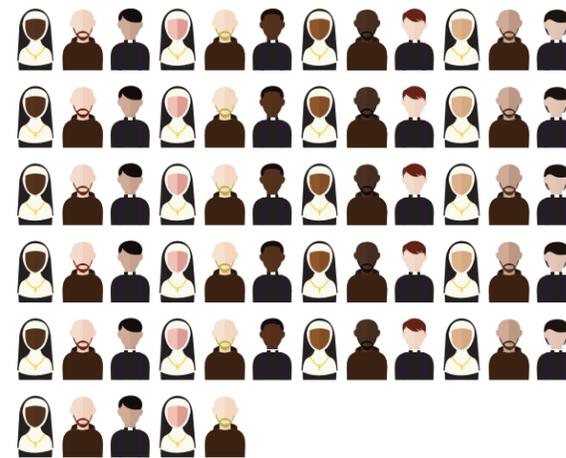
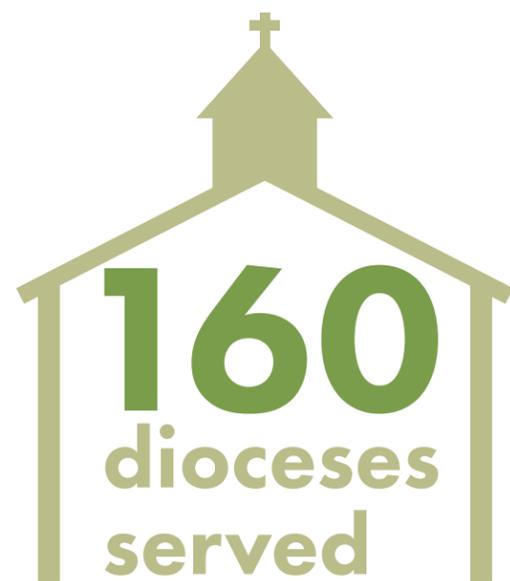
Fr. Gustavo Adolfo Montanez, a Dominican friar and native of Colombia, was determined to answer God's call to proclaim the Gospel beyond borders.

*"CLINIC made this possible. In this process of training, formation, and ministering to the people of God, I needed to be legal in the country."*

With a strong desire to preach the good news as a chaplain in the United States Armed Forces, Fr. Gustavo worked with CLINIC's expert religious immigration

attorneys to gain entry into the United States. He will soon be incardinated in Texas. Fr. Gustavo now has the ability to inspire US military personnel and their families with the gift of faith.

Fr. Gustavo explains, "CLINIC made this possible. In this process of training, formation, and ministering to the people of God, I needed to be legal in the country. CLINIC helped me to get an R-1 Visa. Being in this status, I was able to interact with people with different backgrounds and education, bringing the Word of God into their lives, giving them a word of hope, faith, and strength in the middle of their circumstances."



650 individual clients represented by RIS attorneys



## STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31, 2014 and 2013

### Assets

CURRENT ASSETS	2014	2013
Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,371,962	\$1,547,552
Accounts receivable, net	\$192,685	\$42,065
Contributions receivable	\$533,422	\$62,674
Federal grants receivable	\$46,490	\$66,165
Prepaid expenses and other assets	\$77,161	\$122,282
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>\$2,221,720</b>	<b>\$1,840,738</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Investments	\$5,312,178	\$3,951,473
Property and equipment, net	\$426,099	\$408,235
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>\$5,738,277</b>	<b>\$4,359,708</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$7,959,997</b>	<b>\$6,200,446</b>

### Liabilities and Net Assets

CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$197,867	\$254,182
Accrued expenses	\$487,654	\$502,583
Deferred revenue	\$144,975	\$89,906
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$830,496</b>	<b>\$846,671</b>
<b>DEFERRED RENT</b>	<b>\$326,582</b>	<b>\$396,864</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$1,157,078</b>	<b>\$1,243,535</b>

NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	\$4,726,851	\$3,439,198
Board designated	\$680,209	\$648,753
Total unrestricted	\$5,407,060	\$4,087,951
Temporarily restricted	\$1,395,859	\$868,960
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$6,802,919</b>	<b>\$4,956,911</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$7,959,997</b>	<b>\$6,200,446</b>

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## STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

For the year ended December 31, 2014

REVENUE AND SUPPORT	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops support	\$2,612,433	–	\$2,612,433
Professional services fees	\$25,763	–	\$25,763
Religious contracts	\$1,085,112	–	\$1,085,112
Federal awards	\$187,435	–	\$187,435
Other grants and contributions	\$828,833	\$1,135,000	\$1,963,833
Investment income	\$122,642	–	\$122,642
Training and seminars	\$1,018,588	–	\$1,018,588
Membership and other	\$250,150	–	\$250,150
Net assets released from restrictions	\$608,101	(\$608,101)	–
<b>TOTAL REVENUE AND SUPPORT</b>	<b>\$6,739,057</b>	<b>\$526,899</b>	<b>\$7,265,956</b>

### Expenses

PROGRAM SERVICES		
Direct representation	\$948,230	–
Education and network growth	\$2,876,171	–
Advocacy and community engagement	\$633,293	–
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES</b>	<b>\$4,457,694</b>	<b>–</b>

SUPPORT SERVICES		
Management and general	\$698,895	–
Fundraising and development	\$263,359	–
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT SERVICES</b>	<b>\$962,254</b>	<b>–</b>

<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$5,419,948</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>\$5,419,948</b>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$1,319,109</b>	<b>\$526,899</b>	<b>\$1,846,008</b>
<b>NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$4,087,951</b>	<b>\$868,960</b>	<b>\$4,956,911</b>
<b>NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$5,407,060</b>	<b>\$1,395,859</b>	<b>\$6,802,919</b>

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