

Immigration Updates

- **DACA Renewal Scholarships**

Through the New Americans Initiative, Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (ICIRR) is offering scholarships to Illinois DACA recipients who need financial help renewing their DACA. Scholarships cover the full \$495 renewal fee. See more information and requirements here: <https://www.icirr.org/daca-fees>

- **ICIRR Immigrant Family Resource Program/New Americans Initiative RFP**

ICIRR is seeking proposals from organizations who are interested in being funded to have the following immigrant integration programs:

Immigrant Family Resource Program: This initiative will seek to help immigrants and refugees on the path to self-sufficiency by helping low-income, low English proficient, eligible immigrants access essential human and government services and other safety net programs. IFRP partners will offer case management and interpretation and translation services in multiple languages across the state of Illinois.

New Americans Initiative: This program will seek to assist eligible immigrants in Illinois to become US citizens or renew their DACA. The initiative will include Outreach, Civics and English Education Classes, and Legal Assistance in the naturalization /DACA renewal process.

For more information about the Request For Proposals visit www.icirr.org/rfp. Letters of intent to make application is due by 5pm February 21, 2022.

- **Cook County Public Defenders Immigration Unit has 2 new immigration attorneys**

The Cook County Public Defender's Immigration Unit has hired two immigration attorneys who will start taking cases and representing immigrants who cannot afford an attorney at the Chicago Immigration Court as part of the unit. Please see press statement attached.

- **Immigration arrest settlement reached in lawsuit filed by Illinois advocacy groups**

A settlement was reached by the federal government and Illinois advocacy groups that will no longer allow immigration agents to make traffic stops and warrantless arrests. As part of the settlement, ICE has agreed to issue nationwide policy that will restrict agents from detaining undocumented immigrants without a warrant at traffic stops. See more here:

<https://chicago.suntimes.com/2022/2/11/22929362/chicago-immigration-federal-lawsuit-settlement-ice-immigrants-arrests-guidelines-traffic-stops>

- **CCLAHD Flyers**

Cook County Legal Aid for Housing and Debt is offering free legal help to Cook County residents regardless of income or immigration status on issues of eviction, unpaid debt, and rental assistance. Please see flyers attached.

- **Latino Policy Forum Don't Self Evict Flyers**

Please see “Don’t Self Evict!” Spanish and English flyers attached for immigrant tenants.