



# SPARKPOINT SUMMIT 2025

*Thriving Together*

Strengthening Immigrant  
Community Resiliency





# Immigration Law

**2025 updates  
and resources**



# Jubilee Immigration Advocates

Jubilee is a nonprofit organization providing free and affordable immigration legal services to marginalized and vulnerable immigrants.

The vast majority of our clients have incomes at or below 250% of the federal poverty level.



# Learning Objectives

- Learn more about recent changes in immigration policies
- Access important resources for immigrant community members

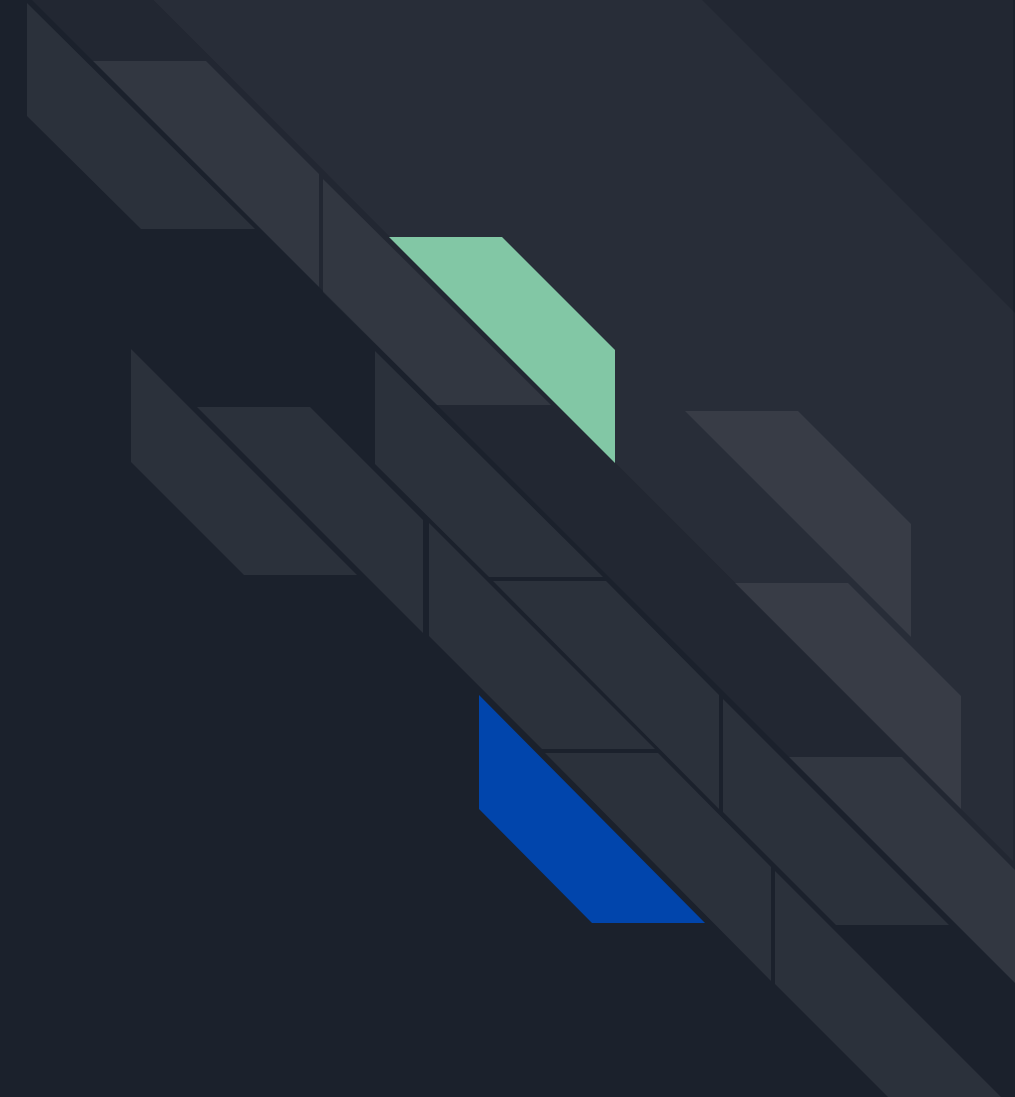


# Disclaimer



- Immigration policies are changing rapidly
- These slides detail current policies—**they may change soon**
- Encourage individuals to get an immigration consultation for up-to-date information on their situation

