

Immigration Legal Services

Background

For over 20 years, Church World Service (CWS) has provided high-quality, low-cost comprehensive immigration legal services to vulnerable populations navigating the immigration process and seeking rights protection. CWS legal service programs operate across the United States through a nationwide network of local offices and affiliates.

CWS programs are deeply rooted in the communities they serve. Whether supporting Afghan arrivals in Texas, Ukrainian populations on the West Coast, or long-established immigrant communities across the East Coast, CWS is responsive to the needs of each of the locations it serves. Where we can't serve clients directly, we connect them to trusted local partners and services, strengthening community-wide support systems.

As immigration policies and enforcement practices grow more complex and resource-intensive, CWS remains on the frontlines—providing legal defense and advocacy for increasingly vulnerable populations. Despite staffing challenges and constrained funding, our programs continue to deliver high-impact services, dedicating significant legal expertise, research, and time to each case.

Our clients seek lasting safety, the chance to create a future of promise, and to be part of our communities. They come as asylum seekers, refugees, unaccompanied children, those impacted by humanitarian crises, undocumented individuals, Cuban and Haitian entrants, and survivors of crime and human trafficking.

CWS Provides

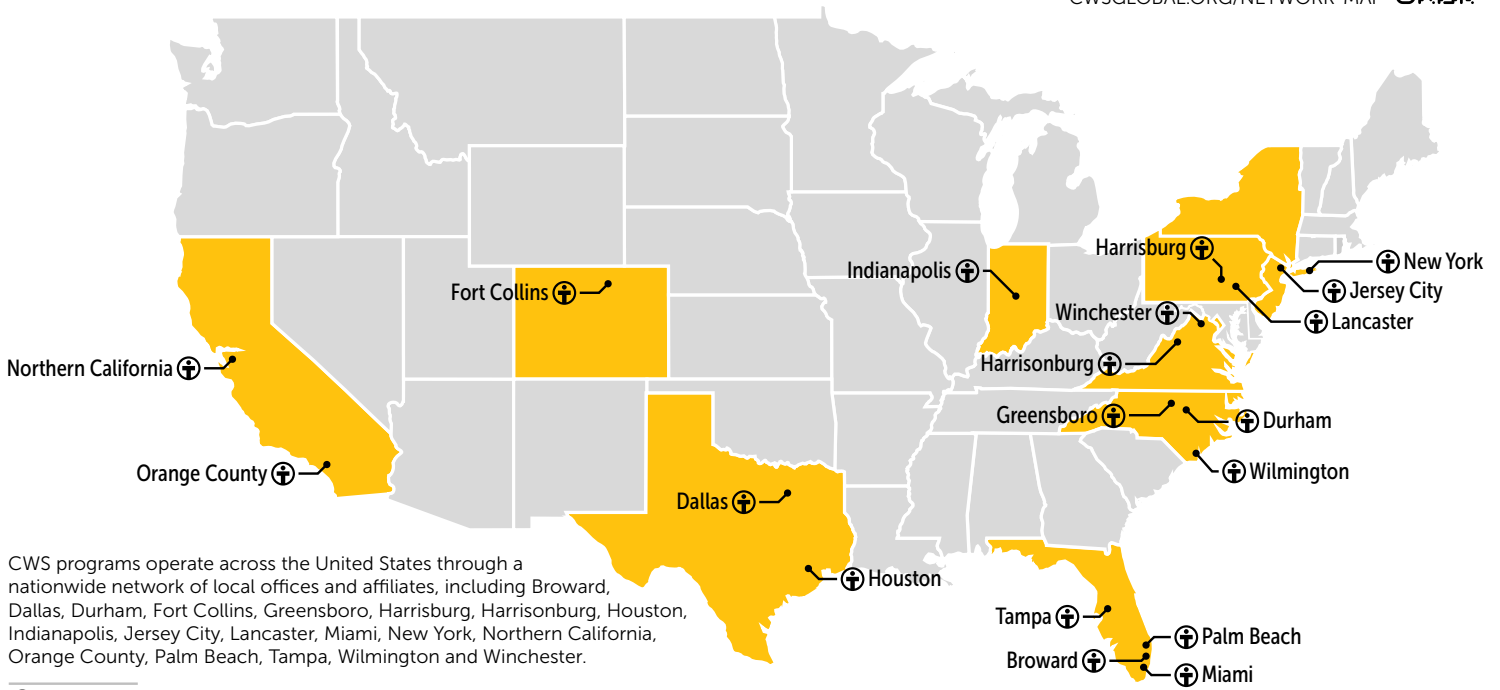
Comprehensive immigration legal services, from initial consultation through representation in immigration court:

- Legal consultations and case assessments
- Community-based services (Know Your Rights presentations, community legal education)
- Asylum and humanitarian protection applications (including for unaccompanied children)
- Family-based petitions (Petitions to qualify someone for lawful permanent resident status based on a family relationship)
- Work authorization (EAD) applications and renewals
- Deportation / Removal defense and representation before the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR)
- Interview assistance before U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)
- Naturalization and citizenship preparation for Legal Permanent Residents (including civics questions for the Naturalization Test and English-language support)



2026 Legal Services Sites

detailed service offerings,
affiliate info, and contact details:
[CWSGLOBAL.ORG/NETWORK-MAP](https://cwsGLOBAL.ORG/NETWORK-MAP)



CWS Office

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CWS legal services are delivered by experienced immigration attorneys and Department of Justice (DOJ) accredited representatives. Accredited representatives—who demonstrate legal knowledge, experience, and professional integrity—are authorized to represent clients before the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR). This model allows CWS to expand capacity, maintain high-quality representation, and keep costs low for clients.

Through a combination of federal and state grants, private grants, private donations, and low-bono fee-for-service programs, CWS maximizes limited resources to reach more individuals in need—often serving clients who would otherwise have no access to legal representation.

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