

A young girl with dark hair and a pink headband is the central focus, holding a small American flag. She is looking slightly to the left with a curious expression. Behind her, a man in a light blue shirt and a woman with long dark hair are partially visible. The woman is holding a large red carnation flower. The background is a blurred crowd of people, suggesting a public event or ceremony. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent red triangle at the bottom, which contains the report's title and subtitle.

IMMIGRATION COUNSELING SERVICE

ANNUAL REPORT 2022

**ACHIEVING EQUITY AND JUSTICE FOR
IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES BY PROVIDING
ACCESSIBLE LEGAL SERVICES**

A LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear Friends of Immigration Counseling Service (ICS),

In 2023, we will celebrate 45 years of providing affordable legal services for immigrants, refugees, and their families across Oregon and southwest Washington.

This astounding achievement spans decades of ever-changing federal and state immigration policies that affect the daily lives of our immigrant and refugee neighbors.

What remains constant throughout our history is our belief in the richness immigrants and refugees bring to our communities and the value of their contributions to our economy. They deserve to feel safe, secure, and supported as they settle in our region and build better lives. Without legal status, immigrants live in society's shadows, vulnerable to exploitation and discrimination and deprived of basic services. These are simply unacceptable ways to treat human beings who have risked everything to start anew.

Facing these challenges head on in 2022, ICS delivered culturally and linguistically specific services to clients from all over the world, including Afghanistan, Ghana, Mexico, Ukraine, and Venezuela. We welcomed every immigrant and refugee, regardless of age, gender, nationality, and race/ethnicity. We also proudly advocated for the rights of LGBTQIA+ people escaping persecution and seeking asylum in the United States.

Our work is made possible because of our community partners and supporters. Every ICS endeavor benefits from neighbors, community leaders, local organizations, and supporters coming together to help our community thrive. On behalf of ICS's Board of Directors, staff, and our clients, thank you. This work would not be possible without you.

Frank Garcia, Executive Director

ACHIEVEMENTS

In 2022, ICS provided legal consultations and supported legal cases related to asylum claims, citizenship applications, family petitions, work authorizations, and more!



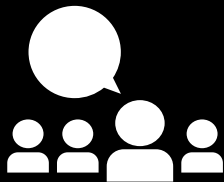
**1,300+ LEGAL
CASES &
CONSULTATIONS**



**750 NEW CLIENTS
FROM
37 COUNTRIES**



**\$25,000 RAISED
TO PAY CLIENT
COURT FEES**



**3,900+ ENGAGED
IN COMMUNITY
OUTREACH**



**280
HUMANITARIAN
VISAS & ASYLUM
CLAIMS**



**140
WORK PERMITS,
RESIDENCY CARDS,
& CITIZENSHIP**



**90 PETITIONS TO
REUNITE FAMILIES**



**70 DACA
RENEWALS**



**400 INDIVIDUALS
& ORGANIZATIONS
SUPPORTED ICS**

OUR WORK

We work to achieve justice and equity for immigrants by providing affordable legal services. One case at a time, ICS strengthens communities by bringing stability to immigrants and their families.

We defend immigrants against deportation, reunite families, secure work permits, support children who have been detained without their parents, and deliver community education presentations.



Defending immigrants and refugees against deportation protects their safety and wellbeing and provides immediate and meaningful access to a host of fundamental human rights: freedom from violence, access to health care and education, and the ability to earn a living wage.

GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES



DEPORTATION DEFENSE

ICS is one of only three non-profit organizations in the entire state of Oregon recognized for providing pro-bono defense against deportation.



RESIDENCY & CITIZENSHIP

ICS helps immigrants attain permanent resident status and achieve U.S. citizenship, including by providing interview and exam preparation.



HUMANITARIAN VISAS & ASYLUM

ICS helps survivors of serious crimes gain legal status. ICS also serves asylum seekers and refugees fleeing persecution and violence.



FAMILY PETITIONS

ICS helps keep families together by assisting U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents obtain legal status for their family members.



DACA

ICS assists individuals who came to the U.S. as children in obtaining status renewals and work permits through Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA).

UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN

Each year, thousands of children fleeing poverty, war, gangs, or abusive family relationships enter the U.S. as unaccompanied children separated from their parents or legal guardians.



ICS is the sole non-profit organization providing legal services for unaccompanied children in Oregon. Without legal representation, these children are deported in 9 out of 10 cases.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH & SUPPORT



KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

ICS provides Know Your Rights presentations in the Portland metro area and through monthly mobile legal clinics in rural areas. These educational sessions help protect immigrants from unlawful detention and discrimination. ICS also conducts outreach to keep immigrant communities informed of new policies that may affect them and/or their legal status.



LGBTQIA+ SUPPORT

ICS is the only non-denominational non-profit immigration law firm providing deportation defense in Oregon. We provide a safe and welcoming space for LGBTQIA+ immigrants to become informed of their legal options and protections. We support asylum claims on the basis of sexual orientation and/or gender identity or expression.

IMMIGRANT LEGAL RELIEF FUND

In 2022, our Immigrant Legal Relief Fund raised more than \$25,000 to help clients facing economic hardship. From coping with COVID-19 to facing housing insecurity, too often our clients have weighed the impossible choice of feeding their families or continuing their fight for justice. These funds provide urgent direct relief for clients who are unable to afford legal and court filing fees, allowing many immigrants and refugees in our community to continue their journey for justice and equity.

