

Civil Legal Aid for Immigrants & Refugees

Massachusetts
Legal
Assistance
Corporation

Line item 0321-1600

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

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