

IMMIGRATION & KNOW YOUR RIGHTS



Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid at Minneapolis Public Schools
Immigration Law Project
December 2025

About Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid

- We are a nonprofit law firm, offering free legal services to our most vulnerable neighbors.
- We do not work for the government, and we do not share information with the government about the people who attend our events.



How We Help



Consumer Protection



Disability Law



Family & Youth



Housing



Immigration



Project Care



Public Benefits



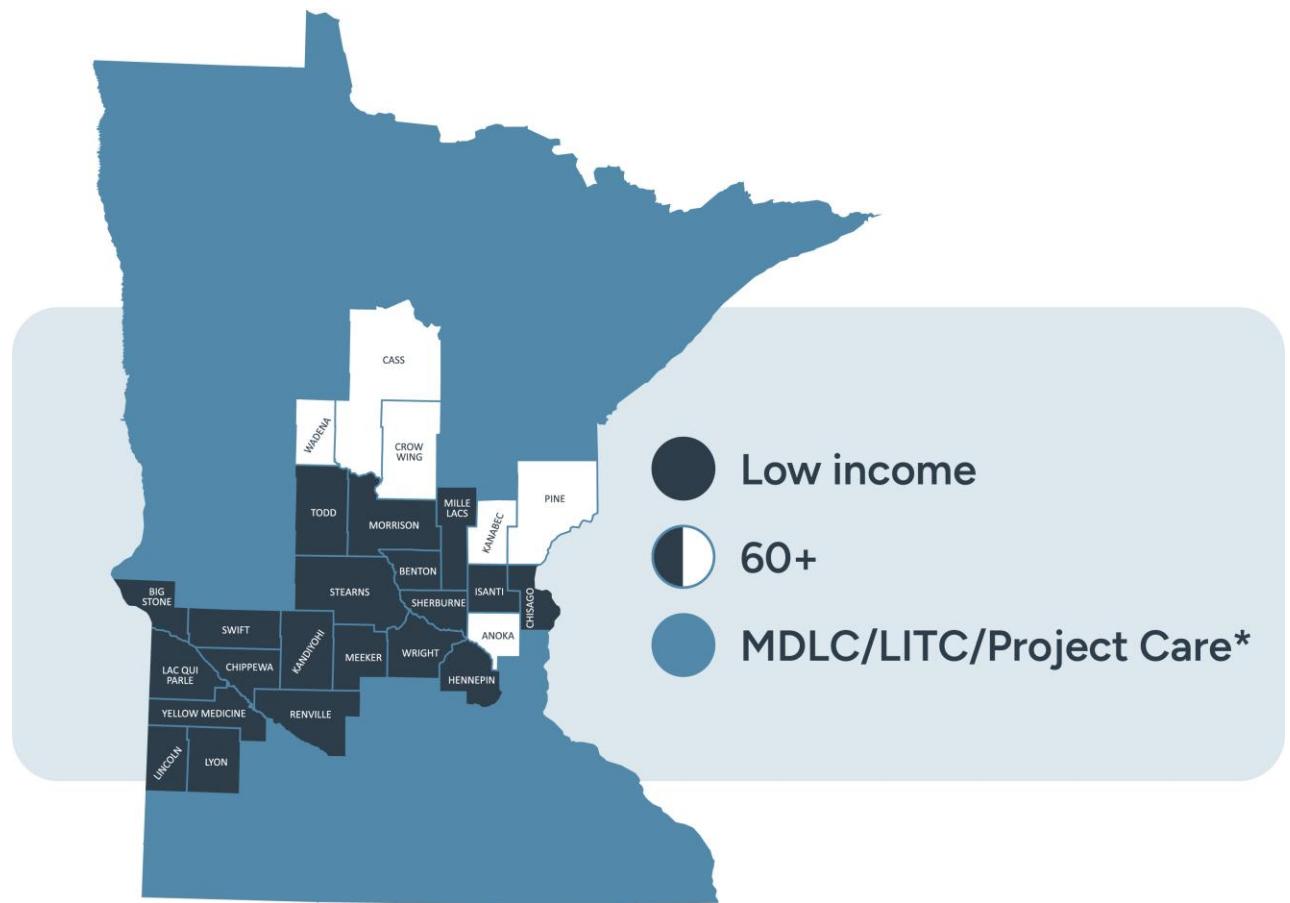
Seniors



Taxes

Who We Serve

- Lowest-income people in central Minnesota counties, including Hennepin.
- Seniors and immigrants in central Minnesota counties including Hennepin and Anoka.
- We also have statewide reach with the **Minnesota Disability Law Center, Project Care, Low Income Taxpayer Clinic, and Youth Law Project.**



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What is this presentation about?

