

LOOKING FOR PRO BONO IMMIGRATION OPPORTUNITIES?

In recent weeks, the Pro Bono Resource Center of Maryland (PBRC) has received a number of inquiries from community members interested in providing **pro bono** help to immigrants. If you have a question about one of the below opportunities, please reach out to the contact listed for that specific opportunity.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

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PRO BONO RESOURCE CENTER OF MARYLAND (PBRC):

Volunteer with PBRC's Maryland Immigrant Legal Assistance Project.

- ◆ **10,000** unaccompanied children have come to Maryland in the last THREE years, seeking safety and refuge from violence in their home counties.
- ◆ Children represented by an attorney are 5 times more likely to stay in the US.
- ◆ Volunteer attorneys and interpreters can help these children gain access to critical legal assistance with their valid defenses to deportation.
- ◆ Attorneys can choose to volunteer with PBRC for a couple of hours at a screening clinic at Baltimore Immigration Court or take a case from a project partner.
- ◆ Training, malpractice insurance, mentoring, and more are available.

***No prior immigration experience required.**

GET INVOLVED: [CLICK HERE FOR VOLUNTEER INFORMATION](#) or go to:

www.probonomd.org/about-us/pbrcs-projects/milap/ **Questions -** chulme@probonomd.org

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS:

Help give Know Your Rights presentations for the following organizations:

a. Tahirih Justice Center

(Maryland): <http://www.tahirih.org/>

Interested volunteers should email Baltimore@tahirih.org.

b. DMV Immigration Alliance

(Delaware, Maryland, Virginia): Interpreters needed as well as attorneys.

Interested volunteers should email lindsay@ayuda.com.

GENERAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR DC:

American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA)- Calendar of events:

Interested volunteers visit: <http://ailadc.org/calendar.php?date=0-4-2017>

DETENTION CENTERS:

CARA Pro Bono Project

(Maryland): <http://caraprobono.org/>

CARA operates a non-traditional pro bono model of legal services that directly represents the children and women incarcerated at the Dilley & Karnes detention centers. Volunteers sign up for weeklong shifts at the border.

To learn more about the Dilley Pro Bono Project, please contact Volunteer Coordinator, Crystal Massey at crystal@caraprobono.org.

To learn more about the Karnes Pro Bono Project, please contact Andrea Meza at andrea.meza@raicestexas.org.

NON-ATTORNEY OPPORTUNITIES:

Organizations serving immigrants often need help with their non-legal needs as well. Each organization's needs are listed below. Many of the organizations have **overlapping needs**.

LOOK FOR THE FOLLOWING SYMBOLS
TO FIND AN OPPORTUNITY THAT INTERESTS YOU:



INTERPRETING SERVICES



FOSTER CARE



TEACHING ENGLISH



GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE WORK



HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH



OTHER

Maryland Immigrant Legal Assistance Project (MILAP) 😊

www.probonomd.org/about-us/pbrcs-projects/milap/

(Maryland) MILAP needs Spanish-speaking students and professionals to interpret for attorneys at Project clinics. Volunteers can also choose to have their information shared with MILAP partners in need of interpreters for attorneys representing unaccompanied children.

The best way to get involved is to take [Interpret for Pro Bono Legal Services](http://www.probonomd.org/about-us/pbrcs-projects/milap/) by going to: www.probonomd.org/about-us/pbrcs-projects/milap/. Questions? chulme@probonomd.org.

Dulles Justice: 📞 😊

<https://www.dullesjustice.org/>

(IAD) Dulles Justice needs general support volunteers and people who speak Arabic, Farsi, Urdu, Pashto, Turkish, and French to interpret. Sign-up to get an assignment.

Questions? Please ask Dulles Justice through the [sign-up form](#).

Asylee Women Enterprise (AWE) 📖 📞 📄

<http://www.asyleewomen.org/>

(Baltimore County) AWE needs volunteers to help their residents fill out asylum applications, offer day program support, mentor asylum-seekers and refugees, as well as to answer the phone line and make copies, and stuff envelopes.

Interested volunteers should email information@asyleewomen.org.

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington

<https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer>

(Washington, DC and Montgomery and Prince George's Counties) Catholic Charities of DC needs volunteers to teach English, provide medical and nursing services, help with building maintenance, and administrative tasks.

Interested volunteers should go to <https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/> volunteer & sign up.

There is also a special need for communities to come together on their own to make welcome packs.

For more information about how your church or community group can organize a welcoming of your own, go to: <https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/get-involved-volunteer-one-time-meet-a-need?> **Questions?** Volunteer@CatholicCharitiesDC.org.

Catholic Charities of Baltimore Esperanza Center

<http://www.cc-md.org/immigrants/>

(Central Maryland) Esperanza Center needs volunteers to teach English, provide dental services, mental health counseling, and fill-out forms for Spanish, Portuguese, Arabic, and French-speaking clients.

