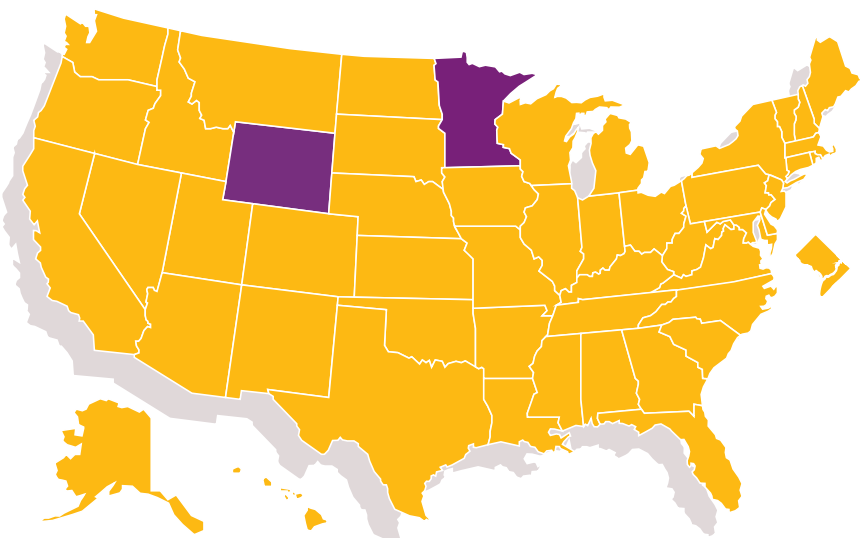


CATHOLIC LEGAL IMMIGRATION NETWORK, INC.

30TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION



**SUPPORTING
ABOUT
335
AFFILIATES**



In 48 states and Washington, D.C.



About CLINIC + This Report

Defending migrants with faith and law books
Embracing the gospel value of welcoming the stranger, the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. promotes the dignity and protects the rights of immigrants in partnership with a dedicated network of about 335 Catholic and community immigration legal programs across 48 states and the District of Columbia. 36 new affiliates were welcomed in 2018 alone!

For more than 30 years, CLINIC has been on the cutting edge of training nonprofit immigration legal service providers to offer affordable, quality legal representation to immigrants. As the largest charitable legal immigration network in the nation, CLINIC provides substantive legal and program management training and resources, as well as advocacy support at local, state and national levels. CLINIC also has a team of immigration attorneys who specialize in religious worker immigration law, assisting Catholic archdioceses, dioceses and religious communities.

2018 Landscape of Immigration
CLINIC's 30+ years of preparing nonprofit agencies nationwide to provide legal guidance to immigrants came to dramatic fruition in 2017 and continued during 2018. The inauguration of President Donald Trump changed the immigration landscape for immigrants, advocates and legal practitioners.

Throughout the year, changes to immigration policy resulted in the separation of families at the U.S.-Mexico border, and images of children in cages made international headlines. Threats to asylum, Temporary Protected Status, Deferred Enforced Departure, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, known as DACA, in addition to proposed changes to the public charge rule threatened to curtail the rights and undermine the dignity of immigrants in the United States. In response, CLINIC designed and spearheaded new trainings, resources and initiatives to meet the needs of our network amid the changing legal environment. Affiliated agencies nationwide hosted Know Your Rights events to train and screen undocumented immigrants for potential paths to legal status, while advocacy campaigns defended the rights of immigrants and entire populations of people. This report highlights notable trends and outcomes connected to CLINIC's policy priorities and the immigration-related events of the year.

"CLINIC is a lifeline for people fleeing persecution, war and poverty or simply trying to keep their families together."
– Father Peter Daly, National Catholic Reporter, June 4

