Making the Case for a National Legalization Program for Unauthorized Immigrants: Results from Screening for Immigration Legal Options in the South
PERSON Survey findings

- DACA-Related Cases
- Eligible for DACA
- Eligible for DACA AND Other Form of Relief

- Family-Based Visa (25%)
- U-Visa (24%)
- SIJS (13%)
- Consular Processing (12%)
- Adjustment (9%)
- Other (17%)
CLINIC’s 2017 Screening Project

° 16 CLINIC affiliates
° 7 states in the south
° 3000+ screenings
° Less than 3 months
CLINIC Affiliates

• Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte
• Catholic Charities Fort Worth
• Catholic Charities Immigration Services
• Catholic Charities of Arlington, Hogar Immigrant Services
• Catholic Charities of Central Texas
• Catholic Charities of Dallas
• Catholic Charities of East Tennessee
• Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Atlanta, Inc.
• Catholic Charities, Inc. - Diocese of Jackson
CLINIC Affiliates

- Catholic Legal Services, Archdiocese of Miami, Inc.
- Catholic Social and Community Services of Biloxi (Mississippi)
- Just Neighbors (Annandale, VA)
- Latin American Association (Atlanta, GA)
- Redlands Christian Migrant Association (Immokalee, FL)
- San Antonio Region Justice For Our Neighbors
- South Florida Justice For Our Neighbors
Workshop Components

**Five Ways to Avoid Immigration Scams**

1. **#1**
   - KNOW THAT IMMIGRATION FORMS ARE FREE! You do not need to pay for immigration forms. They are free and available online or at a local United States Citizenship and Immigration Services field office.

2. **#2**
   - Only go to an attorney or a Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) Accredited Representative to seek advice about your immigration matters. Find out if an individual is a licensed attorney in your state at shop.americanbar.org/asb/ABAGroups/DivisionforBarServices/BankAssociationDirectories. Find current BIA Accredited Representatives at justice.gov/aol/recognitions-accreditations-attorneys-reports.

3. **#3**
   - Do not sign blank forms or forms that contain false information. USCIS cannot adjudicate blank forms and filing applications with false information can lead to bad legal consequences. Always read documents before you sign and demand translation if necessary.

4. **#4**
   - Avoid paying your service provider in cash. Pay with check, money order, or credit card to create a payment record.

5. **#5**
   - Keep copies of everything you sign, including forms filed with USCIS.

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**KNOW YOUR RIGHTS**

A Guide to Your Rights When Interacting with Law Enforcement
Screening for Relief: Options

Eligibility Assessment

This section for attorneys or accredited representatives ONLY

Potentially eligible for:

- [ ] Derivative U.S. citizenship
- [ ] U/T visa
- [ ] VAWA
- [ ] SIJS
- [ ] Military parole-in place
- [ ] Adjustment of status
- [ ] 245(i)
- [ ] Asylum
- [ ] Non-LPR cancellation
- [ ] NACARA (Salvadorans and Guatemalans parents only)
- [ ] Other

Potential Problems:

- [ ] Crime-based inadmissibility
- [ ] Misrepresentation
- [ ] False claim to US citizenship
- [ ] Prior removal order
- [ ] Reinstatement of removal
- [ ] Unlawful presence
- [ ] Permanent bar

Need Waiver For

Eligible for provisional waiver?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

Eligible if:

Other:
Screening Findings

- Over 3,000 screenings
- Model potential eligibility for immigration relief
- Simulate the predicted probability of eligibility for immigration relief...
Screening Findings

15.4% of undocumented immigrants across 9 states in the South are estimated to be potentially eligible for immigration relief.

This translates into approximately 600,000 people.
Screening Findings

- Derivative Citizenship: 1.4%
- Adjustment of Status: 22.9%
- Asylum: 32.9%
- Military Parole in Place: 1.1%
- Non-LPR Cancellation: 22.6%
- NACARA: 0.9%
- SIJS: 8.2%
- U/T Visa: 17.3%
- VAWA: 3.8%
- 245i: 4.7%
Why is screening more important than ever?

- Integration
- Increased risk of enforcement
- Threats to DACA and TPS
Caveats

• Will current options remain available?
• Will immigrants have meaningful access to these legal options?
• Do we have the legal and immigrant service capacity to conduct screenings and provide legal services?
What if?

• 100 foundations
• $42,000,000
A coordinated Church response includes

– Quality information
– Legal representation
– Data
– Space and equipment
– Advocacy
Join us

• Deedee Gullo, Director of Immigration Services, Catholic Charities of Orange County
• Jack Holmgren, Strategic Capacity Advisor, CLINIC
• Jeanne Atkinson, Executive Director, CLINIC
Resources

- CLINIC’s Screening Tool
  cliniclegal.org/sites/default/files/resources/presidential-transition/images/Screening-Tool.pdf
- CLINIC’s KYR Resources
  cliniclegal.org/resources/know-your-rights
- CLINIC’s UPIL Resources
  cliniclegal.org/notario
- CLINIC’s Civic Engagement Guide
  cliniclegal.org/resources/stay-date-your-states-political-process