

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Catholic Charities Immigration Legal Services sponsors various training seminars throughout the year on the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), Asylum, and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) for attorneys and volunteer interpreters.

STEP 1:

Attend one of the trainings offered throughout the year the topics vary

To be a pro bono attorney:

1. Licensed attorney from any state
2. Does not have to be experienced in Immigration Law, we will train

To be a pro bono interpreter:

1. Native speaker or proficient in a second language
2. Does not have to be court certified

Participants will learn:

- Requirements for eligibility for immigration benefits under VAWA, Asylum, SIJS
- The basic principles of working with survivors
- How to prepare and submit self-petitions or applications
- How to monitor cases and correspond with Citizenship and Immigration Services (formerly INS)
- How to work with interpreters, attorneys

STEP 2:

Sign up to take a case.

HELP available:

- Catholic Charities staff will be available to provide legal and technical support to attorneys and interpreters throughout the process.
- All cases are prescreened by Catholic Charities before it is offered as a pro bono case.

TIME commitment:

- Varies with the individual case.
- One Case per year

Please e-mail Sam Oliver at revilomas@gmail.com with any questions.