- ❑ Rights of undocumented youth
- ❑ New challenges facing youth due to changing policies
- ❑ Provider best practices in ensuring youth access to mental health care
- ❑ Resources for providers

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KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

Bottomline: we all have rights, regardless of status!

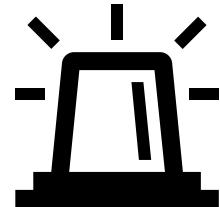


www.wehaverights.us
videos on defending your rights with ICE

Your rights with law enforcement

Anyone can ask for help from law enforcement.

- Your immigration status does not matter for receiving help when you are a victim of a crime or have an emergency.
 - **Call 911** if you feel unsafe, have a fire at home, or have a medical emergency. The police, fire department, or paramedics will come help.



Minneapolis & Saint Paul are sanctuary cities

What kinds of protections are there for immigrants?

- New City of Mpls EO: [ICE restricted from Minneapolis-owned parking areas, Mayor Frey orders](#) | [FOX 9 Minneapolis-St. Paul](#)
- Police cannot
 - ask anyone about their immigration status
 - arrest or hold anyone because of their immigration status
 - discriminate against anyone because of their immigration status



Other cities and counties in Minnesota may have similar rules.

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Your rights with ICE

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- Right to video interactions with ICE
- Rights when ICE comes to our home
- Rights when interacting with ICE in public
- Rights when arrested and detained by ICE

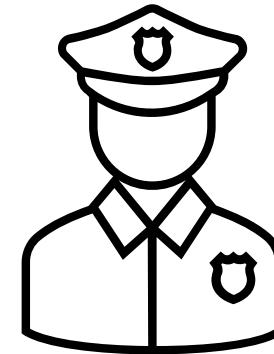
EDUCATE OURSELVES, OUR FAMILIES, AND OUR FRIENDS

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Your rights with law enforcement

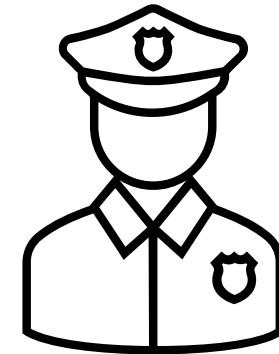
What do I do if I am stopped by the police or ICE? (1)



- Stay calm, DO NOT RUN
- Ask for an interpreter if you need one
- Say “**I want to remain silent**” to exercise your right to remain silent
 - You could give your name
 - **DO NOT LIE**, give a fake name, give fake documents, or sign anything
 - Youth should have their attorney and family member’s contact number memorized in case they are detained

Your rights with law enforcement

What do I do if I am stopped by the police or ICE? (2)



- Right to refuse a search
 - Say: "**I DO NOT CONSENT TO A SEARCH**"
- Ask "**Am I under arrest, or am I free to go?**"

Your rights with law enforcement

What do I do if authorities comes to my door?



- DO NOT OPEN THE DOOR.**
- Ask if they have a judicial warrant
 - A judicial warrant is a document signed by a **judge** that lets law enforcement search for a person or search your home
- Tell them to put the warrant under the door or up to a window.
 - **TAKE A PICTURE OF THE WARRANT**

Your rights with law enforcement

What do I do if authorities comes to my door?



- The authorities can only come in your house if the order
 - Is signed by a judge **AND**
 - Has your address on it
- If the document doesn't have those, you can deny the authorities entry.
 - Tell them: "**I DO NOT CONSENT FOR YOU TO COME IN**"
- If the order names someone in the house and it's signed by a judge, that person should EXIT the house. Do not let the authorities in.

