

# Are immigrants in your community looking for advice? Here's how you can help.

Caution! The wrong help can hurt in immigration law. Even small mistakes can jeopardize immigrants' future immigration status. When immigrants in your community ask for help, instead of giving them legal advice or helping them fill out forms, here's how you can help:



Listen. Seek to understand the challenges immigrants in your parish face and support them.



Caution immigrants in your community about the risks associated with seeking assistance from unqualified legal service providers, whether well-intentioned or fraudulent. Share the attached warning flyer with them, and encourage them to only seek qualified assistance and to report scams.



Help immigrants locate a qualified immigration legal service provider. Visit [cliniclegal.org/affiliates/directory](https://cliniclegal.org/affiliates/directory) to locate a CLINIC affiliate near you. If you are having trouble locating a provider near you, contact Kristen Lionetti at [klionetti@cliniclegal.org](mailto:klionetti@cliniclegal.org) for additional suggestions.



Partner with an immigration legal service provider near you to host a presentation on current programs and services. Visit [cliniclegal.org/affiliates/directory](https://cliniclegal.org/affiliates/directory) to locate a CLINIC affiliate near you.



Support immigrants' efforts to learn English by referring them to local English as a Second Language classes, or by starting your own class.



Encourage immigrants to gather their important documents and save money so that they will be prepared to apply when future programs become available. Visit [cliniclegal.org/resources/envelope](https://cliniclegal.org/resources/envelope) for more information on CLINIC's envelope to promote document preparation.



# PROTECT YOURSELF

## Immigration law is complex

Many people will offer you help – some would like to cheat you, others will offer out of kindness. Either could jeopardize your future immigration status. Even small mistakes can result in severe consequences. Seek only qualified legal help.

**Make sure you consult an attorney or BIA Accredited Representative.** Ask to see their credentials. Visit [cliniclegal.org/affiliates/directory](http://cliniclegal.org/affiliates/directory) to find a qualified representative in your area.

**Do not trust people who claim to have a special relationship with USCIS, or who guarantee certain results, or faster processing.**

**Beware of anyone who advertises that he/she is a *notario* or a *notario público*** and can represent you in immigration proceedings. These people are not authorized to give legal advice. For more information, visit [stopnotariofraud.org](http://stopnotariofraud.org). If you suspect fraud, report scams to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) online at [ftc.gov/complaint](http://ftc.gov/complaint) or by calling 877-382-4357.

*Remember:*

- **There is no new application yet, stay informed.** Do not send any applications.
- Do not pay anyone who claims they can request legalization on your behalf or apply for employment authorization now through this new process.



CATHOLIC LEGAL  
IMMIGRATION  
NETWORK, INC.

*This is not legal advice. For educational and informational purposes only.  
This resource provided by Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.  
For more resources, visit [cliniclegal.org](http://cliniclegal.org). Updated 5/5/2016.*



# PROTÉJASE

## LA LEY DE INMIGRACIÓN ES COMPLICADA

Muchas personas le van a ofrecer ayuda – algunos quisieran aprovecharse de Ud., otros con intenciones honestas. Ambos pueden perjudicar su estatus legal en el futuro. Aún errores pequeños pueden resultar en consecuencias graves. Sólo consulte con ayuda legal calificada.

**Asegúrese que la consulta sea con un abogado o representante acreditado por el BIA.** Pídale una muestra de sus credenciales. Visite [cliniclegal.org/affiliates/directory](http://cliniclegal.org/affiliates/directory) para encontrar un representante acreditado en su área.

**No confíe en personas que aseguran tener contactos o influencias con USCIS o que garanticen resultados ciertos o procesamientos rápidos.**

**Tenga cuidado con personas que se hacen pasar por notario o notario público** y que aseguran tener la capacidad de representarle en procedimientos de inmigración. Estas personas no están autorizadas para dar consejos legales. Para más información, visite [stopnotariofraud.org](http://stopnotariofraud.org). Si Ud. sospecha fraude, reporte estafas a la Comisión Federal de Comercio (FTC por sus siglas en inglés): [ftc.gov/complaint](http://ftc.gov/complaint) o llame a 877-382-4357.

*Acuérdese:*

- **No hay una aplicación nueva todavía, manténgase informado.** No envíe ningunas aplicaciones.
- No le pague dinero a nadie que se declare capaz de solicitar legalización en su representación o de solicitarle un permiso para trabajar ahora mediante este nuevo proceso.



CATHOLIC LEGAL  
IMMIGRATION  
NETWORK, INC.

*Esto no es consejo legal. Para propósito de educación e información solamente.  
Este recurso es proveído por La Red Católica de Inmigración Legal.  
Para más recursos, visite [cliniclegal.org](http://cliniclegal.org). Updated 5/5/2016.*