# 2025 Updates





## Some 2025 Updates

- Expanded expedited removal
- Laken Riley Act
- TPS for Venezuela and Haiti
- Alien registration



## 2025 Updates: Expanded Expedited Removal

- **Expedited removal** → process where ICE can deport someone without going through the immigration court process

### LOCATION

Before: only at or near port of entry (airport, border)

Now: everywhere in the US

### DURATION

Before: only those who entered in the last 14 days

Now: those who EWI **and** less than 2 years in US



# Remember

- Two ways someone could be undocumented
  - EWI  $\Rightarrow$  entered without inspection
  - Visa overstay  $\Rightarrow$  entered with a visa and stayed beyond the allowed duration of stay

**Those who EWI could be at risk of expedited removal**



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**For those who had EWI:** If possible, have documentation showing **two years** of physical presence in the United States with them at all times.



# 2025 Updates: Laken Riley Act

- Mandatory detention for certain undocumented persons who were **arrested or charged** with certain offenses:
  - shoplifting
  - theft
  - burglary
  - larceny
  - assault on a law enforcement officer
  - any crime that results in death or serious bodily injury
- There are other provisions of this new law not covered here



# 2025 Updates: TPS

## Temporary Protected Status (TPS)

- DHS may designate a foreign country for TPS due to certain conditions there
  - E.g. armed conflict
  - E.g. earthquake or other disasters

## Temporary

- 18 months
- DHS can extend designation



## Protected

- NO detention
- NO deportation



## Status

- Can have permission to work

# Temporary Protected Status (TPS)



# 2025 Updates: TPS-Designated Countries

Re-registration period [open](#):

- El Salvador
- Haiti (period shortened!)
- Honduras
- Nepal
- Nicaragua
- Sudan
- Ukraine

Other countries under TPS:

- Afghanistan
- Burma (Myanmar)
- Cameroon
- Ethiopia
- Lebanon
- Somalia
- South Sudan
- Syria
- Venezuela (2023 designation terminated!)



## 2025 Updates: Alien Registration Requirement

- Requires noncitizens to register with the federal government and:
  - provide their fingerprints
  - provide their address
- The process for registering is now at the USCIS website
- Criminal penalties might apply to those who refuse to register

**Individuals should talk to an immigration attorney **BEFORE** filling out any form. This could be used for enforcement.**



## 2025 Updates: Alien Registration Requirement

According to the [ILRC](#):

- The US government last used a register after 9/11
  - Required men from Muslim countries to register
  - The register was in place from 2002 to 2016
  - Thousands of men who registered were deported

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# 2025 Updates

How are you feeling about all of this?



Worried?

Weary?

Teary-eyed?

Angry?

Overwhelmed?



# 2025 Updates: What do we do?

At the personal level: emotional regulation

- Let us process how we feel so we could effectively serve our immigrant communities.
- We survived this administration before, we can find the strength and courage to survive this again!
- Focus on our individual and collective resilience!



# 2025 Updates: What do we do?

In our place of work:

- Develop policies in the event of an ICE encounter:
  - What service spaces are non-public? Consider putting appropriate signage.
  - Who is the person in charge of responding to an ICE agent?
  - What is the organization's policy for non-sharing of information with ICE?

## Enforceable Legally Binding Warrant

## Non-binding ICE Warrant

AO 93 (Rev. 01/09) Search and Seizure Warrant

### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the  
Southern District of California

In the Matter of the Search of  
(Briefly  
or identify  
the person or  
property to be  
searched and  
give its location)

2943 Reynard Avenue  
San Diego, California

Case No.

'14 MJ 0396

### SEARCH AND SEIZURE WARRANT

To: Any authorized law enforcement officer

An application by a federal law enforcement officer or an attorney for the government requests the search of the following person or property located in the Southern District of California  
(Identify the person or describe the property to be searched and give its location).  
See Attachment A-2.

The person or property to be searched, described above, is believed to conceal (Identify the person or describe the property to be seized).  
See Attachment B-2.

I find that the affidavit(s), or any recorded testimony, establish probable cause to search and seize the person or property.

YOU ARE COMMANDED to execute this warrant on or before

February 14, 2014  
(not to exceed 10 days)

☒ in the daytime 6:00 a.m. to 10 p.m.

☐ at any time in the day or night as I find reasonable cause has been established.