Timeline: 30 Years of CLINIC

1988 U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops established CLINIC as a 501(c)(3), comprised of 17 programs	1996 First monthly newsletter delivered to our network	1997 The Emma Lazarus Project raised \$3 million to fund 57 affiliates help naturalize 60,000 low-income and disabled non-citizens who were losing eligibility for public benefits	1998 First Annual Convening held in New Orleans	1999 BIA Pro Bono Appeals Project launched to support immigrants appealing without representation	2000 Five At Risk reports published, putting CLINIC on the national policy map	2003 Excellence in Advocacy Award recipient from the Arab American Anti-Discrimination Committee for outstanding advocacy for Arab and Muslim immigrants post 9/11	2008 Executive Director Donald Kerwin, who led CLINIC for 15 years, bid us farewell	2011 E-Learning trainings launched, greatly expanding access to a higher number of trainees	2014 CLINIC welcomed its 250th affiliate	2018 Campaigns to continue TPS for multiple countries were a major advocacy priority

2018 OUTCOMES FROM MAJOR POLICY PRIORITIES

FAMILY SEPARATION AT THE U.S.-MEXICO BORDER/"ZERO TOLERANCE"

CLINIC monitored and advocated against the administration's policy of separating children from their parents and guardians beginning early in the year. Increased family separations began in the spring, when hundreds of children were separated from relatives, 100 of them age 4 or younger. Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced the administration's "zero tolerance" policy in May, which spiked family separations. The lack of a data-gathering system or reunification mechanisms meant parents had little to no information about their children's wellbeing or location.

U.S. District Judge Dana Sabraw of California blocked family separations in June. By the end of the year, approximately 15,000 children were in U.S. custody, and images of children in cages had reached international audiences, including the story of Jakelin Caal Maquin, a 7-year-old Guatemalan girl who died in federal immigration custody.

- CLINIC took the lead on explaining the devastating consequences the policy would have on families at the border and across the country during the summer.
- CLINIC staff and affiliates fought to reunite separated families at the U.S.-Mexico border and across the country.

"We encounter Jesus in those who are poor, rejected, or refugees. Do not let fear get in the way of welcoming our neighbor in need. #WithRefugees" – Pope Francis's June 20 response to the administration's "zero tolerance" policy

CLINIC Affiliates Across the Nation Volunteer at the Border

Amid increased media attention, Executive Director Jeanne Atkinson, CLINIC staffers, Board Chairman Bishop Kevin Vann of Orange and affiliates spent time with asylum seekers affected by new delays in admission to the United States and family separation. Atkinson and Bishop Vann paid brief visits to the port of entry in Nogales, Arizona, during CLINIC's Convening, while volunteers from affiliates spent a week or more in Nogales and at other border areas or detention centers to provide legal assistance. Donor support allowed CLINIC to offer stipends to dozens of legal professionals to volunteer at organizations, including Diocesan Migration and Refugee Services of El Paso and Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley. More than 30 legal service providers from 22 programs completed their volunteer service by fall 2018.

"I was stunned that so few resources (attorneys) were present in the border area. We need to advocate for border towns," said Janet Horman, with Justice for Our Neighbors in Miami, who volunteered at the border in September.



Top 3 resources on family separation

**Webpage views*

- Resource page: Fact Sheets, How to Help and Other Resources on Family Separation ([2,034](#))
- Timeline: Family Separations Under the "Zero-Tolerance" Policy ([528](#))
- Fact Sheet on Family Separation ([465](#))

