

IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES

The [California Department of Social Services](#) funds programs at community based organizations that help immigrants who live in California. The programs offer many types of free legal services, as well as information about other services that support immigrants such as outreach, community education and other immigration remedies.

While there are legal assistance offices on military installations that offer help for immigration issues, your case may be complex and require the assistance of immigration attorneys.

WHY SHOULD I PURSUE IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES?

These organizations can teach you about your rights and some can also give legal advice on how to change your immigration status. Legal services include access to information and application assistance for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Naturalization, Other Immigration Remedies (OIR) and immigration protections for Unaccompanied Undocumented Minors (UUMs).

The California Department of Social Service Immigration services may be contacted at:

Email: ImmigrationServices@dss.ca.gov

Phone: 916-657-3442

Fax: 916-651-8017

Mail: California Department of Social Services

Immigration Services Unit, MS 8-9-33

P.O. Box 944243

Sacramento, CA 94244-2430

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) funds qualified non-profits to provide [immigration legal services free](#) of charge in the following categories:

- Services to assist applicants seeking Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) or other immigration remedies

- Services to assist applicants seeking Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and lawful permanent residents (DAPA) or other immigration remedies
- Services to assist applicants seeking naturalization
- Legal training and technical assistance services
- Education and outreach activities

For a comprehensive list of California non-profits funded to provide outreach and education and application services, visit the CA Department of Social Services website for [Immigration Services Contractors](#).

AMERICAN IMMIGRATION LAWYERS ASSOCIATION MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The American Immigration Lawyers Association Military Assistance Program provides free immigration legal services to active-duty service members, reservists, veterans and their immediate family members.

Service members seeking assistance through the program should complete the client information form on the [Military Assistance Program](#) website. The information provided will be forwarded to a project coordinator who will attempt to match the case with an experienced immigration attorney. Immigration attorneys volunteer to help service members at no cost. While the program will do its best to locate an attorney who can assist, matching is not guaranteed. If and when an experienced immigration attorney is identified, then the service member will be placed in direct contact with the attorney.

RESOURCES

FIND A VA FACILITY

Use the [facility locator](#) or call 1-877-222-VETS (8387).

CONTACT YOUR COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE

CalVet strongly recommends you work with the CVSO nearest you. Your CVSO can guide you through the benefits and services available as well as help connect you with other local resources.

The County Veterans Service Offices (CVSO) are locally funded agencies established to assist veterans and their families in obtaining benefits and services accrued through military service.

These County Veteran Service Offices promote the interest and welfare of veterans, their dependents, and their survivors by enhancing their quality of life through counseling, education, benefits assistance, and advocacy. They connect veterans to their benefits by assisting in their interactions with the VA.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Visit the [CalVet](#) website for more information, OR

Find the [CVSO](#) closest to you.

VA HOTLINES

[Veterans Crisis Line](#)

- 800-273-TALK (8255), or
- Text: 838255

[Combat Call Center](#)

- 877-WAR-VETS (927-8387)

[Women Veterans Call Center](#)

- 855-VA-WOMEN (829-6636)

SOURCES

USCIS Military <https://www.uscis.gov/military>

CDSS Immigration Services <http://www.cdss.ca.gov/Immigration-Services>