Interested volunteers should go to: <http://www.cc-md.org/immigrants/>, and sign up for a volunteer orientation.

Centro de Ayuda

<http://www.centrodeayuda.org/>

(Anne Arundel County) Centro de Ayuda needs volunteers to teach English or tutor Spanish-speaking students. Tutors may still be in high school, but volunteers interested in teaching must have a high school diploma.

Interested volunteers should go to: <http://www.centrodeayuda.org/volunteer.html>.

Questions? director@centrodeayuda.org.

Centro SOL

<http://jhcentrosol.org/>

(Baltimore City) Centro SOL is looking for leaders of community support sessions to help immigrants cope with the anxiety the current immigration crisis is creating. Spanish is preferred, but not required.

Interested volunteers should email centrosol@jhmi.edu.

Gilchrist Immigrant Resource Center

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/gilchrist>

(Montgomery County) Join our Volunteer Team! Help the Gilchrist Immigrant Resource Center serve the immigrant communities in Montgomery County. No time commitment is too small. Professionals, retirees, students and all community members are welcome. We are seeking the following positions: ESOL and Computer Instructors, Spanish Language Instructors and Special Event Aide.

To volunteer, please visit our website at <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/gilchrist>. and click on the "Volunteer" tab. **Questions? GilchristCenter@montgomerycountymd.gov.**

Inter-Cultural Counseling Connection

<http://www.interculturalcounseling.org/>

(Maryland) The Inter-Cultural Counseling Connection is a referral network of mental health professionals committed to providing culturally responsive counseling and therapeutic services for refugees in the greater Baltimore area. Counseling services through the Connection network are provided for free (pro bono) or under reimbursement through Medical Assistance (Medicaid). There is no charge to the client. Language skills not required.

The network also has an ongoing need for highly experienced interpreters.

Requirements and training information is available at their website:

<http://www.interculturalcounseling.org/>. **Questions?** Contact Lauren Goodsmith: lgoodsmith.connection@gmail.com or 410-235-2465.

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service

<http://lirs.org/fostercare/>

(Maryland) Foster care families are urgently needed now more than ever for immigrant children who fled war, gang violence, persecution, or abuse, but lack a safe home in the United States. Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) leads the foster care efforts for this vulnerable population and can answer questions about the foster care program.

Please visit their website to learn how to become a foster parent: <http://lirs.org/fostercare/> LIRS asks that if you do successfully become a foster parent following their call for action that you share your information with LIRS so that they can share your story of compassion (in a confidential manner and with the agency's approval) and help put a human face to this issue.

Tahirih Justice Center

<http://www.tahirih.org/locations/baltimore/>

(Multiple – based in Baltimore City) Tahirih needs law students, paralegal, professionals, or support staff to do research, answer phone lines, and general support.

Interested volunteers should email Baltimore@tahirih.org.

Baltimore Immigration Bond Hearing Observation Project

The Baltimore Immigration Bond Hearing Observation Project is looking for volunteers willing to observe bond hearings at the Baltimore Immigration Court. Observers are expected to take notes on the detainees, their legal situation and their stories. The information is entered into a spreadsheet in order to facilitate connecting unrepresented detainees with attorneys willing to take on the case. Volunteers must be available on a Monday or Wednesday morning from 8:30 a.m. until the docket is exhausted around noon (if a volunteer cannot stay for the entire session on a Monday or Wednesday, the time commitments can be divided up as long as this is scheduled ahead of time). We prefer volunteers able to commit to at least two observations per month.

Interested volunteers should email vgiannini@umaryland.edu and taylor.clark@umaryland.edu.

DMV Immigration Alliance

Interested Volunteers should contact Lindsay Miles-Hare, Senior Pro Bono Coordinating Attorney at Ayuda to learn about upcoming dates this spring.
Email lindsay@ayuda.com or call 202.243.7305

ABA Commission on Immigration

https://www.americanbar.org/groups/public_services/immigration/internships.html

The ABA Commission on Immigration is seeking talented law clerks and interns to assist in cutting-edge, individualized assistance to detainees held by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Duties of interns consist of communicating with immigration detainees in ICE custody in detention centers, determining what information may assist them, and assembling the appropriate materials. Interns are trained in identifying specific complaints regarding the condition of detention centers and they assist in drafting complaint letters.

Those looking to apply should submit resume, cover letter, writing sample, and references to immcenter@americanbar.org.

RECORDED EVENTS AND TRAINING COURSES:

Available online for your convenience; pro bono commitment may be required.