Trainings spotlight

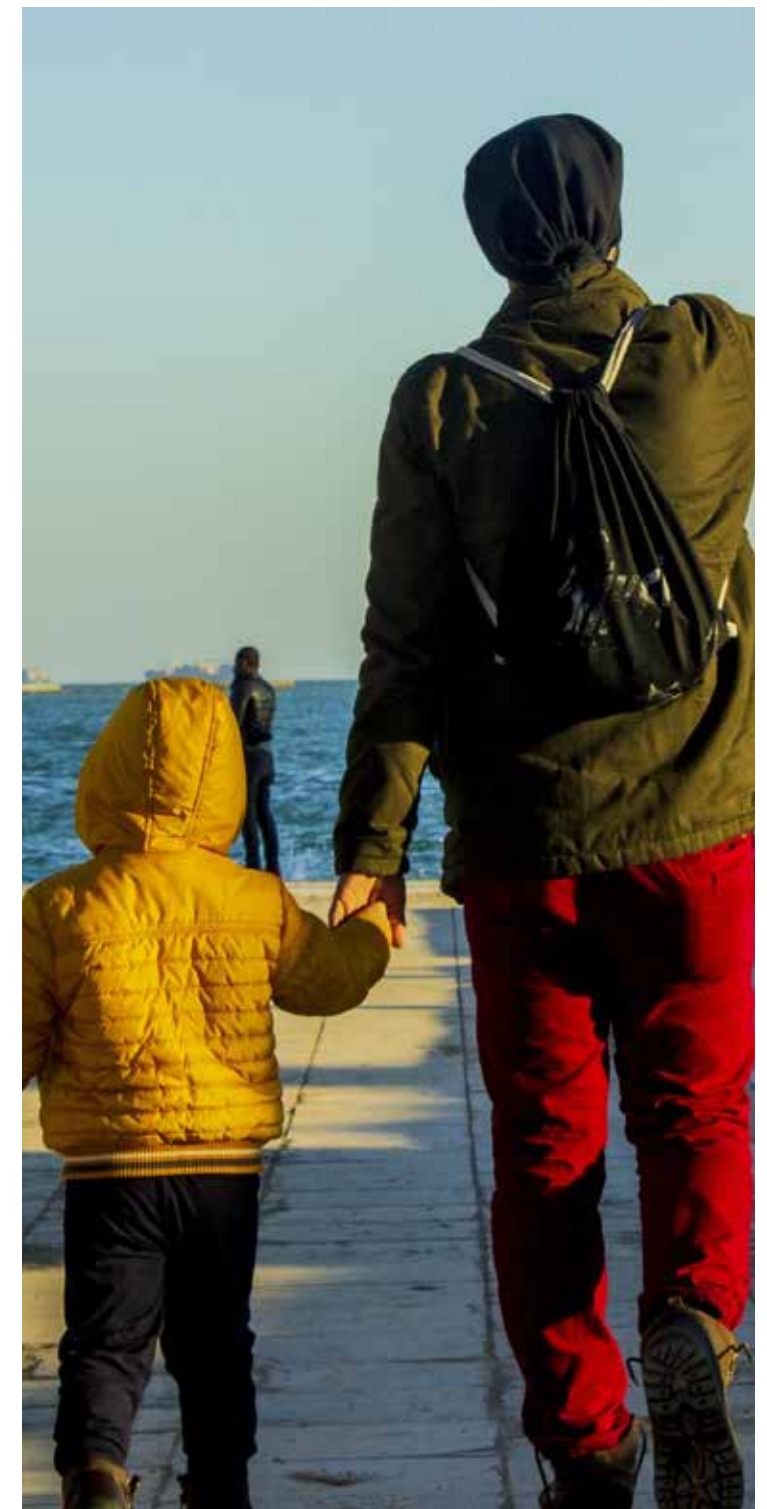
- More than 550 people participated in trainings connected to family reunification.
- Nearly 500 people participated in a new four-part webinar series on representing refugees and asylees in difficult times.

Media Highlights

- "Asylum is the law of the land" post on Oct. 28 reached 18,992 engagements on Facebook and nearly 54k on Twitter
- One family separation graphic was shared 800+ times

Legacy

CLINIC has been equipping affiliate staffers, attorneys and legal representatives to reunite families for decades — we supported legal professionals to go to Dilley, Texas, to provide representation to detained mothers and children with the hope they could reunify with their loved ones in the United States through the Dilley Pro Bono Project since 2015.



TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS AND DEFERRED ENFORCED DEPARTURE: CLINIC LEADS THE FIGHT FOR THEM TO CONTINUE



CLINIC continued to lead national advocacy efforts related to protecting holders of Temporary Protected Status, or TPS, and Deferred Enforced Departure, or DED. TPS allows foreign nationals to remain in the United States if something catastrophic happened in their home country while they were here, such as war or a natural disaster, which prevents their safe return. Like TPS, DED also provides people with work authorization and protection from deportation.

Ten countries held TPS at the beginning of the Trump presidency. The administration's efforts to end TPS picked up steam in 2018. Following the terminations of TPS for Sudan and Nicaragua in late 2017, TPS was terminated for Haiti, El Salvador, Honduras and Nepal in 2018, affecting hundreds of thousands of people. The administration also extended, but did not redesignate, TPS for Syria, Yemen and Somalia in 2018. Redesignation allows people who more recently arrived from TPS-designated countries to apply for protection. Extension and redesignation had been granted at every decision point for Yemen, Somalia and South Sudan prior to the current administration.