Warrant for Arrest of Alien

File No. _____
 Event No. _____
 Date: October 20, 2010

FIND:

To any officer delegated authority pursuant to Section 287 of the Immigration and Nationality Act:

From evidence submitted to me, it appears that:

S U N O M B R E C O M P L E T O
 (full name of alien)
 an alien who entered the United States at or near EAUGLE PASS, TEXAS on
March 1, 2003 (date) is within the country in violation of the immigration laws and is
 therefore liable to being taken into custody as authorized by section 236 of the Immigration and
 Nationality Act.

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the immigration laws of the United States and the
 regulations issued pursuant thereto, I command you to take the above-named alien into custody for
 proceedings in accordance with the applicable provisions of the immigration laws and regulations.

Signature

(Signature of law enforcement officer)

Name

(Name of law enforcement officer)

SSDO

(Title)

Certificate of Service

Served by me at NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE on October 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM.
 I certify that following such service, the alien was advised concerning his or her right to counsel and was
 furnished a copy of this warrant.

Signature

(Signature of officer serving warrant)

SENIOR SPECIAL AGENT

(Title of officer serving warrant)

Form I-255 (Rev. 10-9-07)

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

United States of America

v.

Case No. _____

S U N O M B R E C O M P L E T O

Defendant

ARREST WARRANT

To: Any authorized law enforcement officer

YOU ARE COMMANDED to arrest and bring before a United States magistrate judge without unnecessary delay
 (name of person to be arrested) **S U N O M B R E C O M P L E T O**,
 who is accused of an offense or violation based on the following document filed with the court:

Indictment Superseding Indictment Information Superseding Information Complaint
 Probation Violation Petition Supervised Release Violation Petition Violation Notice Order of the Court

This offense is briefly described as follows:

Date: **F E C H A***firmar de juez*

Issuing officer's signature

City and state: **C I U D A D Y E S T A D O****N O M B R E D E J U E Z**

Printed name and title

Return

This warrant was received on (date) _____, and the person was arrested on (date) _____
 at (city and state) _____

Date: _____

Arresting officer's signature

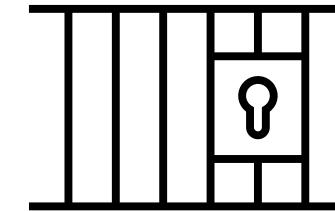
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NOT VALID TO ENTER THE HOME

VALID TO ENTER THE HOME

Your rights with law enforcement

What do I do if I am arrested by the police or ICE?



- Say “I want to remain silent”
- You have the right to a lawyer: “I want to talk to a lawyer”
 - DO NOT sign anything or answer questions without a lawyer
- You have the right to make a local call and a call to your consulate
- If you’re afraid to go back to your country, SAY IT

Record everything

Having a record of what happened may help you later

- You have the right to record any interaction with ICE or the police
 - DO NOT interfere**
- Write everything down afterwards
- Call someone and tell them everything that happened

Rights of business owners

Have a policy in place and train your staff!

- [A Guide for Employers: What to Do if Immigration Comes to Your Workplace – NILC](#)
- Speak to your employer's counsel if your employer is represented
- Make sure you and your staff are trained
- May wish to have “employees only” signs posted and consider obtaining signs from City of Mpls under new EO or advocating for similar ICE Free Zone policies for your city



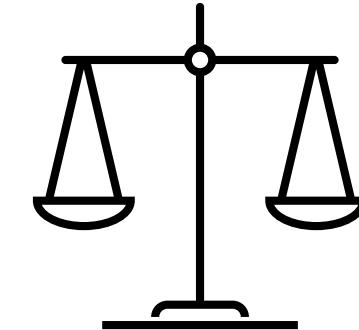
IMMIGRATION COURT



www.lawhelpmn.org
fact sheets on immigration court in MN

WHAT IS IMMIGRATION COURT

Also called removal proceedings



- Immigration court is where an immigration judge decides whether you can stay in the U.S. or be deported.
- Everyone in the U.S. has a right to fight their case in court before they can be deported.
 - BUT if you have a deportation order already, you may be deported without court.*
- You have the right to a lawyer, but you have to find your own. You don't need a lawyer though.

WHAT IS IMMIGRATION COURT

Who can be deported in immigration court?