Unless delayed notice is authorized below, you must give a copy of the warrant and a receipt for the property taken to the person from whom, or from whose premises, the property was taken, or leave the copy and receipt at the place where the property was taken.

The officer executing this warrant, or an officer present during the execution of the warrant, must prepare an inventory as required by law and promptly return this warrant and inventory to United States Magistrate Judge Hon. David H. Barlick  
(name)

☐ I find that immediate notification may have an adverse result listed in 18 U.S.C. § 2705 (except for delay of trial), and authorize the officer executing this warrant to delay notice to the person who, or whose property, will be searched or seized (check the appropriate box) ☐ for \_\_\_\_\_ days (not to exceed 30).

☐ Until, the facts justifying, the later specific date of \_\_\_\_\_.

Date and time issued:

1/31/2014 5:14

[Signature]  
Judge's signature

City and state: San Diego, California

Hon. David H. Barlick, U.S. Magistrate Judge  
Printed name and title

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Warrant for Arrest of Alien

File No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

To: Any immigration officer authorized pursuant to sections 236 and 287 of the Immigration and Nationality Act and part 287 of title 8, Code of Federal Regulations, to serve warrants of arrest for immigration violations

I have determined that there is probable cause to believe that \_\_\_\_\_ is removable from the United States. This determination is based upon:

- ☐ the execution of a charging document to initiate removal proceedings against the subject;
- ☐ the pendency of ongoing removal proceedings against the subject;
- ☐ the failure to establish admissibility subsequent to deferred inspection;
- ☐ biometric confirmation of the subject's identity and a records check of federal databases that affirmatively indicate, by themselves or in addition to other reliable information, that the subject either lacks immigration status or notwithstanding such status is removable under U.S. immigration law; and/or
- ☐ statements made voluntarily by the subject to an immigration officer and/or other reliable evidence that affirmatively indicate the subject either lacks immigration status or notwithstanding such status is removable under U.S. immigration law.

YOU ARE COMMANDED to arrest and take into custody for removal proceedings under the Immigration and Nationality Act, the above-named alien.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Authorized Immigration Officer)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed Name and Title of Authorized Immigration Officer)

### Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that the Warrant for Arrest of Alien was served by me at \_\_\_\_\_  
(Location)

on \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, and the contents of this  
(Name of Alien) (Date of Service)

notice were read to him or her in the \_\_\_\_\_ language.  
(Language)



# 2025 Updates: What do we do?

As we do our work:

- Do not ask about anyone's immigration status.
- Acknowledge fears, but don't further fuel them.
- Empower by providing resources and support.
  - If someone express fears of an ICE encounter, share Rapid Response resources (see slides under Resources).
  - Have immigration resources easily accessible.