- (1) **Interpret for Pro Bono Legal Services:** Teaches non-attorney Spanish-speakers to interpret for legal services so they can volunteer with the Unaccompanied Children Pro Bono Project.
More information: www.probonomd.org/about-us/pbrcs-projects/milap/
Questions? Email chulme@probonomd.org.
- (2) **How to Interview Undocumented Immigrants & Identify Immigration Defenses:** Prepares attorneys barred in any state to volunteer at immigration consult clinics. Covers the eligibility requirements for common defenses used before the immigration court. Suitable for attorneys with LIMITED or NO prior immigration experience.
More information: www.probonomd.org/about-us/pbrcs-projects/milap/
Questions? Email chulme@probonomd.org.
- (3) **Custody, Guardianship, and Obtaining Special Immigrant Juvenile Status:** Prepares Maryland-barred attorneys for the family court portion of a Special Immigrant Juvenile Status case so they can help a child who has been abandoned, abused, or neglected by one or more of their parents. Suitable for family law practitioners or beginners. Cases placed with volunteers by Unaccompanied Children Pro Bono Project partners.
More information: www.probonomd.org/about-us/pbrcs-projects/milap/
Questions? Email chulme@probonomd.org.
- (4) **Immigration Relief for Vulnerable Populations (VAWA):** Prepares attorneys barred in any state to take a VAWA case through Tahirih Justice Center.
More information: www.probonomd.org/training (click on the immigration section).
Questions? Email kpierre@probonomd.org.
- (5) **Asylum Approved! How to Represent Asylum-Seekers:** Prepares attorneys barred in any state to take an asylum case through Unaccompanied Children Pro Bono Project partners. Prior immigration experience suggested.
More information: www.probonomd.org/about-us/pbrcs-projects/milap/
Questions? Email chulme@probonomd.org.
- (6) **Contingency Planning for Maryland Families Affected by Immigration Enforcement**
You can access the recorded webinar, slides, and all of the handouts at:
<https://cliniclegal.org/defending-vulnerable-populations>. From here, click on the first icon (Recorded Webinar: Contingency Planning for Maryland Families Affected by Immigration Enforcement) and you will be directed to all of the information distributed through the webinar. Feel free to share this information widely.
- (7) **Immigration 101 for the non-lawyer:** Recorded at Maryland Immigrant Rights Coalition's Connect for Immigrants.
More information:
<http://marylandimmigrantrightscoalition.org/resources/immigration-101/>

UPCOMING LEGAL CLINICS AND TRAINING COURSES:

[TRAINING & EDUCATION](#) | [CONSULT CLINICS](#) | [DACA RENEWAL CLINICS](#)

TRAINING COURSES AND EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

Can't attend one of these live trainings? Scroll up for a list of recorded webinars available online.

Know of one that is coming up? Let us know. Email chulme@probonomd.org.

No live trainings currently scheduled.

CONSULT CLINICS

Volunteers are needed to interview immigrants and assess their eligibility to change their immigration status. Training is available.

Legal Education for Unaccompanied Children

Every Tuesday, 8:30 AM – 1 PM

Baltimore Immigration Court, Baltimore MD

By Pro Bono Resource Center of Maryland

Volunteer attorneys will conduct eligibility interviews and provide eligibility recommendations to children coming to court. Volunteer Spanish-speakers are also needed to interpret and help facilitate the clinic.

By participating in this clinic, you will be providing hope and education to unaccompanied children while they search for an attorney.

Malpractice insurance, interpreters, and training are provided.

Questions? Interested in volunteering?

Interested volunteers, email chulme@probonomd.org or call 443-465-4627

Family Safety Planning Clinic for Immigrant Parents

July 14, 2018, 9:00 AM – 3 PM

Located at: **Fields Road Elementary School, Gaithersburg MD**

By Pro Bono Resource Center of Maryland

Volunteer attorneys will assist immigrant parents with family planning in the case of deportation or detention. They will educate parents regarding financial and medical powers of attorney. Training is available for interested attorneys.

Malpractice insurance, interpreters, and training are provided.

If interested, please email: chulme@probonomd.org

RESOURCES TO STAY INFORMED:

(1) Maryland Immigrant Rights Coalition

<http://marylandimmigrantrightscoalition.org/>

(2) Immigration Advocates Network

<https://www.immigrationadvocates.org/>

(3) National Immigration Legal Center

<https://www.nilc.org/>

DACA SPECIFIC RESOURCES:

For DACA related volunteer opportunities, scroll up to see upcoming events.

(1) Catholic Legal Immigration Network (CLINIC)

[Webinar: The End of DACA](#)

[Screening Tool: 9 questions to screen for DACA renewal eligibility](#)

For more info, go to: <https://cliniclegal.org/daca>.

(2) Here to Stay DACA Resources

<http://weareheretostay.org/>

(3) Legal Aid Justice Center Videos

[What DACA Recipients Need to Know](#)

[Lo que usted necesita saber sobre su DACA](#)

(4) Practicing Law Institute

[The End of DACA: What You Need to Know Now](#)

(5) National Immigration Legal Center

<https://www.nilc.org/>