Some of the most common categories:

- Breaking immigration laws
- Breaking criminal laws
- Lying or using fake documents with immigration officials



WHAT HAPPENS IN IMMIGRATION COURT

Who will I see in court?

- Judge
- Interpreter
- DHS lawyer
- Law clerks
- You (& your lawyer, if you have one)

- People sitting in the back of court room: legal observers, attorneys, other Immigrants waiting for their turn

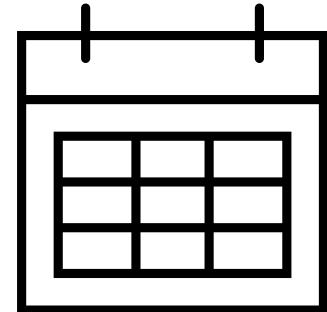


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WHAT HAPPENS IN IMMIGRATION COURT

Types of hearings

(1) MASTER CALENDAR HEARING

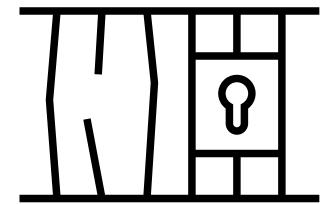


- This is a short hearing to find out next steps in your case.
- During the hearing, the judge introduces people in the courtroom, asks questions about you and your case, may answer some of your questions

WHAT HAPPENS IN IMMIGRATION COURT

Types of hearings

(2) BOND HEARING



- ONLY applies to people who are in immigration detention (jail).
- You may ask the immigration judge if you can get out by paying a bond.
- In this hearing, the judge considers if it's likely you'll go to future court hearings and if you are a danger to the community

WHAT HAPPENS IN IMMIGRATION COURT

Types of hearings

(3) INDIVIDUAL HEARING



- This is your final hearing in your immigration case. During the hearing, the judge decides if you will be deported or not.
- You and the government will present evidence about your case.
- You can tell the judge why you're eligible for immigration status and why you should stay in the U.S.

Policy Changes impacting youth



Sample Changes

NOTE THAT THERE HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS CHANGES AND THESE ARE A FEW EXAMPLES, INFORMATION CURRENT AS OF 2025

- “Wellness” checks by HSI
- Increased enforcement
- Elimination of protected location policy and prosecutorial discretion rules governing ICE enforcement
- Pretermission in immigration court (but note that some youth can file with the asylum office)
- Changes for SIJs in court (but note return of deferred action)
- Changes in bond access (but note Maldonado Bautista litigation)
- Pause in adjudication of all asylum applications and affirmative benefits applications for travel ban countries
- End of TPS for many countries

BOTTOM LINE: youth should get counsel to assess how to protect their rights and whether and how to pursue benefits



Resources

Suggested Best Practices

- Offer telehealth options and remote access to providers, make sure all clients are aware of these policies
- Avoid making any notes about immigration status in mental health records
- Ensure all staff is trained on HIPAA and other MN privacy protections
- Ensure all staff is trained on your emergency plan if ICE seeks to enter your place of business
- Providers may wish to connect with IDN to obtain signage indicating you are an immigrant friendly business and other support:
 - *[Immigrant Defense Network – Protect the human rights and dignity of every Minnesotan](#)*