# A note about UPL



## Unauthorized practice of law (UPL)

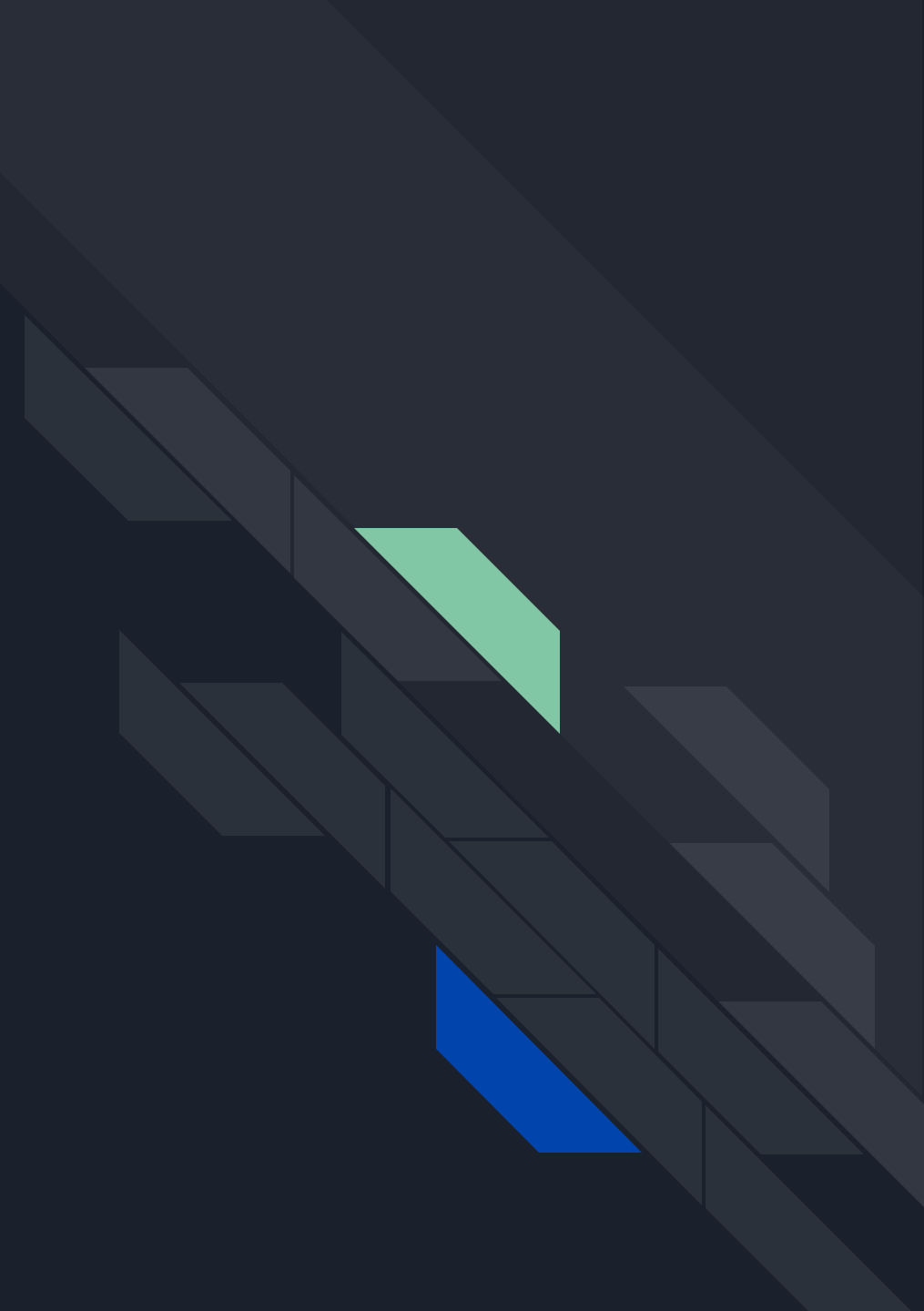
→ someone gives legal advice without a license

### UPL:

- Asking questions = **OKAY**
- Giving referrals or resources = **OKAY**
- Giving information or advice = **NOT OKAY**

[CA State Bar website on UPL](#)

# Important Resources





# Important Resources: Immigrant Rights

ACLU Know Your Rights <https://www.aclu.org/know-your-rights/immigrants-rights>

Red Card: <https://www.ilrc.org/red-cards-tarjetas-rojas>

Videos on how to prepare for an ICE encounter  
<https://www.wehaverights.us/>




# Important Resources: Family Preparedness Plan

Step-by-Step Family Preparedness Plan

from the Immigrant Legal Resource Center

<https://www.ilrc.org/resources/step-step-family-preparedness-plan>




# Important Resources: Rapid Response in case of ICE activity

Rapid Response Network for Alameda County

Alameda County Immigration Legal and Education Partnership  
(ACILEP)

- Phone: (510) 241-4011 (M-F 6AM - 6PM)
- Website: <https://www.acilep.org/>



# **Important Resources: Rapid Response in case of ICE activity**

Rapid Response Network in Other Counties in California

- <https://www.ccijustice.org/carrn>



# Important Resources: Legal Assistance

## Immigration Nonprofit Legal Agencies

- <https://www.immigrationadvocates.org/legaldirectory/>
  - Can search by zip code
  - For detained individuals, can search by detention facility



## One final note

Even the darkest night will  
end and  
the sun will rise.