Oversight and accountability: A growing body of evidence has questioned the lawfulness of the TPS actions. CLINIC provided the substantive content for congressional requests for investigations by the Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General and by the U.S. Government Accountability Office.

Top 3 Resources for TPS and DED

**Webpage views*

- Resource: Guidance for Practitioners on Adjustment of Status for TPS Recipients in the Sixth and Ninth Circuits ([4,968](#))
- Resource page: TPS and DED resource page ([3,829](#))
- Resource: 9th Circuit finds TPS counts as an admission for adjustment of status eligibility ([1,913](#))

Training Spotlight

Webinar, Advising Clients About TPS Terminations, had 100+ attendees

Media Highlights

- CLINIC participated in the TPS for Somalia Twitter Townhall, moderated by UndocuBlack, a partner organization
- Twitter thread on the news that an injunction was granted for TPS for Sudan, Nicaragua, Haiti and El Salvador on Oct. 3, with #SaveTPS, had 119 likes and 37 retweets.

Legacy

After the earthquake devastated Haiti in 2010, CLINIC took the lead in asking the administration to offer TPS to Haitians; it took longer for the Obama administration to institute such protection, but it was granted Jan. 21, 2010.

2018 OUTCOMES FROM MAJOR POLICY PRIORITIES

DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS



Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals was established in 2012 through a presidential executive order as a form of relief from deportation and to provide work authorization to nearly 700,000 immigrant youth, known as Dreamers. After Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced the termination of DACA in 2017, CLINIC supported affiliates with in-depth legal analysis, practice advisories, program tools and community outreach materials for DACA recipients through 2018.

Judge William Alsup of the Northern District of California issued a preliminary injunction requiring U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to resume accepting certain DACA applications on Jan. 10, 2018. Additional courts also ruled against the government's action.

Top 3 Resources for DACA in 2018

*Webpage views

- Resource: Upcoming Court Decisions Could Impact DACA ([3,268](#))
- Resource page: Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals ([2,237](#))
- Resource: Practice Advisory: Non-Lawful Permanent Resident Cancellation of Removal Under INA § 240A(b) for DACA Recipients ([653](#))

Legacy

Voices of CLINIC Fellows: "You can go to college, get financial aid. You have to do it because you can... You don't have to be afraid that you won't be here tomorrow," Miriam Martinez wrote in April 26, 2017



PUBLIC CHARGE



The administration published a proposed rule that would impose new financial hurdles for immigrants who wish to apply for or maintain legal immigration status in the United States Oct. 10. The government bars immigrants on "public charge" grounds if it is believed that they would likely depend on public cash assistance or need long-term medical care at the government's expense. Under the proposed rule, the list of public benefits that would count against an immigrant would expand to include more non-cash resources, such as the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program.

CLINIC advocated for people and organizations to express their opposition to the proposal by submitting comments. CLINIC joined the Protecting Immigrant Families Campaign, known as PIF, to stay current on the development of the rule, and coordinated with our faith-based partners to create strategies for the faith community. With NETWORK, CLINIC has co-lead the faith-based section of PIF.

CLINIC has provided information on the proposed changes to the definition of public charge, what benefits would be affected and how someone's use of public benefits might affect their immigration status.

Top 3 resources on public charge in 2018

*Webpage views

- Resource page: Public Charge ([8,667](#))
- Resource: DHS Proposes Vast Changes to Public Charge Definition ([4,766](#))
- Recorded webinar: Public Charge Updates: What Is Your Client Facing at the Consulate? ([2,830](#))

Training highlights

500+ participants in our webinar explaining the proposed changes to public charge — the recording is now public CLINIC held more than six trainings focused on public charge in 2018.

SIGNATURE/LEGACY PROJECTS, INITIATIVES, EVENTS



Mexican Screening Project

The project launched in June 2018 to provide Know Your Rights presentations and screen Mexican nationals. Its goal has been to help unauthorized immigrants identify any potential eligibility for an immigration benefit. Participating CLINIC affiliates screened more than 1,500 Mexicans by mid-year.

