

How we help provide access to justice through immigration legal services

With over 85 years of experience in the work of welcome, Global Refuge understands the toll that the uncertainty of immigration outcomes and prolonged family separation can have on people, especially those who have survived persecution, armed conflict, violence, and other traumatic experiences. Our immigration legal services program helps newcomers and their families navigate the U.S. immigration system and understand their options and legal rights so that they can feel empowered to integrate into their communities and achieve stability.



As part of our Immigration Legal Services, Global Refuge, along with partner organizations in the Evacuate Our Allies Coalition, has participated in 16 Afghan Support Centers throughout the U.S. that have served more than 25,000 individuals. At each Afghan Support Center, the team provides free legal consultations, case escalation advocacy, and assistance in filing immigration benefits applications.

We provide trauma-informed, high-quality immigration legal services.

Immigrants and refugees often struggle to access immigration benefits due to cost, language and cultural barriers, case processing backlogs, and other factors beyond their control. Our Immigration Legal Services team aims to break down these barriers by delivering cost-effective legal services to low-income persons, while advocating for improvements in the system that benefit the community at large. Recognizing the unique and highly sensitive nature of our work, our team views each client's situation through the lens of the immigrant and refugee experience, with the goal of providing the highest level of care, advocacy, and empowerment every step of the way.

We address the unique legal needs of refugees and Afghan Special Immigrants.

As a leader in refugee and Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) resettlement, we are adept at serving clients who have resettled in the U.S. through these humanitarian pathways, managing their next steps in the U.S. while seeking to support and reunite with family abroad. Our team is knowledgeable about the different avenues for family reunification, including special processes established for certain Afghan nationals to seek relocation assistance. Understanding the importance of meeting deadlines and sequencing steps, we help clients make fully informed decisions about their immigration and resettlement options.

We promote the legal rights of migrants who are navigating the immigration court system.

Rapidly changing laws that impact access to asylum can present insurmountable barriers to people whose future in the U.S. hangs in the balance. As longstanding advocates of people seeking protection from persecution, our team is enhancing our capacity to help those in urgent need by building a network of pro bono partners who stand ready to advocate for the best possible outcomes.



Need Legal Help?

For questions about referrals to our Baltimore, Fargo, and San Antonio offices, please email us at nailsteam@globalrefuge.org.



Our Immigration Legal Services

We support clients in cases involving humanitarian forms of relief, family-based immigration, and citizenship/naturalization. We provide immigration legal screening, case consultations, pro se assisted services, direct representation (in limited circumstances), translation services, and assistance with case inquiries and escalations.

Our **Global Refuge Legal Services** team provides services to:

- Eligible Afghan Humanitarian Arrivals
- Eligible Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees
- Eligible participants in the Case Management Pilot Program (CMPP)
- Select government, community-based, and network-affiliated organizations that are seeking to partner to deliver immigration legal services



Did you know?

Access to immigration legal protections can improve:

- Employment & economic stability
- Academic achievement
- Physical and mental health



Where We Work

We help clients who have been referred by Global Refuge field offices in:

- Baltimore, MD
- Fargo, ND
- San Antonio, TX

Global Refuge is a nonprofit serving newcomers seeking safety, support, and a share in the American dream. We have been a leader in resettlement for 85 years, dedicated to supporting immigrants, asylum seekers, and refugees through advocacy, care, and empowerment to restore a sense of home.