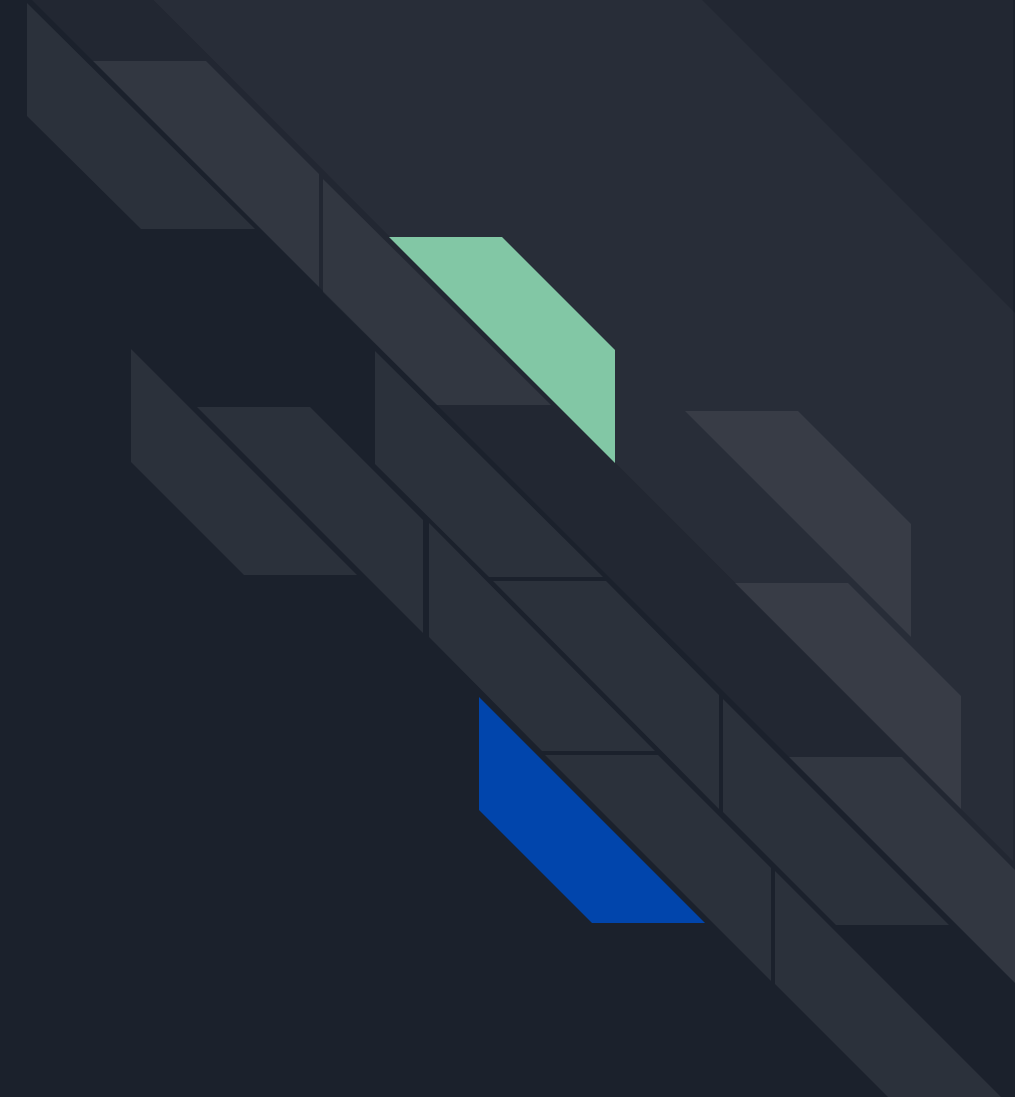
- Victor Hugo

# Thank you!

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# Strengthening Immigrant Community Resiliency



# Meet the speaker



**Gabriela  
Alemán**

**Communications  
and Philanthropy  
Manager**

# Agenda

1. Who we are
2. My Immigration Journey App
3. Q&A



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We are on a mission  
to help people  
become **visible**,  
**active**, and **successful**  
in their financial  
lives.

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# How we show-up

## 16+ Years of Community-Centered Approach



2007

### Founded in The Mission SF

A community-based organization focused on addressing financial barriers that low-income and immigrant communities face.



2008

### Lending Circles

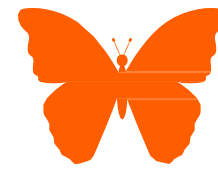
Launched Lending Circles in response to the barriers that immigrants face due to the lack of credit.



2016

### Immigration Emergency Response

Under the Trump Administration, many immigrants faced detention and deportation. In response, we launched a Financial Emergency Action Plan.



2017

### DACA Campaign

When DACA ended, we quickly mobilized to raise funds and distribute DACA grants to over 7,678 Dreamers.