Naturalization Campaigns / Initiatives

Naturalization has fluctuated between the first and second most-requested service from clients served by CLINIC affiliates. CLINIC has funded naturalization campaigns since its early years, beginning with the Levi Strauss Naturalization Campaign. That campaign, which began in 1992 in El Paso, was managed by former CLINIC Regional Director and longtime Board Member Lily Gutierrez. The Lily Gutierrez Memorial Scholarship, which supports recipients' attendance at our annual Convening, was created in her memory.

CLINIC has supported more than 30 organizations through the New Americans Campaign, or NAC, which has resulted in the completion of approximately 45,000 naturalization applications and has built naturalization capacity within organizations and communities since 2011. CLINIC's NAC sub-grantees helped complete more than 8,200 N-400 applications in 2018.

CLINIC's legacy and robust support for naturalization includes:

- providing nearly \$15 million to affiliates for naturalization services;
- helping more than 60,000 vulnerable permanent residents become U.S. citizens through CLINIC's Emma Lazarus Project. The project raised \$3 million to support 57 affiliates beginning in 1997 to help immigrants who are low income or have disabilities become citizens;
- promoting and implementing the workshop model for providing naturalization services.

"When I took the oath of citizenship, I can say it was one of the happiest days of my life — knowing that now I belong," said Fikile Ryder, who now does naturalization work with CLINIC Affiliate Catholic Charities of Pueblo under NAC.

2018 Annual Events milestones

- Convening (20+ year legacy): 480+ attendees, 380 had been to the event before, 160K reach on Twitter.
- Annual Immigration Law and Policy Conference (15-year legacy), in partnership with Georgetown Law and the Migration Policy Institute: 400+ attendees in 2018.

Department of Justice Agency Recognition	11
DOJ Accreditations	55
CLINIC’s impact at DOJ	• 34% of DOJ recognized agencies are CLINIC affiliates (818 total orgs) • 41% of DOJ listed accredited representatives work with our affiliates (1962 total reps) *Data from 2018 DOJ rosters
Social media	Facebook: 21,676 followers (680+ increase from first quarter to the fourth) 144,680 total engagements (reactions, comments, shares, clicks, actions) – 54% increase over 2017 Twitter (first year of @cliniclegal): 8,571 followers 14.7k total engagements 2,846 link clicks and 2,510 retweets
Trained people	2017: 10,050 2018: 12,300 (increase of 2,250 or 22% over 2017)
CLINIC trainings Partner-sponsored trainings	90+ 30+
WEBSITE	1,497,260 (or nearly 1,500,000 page views for 2018)
Affiliates	2017: 319 2018: 335 (overall growth of 16)
BIA Pro Bono Appeals Project	90 accepted cases 35-48% success rate (range), i.e., cases reaching the desired outcome Legacy: The project has provided legal representation to more than 1,400 immigrants since 2001. Precedent-setting outcome: CLINIC advocacy attorneys and the BIA Pro Bono Appeals Project supported CLINIC affiliate Advocates for Basic Legal Equality on the precedent-setting case Trujillo Diaz v. Sessions, which drew national interest. The Board of Immigration Appeals had ignored evidence for the case, which resulted in the deportation of Maribel Trujillo, a mother of four U.S. citizen children. The case set the precedent on how the board cannot ignore evidence. Maribel was ultimately able to return to the United States to continue her asylum case.
Religious Immigration Services	RIS by the numbers: 120+ applications for permanent residence for religious workers 820+ religious worker clients Top home countries for clients: India, Mexico, Nigeria, Vietnam and Philippines 550+ completed cases Volunteer spotlight: Sister Kathleen Moroney, a former attorney and the founder and former director of the CLINIC affiliate Holy Cross Ministries of Utah - Immigration Services, volunteered with RIS. Sister Kathleen has dedicated nearly 20 years of her career to immigration justice. <i>“I come from a practical family. Justice, for me, is a matter of identifying community needs and meeting them, because people deserve the best.”</i>
CLINIC in the News	2,459 hits General: The New York Times, Reuters, USA Today, NPR, The Associated Press, BuzzFeed, The Guardian, America Magazine, Univision, Vox, Texas Tribune, CBS News, ABC News Catholic media: National Catholic Reporter, Crux: Covering all things Catholic, CatholicPhilly, Catholic News Service