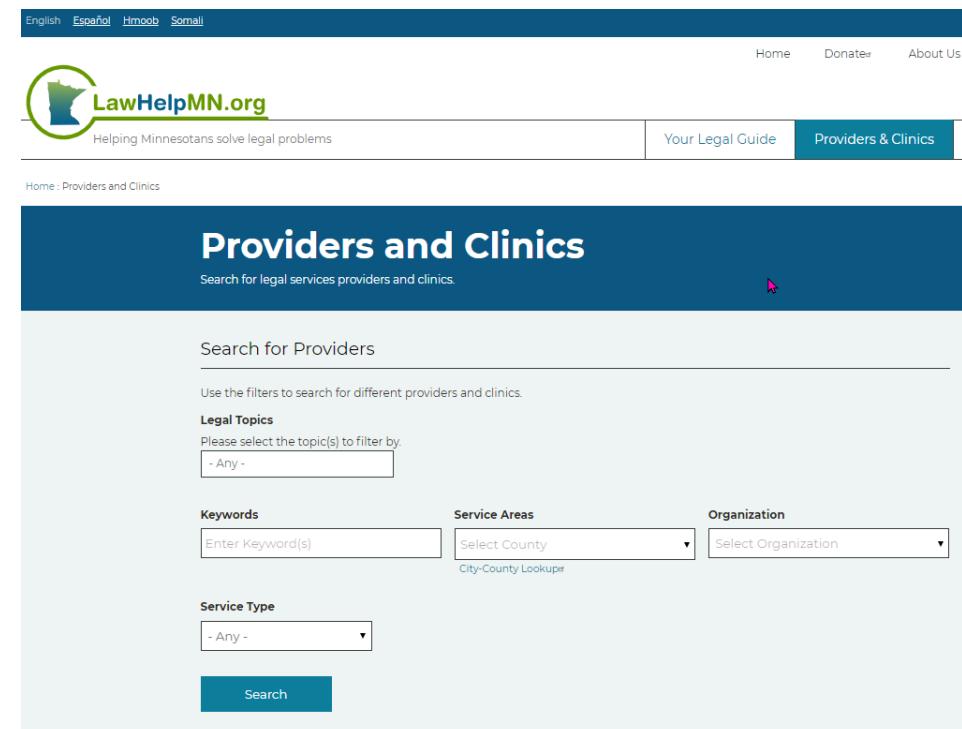
How to find a lawyer

<https://www.ailalawyer.com/>



The screenshot shows the AILA Find an Immigration Lawyer website. The header features the AILA logo and the text "FIND an Immigration Lawyer" in large white letters. Below the header, there are two language options: "English | Español". The main content area is titled "Find an Immigration Lawyer" and includes a section for "What type of lawyer do I need?". It features dropdown menus for "Type of lawyer", "Lawyer Speaks", "City", "State/Province", "Country", and "Zip Code". There is also a field for "Lawyer's Last Name (optional)" and a "Search" button. To the right, there is a sidebar with "Frequently Asked Questions" and a section titled "Why choose an AILA lawyer?".

<https://www.lawhelpmn.org/providers-and-clinics>



The screenshot shows the LawHelpMN.org Providers and Clinics website. The header includes links for "English", "Español", "Hmoob", and "Somali", and navigation links for "Home", "Donate", and "About Us". The main header features the LawHelpMN.org logo and the tagline "Helping Minnesotans solve legal problems". Below the header, there is a breadcrumb navigation "Home : Providers and Clinics". The main content area is titled "Providers and Clinics" and includes a search bar for "Search for legal services providers and clinics". It features sections for "Search for Providers", "Legal Topics", "Keywords", "Service Areas", "Organization", and "Service Type". A "Search" button is located at the bottom of the search form.

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Free Immigration Legal Services

Immigrant Law Center of MN: 1-800-223-1368

Monday & Wednesday 9am-1pm, Tuesday 1-4pm, Thursday 3-7pm

The Advocates for Human Rights: 612-341-9845

Monday–Friday 8:30am-5pm

Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid: 612-332-1441

Monday 10:30am-12:30pm, Thursday 1:30-3:30pm

Southern MN Regional Legal Services: 877-696-6529

Monday–Thursday 9:30am-12pm & 1-3pm

Volunteer Lawyers' Network: 612-752-6677

Monday–Thursday 10am-1pm

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Brief Services & Advice Clinics

MMLA appointment clinics

Waite House:

- 612-721-1681
- **Mondays 10am-2pm**

Brian Coyle Center:

- 612-338-5282
- **Thursdays 10am-3:30pm**

VLN walk-in clinics

Park Ave Clinic:

- 3400 Park Ave S, Mpls
- **Thursdays 3-5pm** (except 5th Thursday of the month)

Unidos Legal Clinic

- Mercado Central (Bloomington Ave & Lake St, Mpls)
- **1st and 3rd Tuesdays 3-5pm**

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Discussion Time!

What resources have providers used to prepare themselves and share good practices?

- Asylum Medicine Listserve
- Latine Providers' Collective
- Other?



QUESTIONS?

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