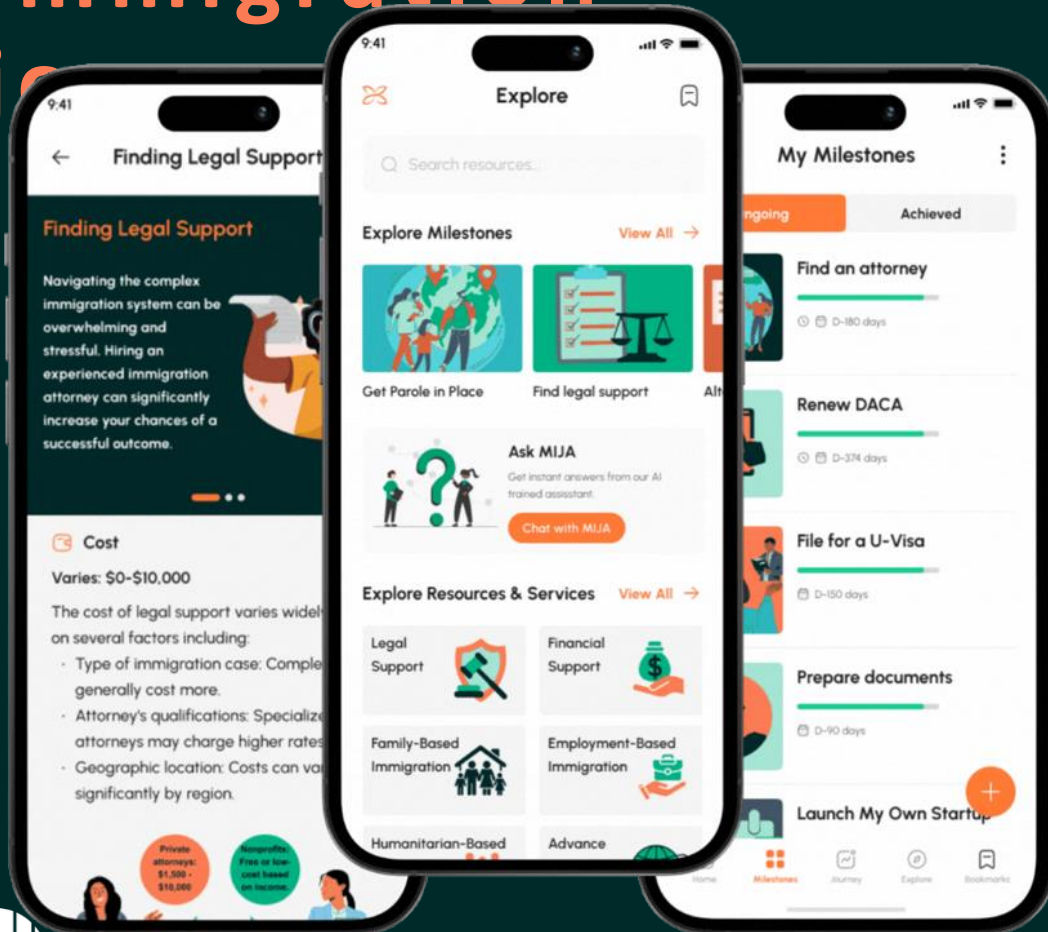
2020

### COVID Rapid Response

COVID-19 devastated the financial lives of immigrant families, particularly those excluded from federal relief. MAF raised \$55+ million and awarded grants to more than 70,000 immigrant families.

