



Catholic Charities - Immigration Services

(504) 310-6860

Catholic Charities Immigration Services provides free or low-cost immigration counseling and representation to individuals and families who are eligible for immigration benefits but who cannot afford private attorneys. Accredited by the US Department of Justice's Board of Immigration Appeals to provide a broad range of legal assistance, we serve over 4,000 people a year through our team of lawyers, accredited Immigration Representatives, and social workers. We also have specialized programs to serve particularly at risk populations of immigrants, including unaccompanied children, survivors of domestic violence/abuse, survivors of trafficking and other crimes, and those detained in immigration facilities. Our legal services include:

- Individualized Legal Representation: Call (504) 310-6892 for a legal consultation appointment. Representation includes but is not limited to:
 - Family-based visas and petitions for legal permanent residency;
 - Applications for naturalization (citizenship);
 - Humanitarian forms of relief (VAWA, asylum, U and T visas, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, Temporary Protected Status, etc.);
 - Deferred action applications (i.e. DACA), travel visas / advance parole, employment authorization, declarations, waivers, etc.;
 - Deportation defense for immigrants in removal proceedings.

* Free Community Legal Orientations: Call (504) 310-6862 for more information.

We provide hour-long presentations for the public to learn about the following topics and more:

- "Know Your Rights" information;
- Recent changes in Immigration law;
- Common forms of immigration relief;
- Legal and other resources in the community for immigrants.
- Immigration court proceedings;

After the presentation, lawyers are available for individual questions on immigration status.

Held 7:00-8:00 PM on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 2505 Maine Ave, Metairie, 70003.

Free Legal Clinics and Workshops:

CCANO holds free legal self-help desks every week at a variety of locations to provide information on who may qualify for immigration benefits, answer simple immigration questions and make referrals. The clinics are free and open to the public, and offered every Tuesday at the following locations. Please bring any documents relevant to your case.

- <u>1st Tuesday</u> of each month from 5:00-8:00 PM
 St. Charles Parish Library East Regional
 160 W. Campus Dr. Destrehan, LA 70047
- <u>2nd Tuesday</u> of each month from 5:00-8:00 PM
 North Kenner Library
 630 W Esplanade Ave, Kenner, LA 70065
- <u>3rd Tuesday</u> of each month from 5:00-8:00 PM
 First Grace United Methodist Church
 3401 Canal St, New Orleans, LA 70119
- <u>4th Tuesday</u> of each month from 5:00-8:00 PM
 Westwego Library
 635 4th St, Westwego, LA 70094

CCANO holds free legal workshops on topics of high need such as asylum, to assist immigrants in preparing petitions on their own.

Citizenship classes & application assistance: Call (504) 310-6922 for more information.

CCANO offers regular adult education classes to help legal permanent residents prepare for the citizenship exam, as well as low-cost assistance to apply for citizenship. Classes offer instruction in ESL reading, writing, and speaking, the history of the United States, the U.S. government, and other citizenship exam topics. Classes allow you to practice for the citizenship application, the citizenship interview, the citizenship exam, and more. Class schedule varies. Registration Fee: \$35 per person.

Call our immigration legal services hotline at: (504) 227-3333

for recorded information on our upcoming community events.