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Resource Association  
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# CFRA Webinar Immigration Services

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2018**

10AM-11AM

# Agenda

- ▶ Welcome, Introductions & Housekeeping
- ▶ Immigration Policy & CFRA Update
- ▶ CLINIC Program Presentation
- ▶ Q&A and Discussion

# Welcome & Introductions



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# Immigration Updates

- ▶ *As of August 31, 2018*
- ▶ US District Court for Southern District of Texas rejected Texas request to stop DACA renewals
- ▶ Judge recognized that halting the program would immediately harm DACA recipients
- ▶ Opinion requires government to continue accepting DACA renewals to keep status quo
- ▶ “The egg has been scrambled, and to try to put it back in the shell with only a preliminary injunction record, and perhaps at a great risk to many, does not make sense nor serve the best interests of this country.”

# What Does This Mean for DACA?

- ▶ USCIS still required to accept, and is currently processing DACA renewal applications **FROM PEOPLE WHO HAVE PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED DEFERRED ACTION AND WORK PERMITS THROUGH DACA**

# Immigration Discussion

- ▶ What are you seeing in your community and networks?
- ▶ What partnerships do you rely on to best serve your immigrant families?
- ▶ What trends are you noticing?
- ▶ How is your FRC staying apprised of the immigration policy changes?
- ▶ Do you have funding for immigration services?
- ▶ What trainings do you and your staff undergo for immigration related services?
- ▶ How can CFRA help?

# How to Partner with CFRA

- ▶ CA Department of Social Services Immigration Services Funding
- ▶ Sign up for News Letter and Alerts
- ▶ Become a CFRA Member
- ▶ Participate in CFRA's Policy Calls
- ▶ Join CFRA's Advocacy Efforts

# CLINIC Presentation



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Prior to working at CLINIC, Guerra was involved in developing the legal capacity of farm worker-serving organizations. Most recently, he was director of operations at the United Farm Workers Foundation as it grew into one of the largest and most successful legal services immigration programs in the country. Guerra is a fully accredited representative.





# CATHOLIC LEGAL IMMIGRATION NETWORK, INC.

**Providing Immigration Legal  
Services**

# About CLINIC

- Nonprofit based in Silver Spring, MD
- Training and technical assistance (TA)
- Diverse network of 300+ affiliates
- Main services
  - Religious immigration
  - Advocacy work and support
  - Immigration Legal TA (TLS Section)
  - Management TA (Capacity Building Section)



# CLINIC's Network

- 300+ Affiliates Nationwide
- 400+ locations in 46 states
- ~67% Catholic, ~33% not Catholic
- Many faiths and nationalities
- Small, medium, and large programs
- Membership benefits:  
<https://cliniclegal.org/affiliates/membership>

# CLINIC'S Capacity Building

- Training on imm program management
- DOJ recognition and accreditation assistance
- Prepare programs for immigration changes
- Link affiliates to other CLINIC services
- Project management & flow through funding



# Need for Immigration Services

- Many can't afford a private immigration attorney
- There are no legal services or attorneys in your community
- 18.5% of undocumented individuals have form of immigration relief without knowing it
- Over 2.1 million immigrants in CA are eligible to become citizens

# Can our agency provide immigration services?

- We do not have attorneys on staff
- We do not have anyone on staff with any experience on immigration issues
- How would we fund this work?

# DOJ R&A

- Department of Justice Recognition and Accreditation (DOJ R&A) allows organizations with non attorneys to practice immigration law, overseen by the Office of Legal Access Programs (OLAP)
- Recognition- Organization
- Accreditation- staff or volunteer of that recognized organization
- Previously BIA R&A

# Eligibility for Recognition

- Must be a non-profit religious, charitable, social service or similar organization
- Must provide services primarily to low-income and indigent clients within the U.S.
- If org. charges fees, must have a written policy for persons unable to pay
- Must have Federal tax exempt status



# Recognition Continued

- Must have at least 1 accredited rep
- Must have access to adequate knowledge, information, & experience on immigration law & procedure
- Will have to renew recognition every 6 years and provide reports regarding the immigration services provided

# Eligibility for Accreditation

- Must be employee or volunteer of organization
- Must have character and fitness to represent clients
- Must possess broad knowledge and adequate experience in immigration law and procedure
- Cannot be attorney who is eligible to practice law in the U.S. or a previously licensed attorney that had license revoked
- Cannot be convicted of a serious crime anywhere in the world

# Full vs Partial Accreditation

- Partial can represent individuals before DHS
  - U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
  - Immigration and Customs Enforcement
  - Customs and Border Patrol
- Full can also represent individuals before Executive Office for Immigration Review
  - EOIR=Immigration Courts

# Suggested Training

- Core Trainings:
  - Comprehensive Overview of Immigration Law
  - 40-hour, in-person training
  - Introduction to Immigration Law Practice
  - Introduction to Family-Based Immigration
  - Overview of Citizenship
- Others:
  - Program Management
  - VAWA, U, & T Visas
  - Humanitarian Relief
  - Bars & Waivers
  - Immigration Consequences of Crimes
  - Grounds of Inadmissibility
  - Ethics
  - Variety of webinars

# Training Tips

- Mix of in-person, e-learning, and webinars recommended
- Keep record of all trainings attended
- List trainings on resume
- List who gave the training, title, date, location, type of training

# Resources

- CLINIC R&A Toolkit and Step-by-Step Guide:  
<https://cliniclegal.org/R&A>
- EOIR R&A Website and FAQs:  
<http://www.justice.gov/eoir/recognition-and-accreditation-program>
- CLINIC training calendar:  
<https://cliniclegal.org/training/calendar>
- IAN training calendar:  
<https://www.immigrationadvocates.org/nonprofit/calendar/>

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# Questions?

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# Wrap-Up- Questions/Concerns?