RURAL SERVICES



Immigrants are the backbone of Oregon's heavily agriculture-based economy, including harvesting, food production, food processing, and wineries. Yet, immigrants are isolated and often forgotten for their contributions to rural economies and communities.

Challenges facing immigrants are more severe in rural areas. Fear of deportation inhibits rural immigrants from stable employment, fully participating in community life, and accessing the services, protections, and amenities to which they contribute and are entitled.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Only 8 out of 33 rural counties in Oregon have registered immigration attorneys.
- Oregon's only federal courthouse for processing immigration cases is located in Portland, leaving thousands of rural immigrants without access to legal services.

49%

of ICS's clients live in rural areas of Oregon and southwest Washington

OUR CLIENTS



ANDRES

Andres is a young man who fled violence in Guatemala for a better life. After facing many challenges on his journey, he entered the U.S. as an unaccompanied minor and was detained. After ICS secured his release, Andres trained as a volunteer firefighter and helped protect Oregon communities during the 2020 wildfires.



JULIA

Our client Julia became a U.S. citizen in July 2022. ICS first met Julia in 2021 as part of our monthly rural outreach program to deliver legal aid to immigrant communities that are unable to access services in Portland. Working with our local partners, it was a wonderful community effort to help Julia attain citizenship!



RUBEN

One year ago, Ruben was living in the U.S. on a visa that allowed him to obtain permanent resident status, also known as a green card. However, when he applied, the U.S. government re-requested evidence of his physical presence in the U.S. for the last three years despite his visa status. ICS helped Ruben compile the necessary evidence, and he received his green card in December 2022!

**"THANKS FOR ALL
YOUR HARD WORK TO
MAKE PEOPLE'S
DREAMS COME TRUE."**



Marcos's road to U.S. citizenship has been a long one.

ICS first helped Marcos obtain a visa in 2009 and subsequently secured his green card in 2013.

In May 2022, Marcos became a U.S. citizen.

Thirteen years after his first consultation with ICS, his immigration journey was finally complete.

Marcos said, "Thanks for all your help. I was very happy beginning to end with this process. Thanks for all your hard work to make people's dreams come true."

OUR PARTNERS

Our deepest gratitude goes to our supporters and the community organizations that have worked alongside us to achieve equity and justice for immigrants and refugees.

- Acorn Outreach
- Casa Latinos Unidos
- Cascade Youth & Family Center
- Catholic Charities
- Center for Non-Profit Legal Services
- Community Services Consortium
- Immigrant & Refugee Community Organization
- Latino Community Association
- LULAC Oregon
- Lutheran Family Services
- Linn County Rapid Response Team
- Metropolitan Public Defenders
- SOAR
- So Health-E
- Unete Center



SPONSORS & SUPPORTERS



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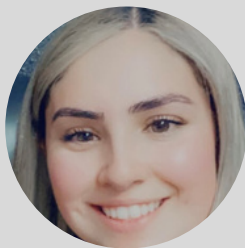
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JOIN OUR CAUSE

VOLUNTEER

If you are dedicated to human rights for all immigrants and refugees, consider joining our team as a Board member or fundraising volunteer! ICS encourages interest from those with personal and/or professional backgrounds in immigration. If you have questions about volunteering or joining our Board, please email our ICS's Director of Development & Communications Gina Vorderstrasse at gvorderstrasse@ics-law.org.

BECOME A MONTHLY DONOR

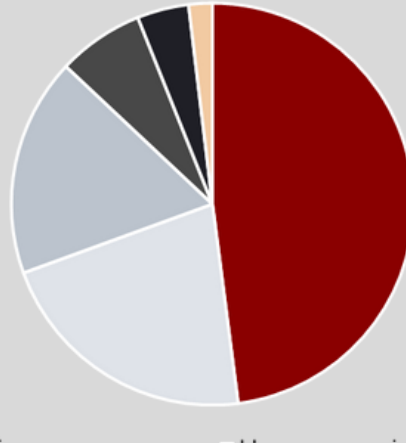
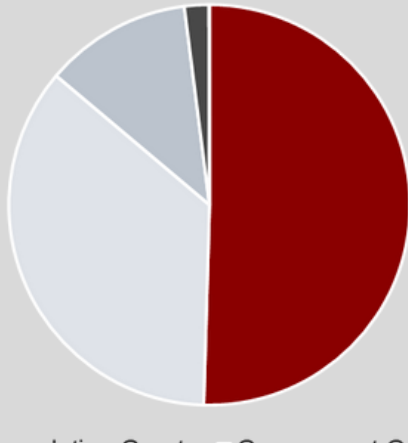
Our ability to serve the community is made possible because of our sustaining donors, who ensure the stability of ICS's programming. Be part of ICS's impact by becoming a monthly donor today; even \$10 a month makes a big difference! Donate through the QR code below:



FINANCES

Revenue: \$1,830,382

Expenses: \$1,965,503



- Foundation Grants
- Government Grants
- Invoiced Services
- Individual Donors
- Corporate Donors
- Client Services
- Administration
- Community Outreach
- Unaccompanied Children
- Development
- Deportation Defense & TVAP

