



**Catholic Charities**  
Archdiocese of New Orleans



## 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 U.S. 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, social workers, and case managers. 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:*** CCANO hosts a weekly *Walk-In Clinic* every Wednesday from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM at 2505 Maine Avenue, Metairie, LA. Individuals will be seen on a first come, first serve basis and must come at noon to sign-up in person. Reservations are not accepted. If you are coming on behalf of a child, the child should be present as well. Please bring any relevant forms and documents. If it is determined that you are eligible to receive immigration benefits, you will meet with our legal staff for a consultation. Be prepared to pay a \$50 consultation fee per person (check, money order, or card). 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.

Call **(504) 310-6892** for more information.

❖ ***Citizenship Classes & Application Assistance:*** 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 **(504) 310-6922** for more information.

❖ **Free Community Legal Orientations:** CCANO provides hour-long presentations, held 7:00-8:00 PM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 2505 Maine Ave, Metairie, 70003, for the public to learn about the following topics and more:

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

Call **(504) 310-6862** for more information.

❖ **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.

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

❖ **Legal Community Outreach:** CCANO periodically holds free legal workshops on topics of high need such as asylum or DACA renewal, to assist immigrants in preparing petitions on their own.

**Call our immigration legal services hotline at:  
(504) 227-3333  
for recorded information on our upcoming community events.**