Civil Legal Aid for Immigrants & Refugees

Legal Aid lawyers help immigrants and refugees by:

- Ensuring fair treatment and due process
- Assisting with DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) and TPS (Temporary Protected Status)
- Educating people on their rights and responsibilities through workshops
- Helping people secure the right to live and work in the U.S. legally
- Defending against unfair policies that target immigrants and religious minorities and divide families
- Removing barriers to education for immigrants
- Protecting access to safety net programs

Low-income people at or below 125% of the federal poverty level ($32,750 per year for a family of four) qualify for civil legal aid.

An attorney with MetroWest Legal Services helped Carmen (left) and her son Bobby receive asylum after fleeing persecution in El Salvador.

MLAC-funded civil legal aid organizations closed

2,171 Immigration Cases in FY19

Last year legal aid provided

$69 million in economic benefits to the Commonwealth and its residents, including $11 million through immigration cases