

# How to Help Your Community Prepare for Administrative Relief

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Did you know that accidentally filling out the wrong immigration form could lead to deportation? **Immigration law is complex and should be left to the qualified legal representatives.** Instead of giving legal advice, here are some other ways you can help potential applicants in your community:

## 1. Stay informed on changes to immigration law

- Warn potential applicants that there is no “waiting list” for a law that has not passed yet.

## 2. Report immigration scams you come across

- Scams may be in the form of telephone calls, websites, bad service providers, and much more
- Report scams to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS):  
[www.uscis.gov/avoidscams](http://www.uscis.gov/avoidscams)

## 3. Encourage people to get qualified legal assistance

- Seek out a licensed immigration attorney or BIA accredited representative.
- Find one at:  
[www.cliniclegal.org/affiliates/directory](http://www.cliniclegal.org/affiliates/directory)

## 4. Encourage people to file taxes

- Obtain an ITIN:  
[www.irs.gov/Individuals/Individual-Taxpayer-Identification-Number-\(ITIN\)](http://www.irs.gov/Individuals/Individual-Taxpayer-Identification-Number-(ITIN))
- Correct previous years’ taxes, if applicable.

## 5. Encourage people to gather important records

- Passport(s) for the entire family
- Immigration history
- Address history
- Employment records
- School records
- Criminal records

## 6. Encourage people to study English

- Knowing the native language can help immigrant communities in future immigration processes
- Consider starting a class in your community:  
[www.literacydirectory.org](http://www.literacydirectory.org)

## 7. Encourage individuals to begin saving money

- Research responsible lenders in your area.
- Visit: [www.mymoney.gov/save-invest/Pages/saveandinvest.aspx](http://www.mymoney.gov/save-invest/Pages/saveandinvest.aspx)

**For more information please visit:** [www.cliniclegal.org/comprehensive-immigration-reform](http://www.cliniclegal.org/comprehensive-immigration-reform)

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