Charity Navigator: 4/4 star rating, with an overall score of 97.1 / 100 for financial accountability and transparency

Revenues	
Foundations	35%
Federal Awards	5%
USCCB Support	26%
Services	22%
Other Contributions	12%
Other Income	0%
	100%
Expenses	
Program	86%
Management and General	10%
Fundraising	4%
	100%
Program Expenses	
Education and Network Growth	67%
Direct Representation	17%
Advocacy and Community Engagement	16%
	100%

5 REASONS IMMIGRATION ADVOCACY MATTERS

- 1. To stand in solidarity with our immigrant brothers and sisters.
- 2. To empower immigrants to share their journey.
- 3. To hold our leaders accountable for decisions that affect our families, resources and well-being.
- 4. To raise awareness of the importance of protecting the rights and dignity of immigrants.
- 5. To speak up with and for our immigrant neighbors who often cannot speak up for themselves.

CLINIC in the News: Voices

Charles Wheeler, Director of Training, Litigation and Legal Support, on the announcement of the proposed public charge rule, The New York Times, Sept. 22, *“The complex web of technicalities surrounding the new rule are difficult to understand, so the number of immigrants who withdraw from programs could exceed even the number who are subject to the rule.”*

Bishop Mark Seitz of El Paso, CLINIC Board Member, on justice for border communities and asylum seekers on Capitol Hill, Commonweal, March 8, *“Please hear the stories of immigrants. Don’t let the political morass in Washington take you over. Stand for something. Listen to your conscience.”*

Jennifer Riddle, Staff Attorney, ABC News, April 24, *“It is critical for the TPS designation for Nepal to be extended, in light of the slow pace and numerous obstacles to reconstruction and recovery from the 2015 earthquake.”*

2018 Board Of Directors and Organization-Wide Announcements

Jeanne Atkinson, Executive Director
Most Reverend Kevin W. Vann, BOARD CHAIR, Bishop of Orange
Most Reverend Mark J. Seitz, VICE PRESIDENT, Bishop of El Paso

Sister Sally Duffy, SC, TREASURER, Retired
Msgr. J. Brian Bransfield, General Secretary, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops
Most Reverend Roy E. Campbell, Auxiliary Bishop of Washington
Mr. William Canny, Migration and Refugee Services, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops
Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio, Bishop of Brooklyn
Sister RayMonda DuVall, CHS,
Most Reverend Eusebio Elizondo, Auxiliary Bishop of Seattle
Ms. Marguerite (Peg) Harmon, Catholic Community Services of Southern Arizona
Most Reverend Gregory J. Hartmayer, Bishop of Savannah
Most Reverend Gerald Kicanas, Bishop Emeritus of Tucson, and Apostolic Administrator, Diocese of Las Cruces, New Mexico
Mr. Francis J. Mulcahy, J.D., M.T.S, Georgia Catholic Conference
Most Reverend Joseph A. Pepe, Bishop Emeritus of Las Vegas
Mr. Vincent Pitta, Pitta & Giblin, LLP
Most Reverend Thomas J. Rodi, Archbishop of Mobile
Most Reverend Jaime Soto, Bishop of Sacramento
Mr. D. Taylor, UNITE HERE
Most Reverend Joe S. Vásquez, Bishop of Austin
Ms. Carmen M. Vazquez, University of San Diego
Most Reverend Thomas G. Wenski, Archbishop of Miami

A season of changes: After five years leading CLINIC, Jeanne Atkinson announced that she would be stepping down as executive director in early 2019, to move to Italy. In November, CLINIC’s Board of Directors announced they had hired Anna Marie Gallagher to succeed Atkinson, beginning in February 2019.

“I have the utmost confidence in Anna’s ability to lead CLINIC. Her skills, knowledge and leadership are exactly what CLINIC needs at this time and I am excited to see what the future holds under her direction,” said Atkinson to Catholic Philly / Catholic News Service, Nov. 28