# Introducing MIJA

# MIJA: an app for your immigration journey



**FREE and available in Spanish & English.**

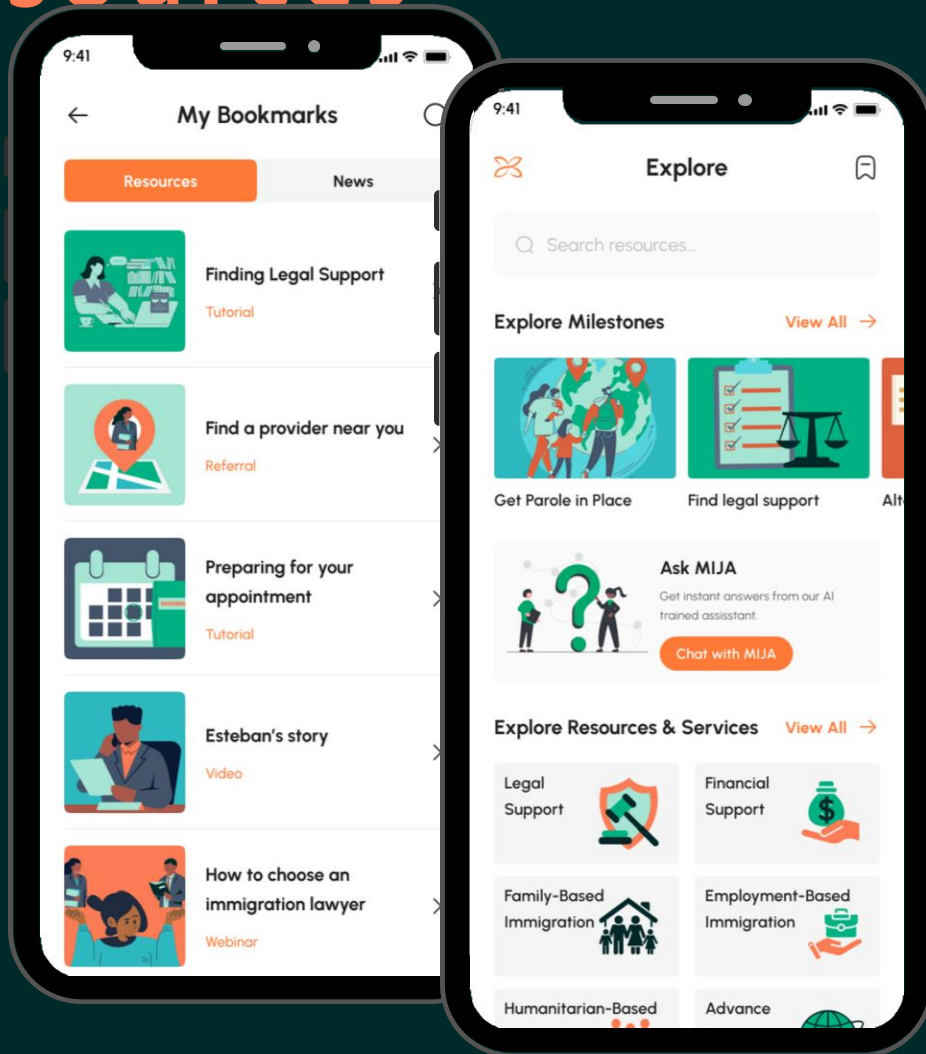


**Personalized action plan and learning resources.**



**Track your progress, celebrate milestones, and gain confidence to achieve your immigration goals.**

# MIJA resources



**Stay Informed:** Timely immigration news and updates.

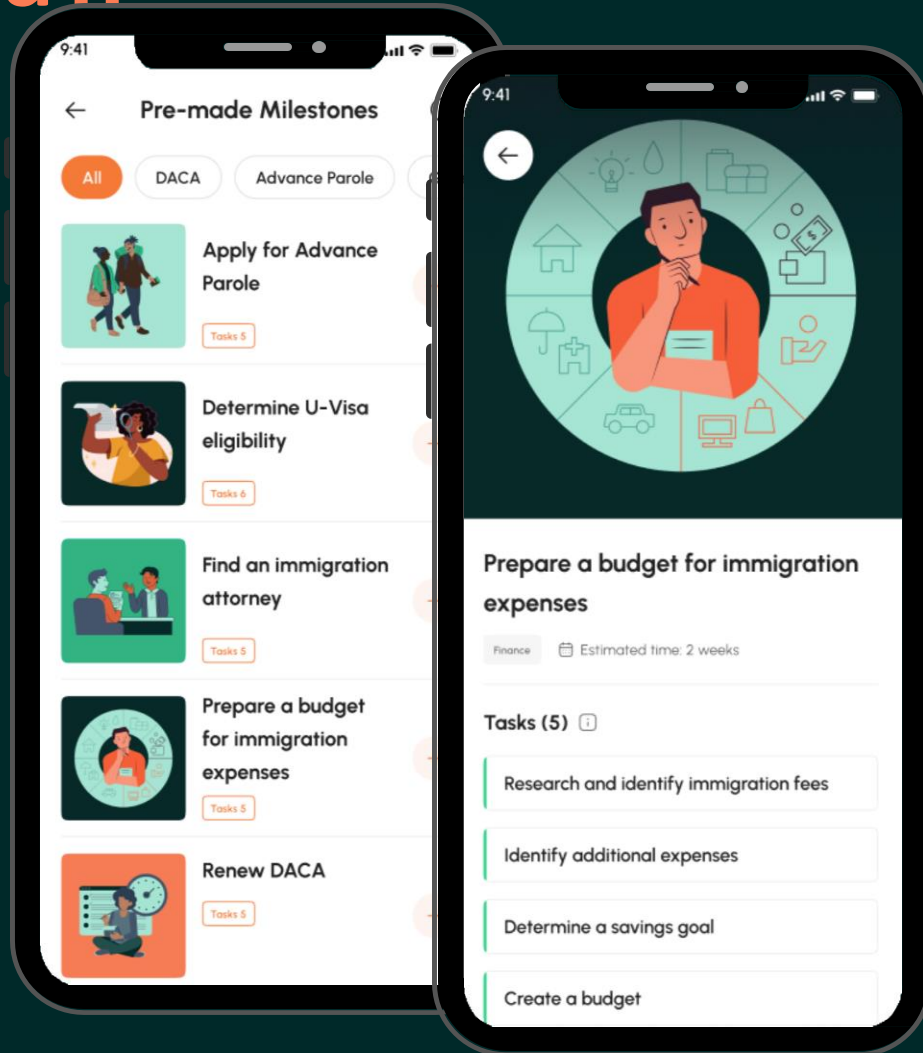


**Explore and Learn:** Tutorials, guides, client stories, and more.



**Resource Navigator:** Find and bookmark resources, share them, and add them to your action plan.

# MIJA action plan



**You:** Create a step plan for your migration journey.

**Options:** Start from an existing plan or create a new one.



**Success:** Your plan is ready to use.

# MIJA mighty tools



## AI Chatbot

Use an AI Chatbot to discover helpful resources and information.



## News & Updates

Stay up to date with the latest news and get alerts about new content.



## Notifications

Receive updates to stay on track with your immigration journey.

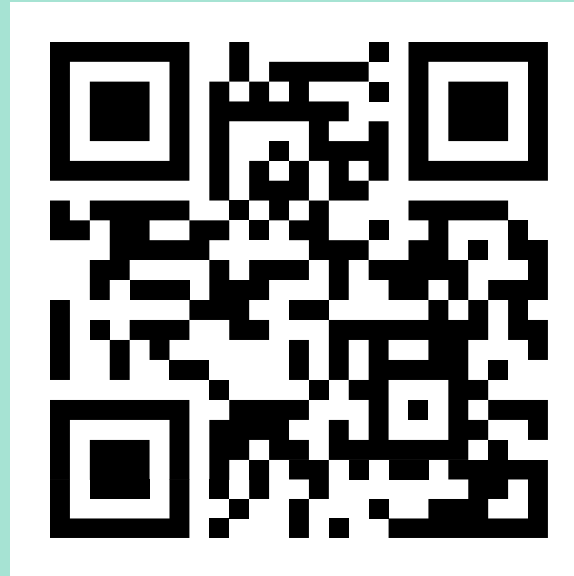
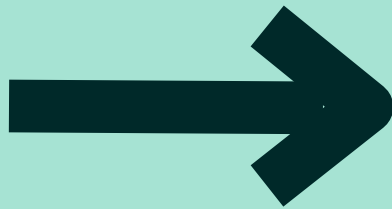


## Preferred language

Access the app in English, Spanish or other preferred languages.

Learn more today at:

[mafito.info/MIJA](https://mafito.info/MIJA)





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## FREMONT



### FREMONT FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

*A Division of the City of Fremont  
Human Services Department*

The City of Fremont's Family Resource Center works to provide comprehensive support to families in need, offering a range of services from financial assistance to mental health and wellness programs. Our center is a vital community hub, empowering families, particularly immigrants and low-income residents, to build self-sufficiency and thrive in a supportive, **collaborative environment**.

United Way Bay Area  
[www.uwba.org](http://www.uwba.org)



# Strengths in Supporting Immigrants in the Tri-City Area

Fremont, Newark, and Union City

- Diverse, Culturally Sensitive Services:** A wide range of community organizations and local institutions offer tailored services to immigrant populations, including legal aid, social services, and language access.
- Established Non-Profit and Government Collaboration:** Strong local organizations, such as Fremont Family Resource Center, the Union City Family Center and IIBA, provide critical resources through family support assistance, like case management, financial coaching, and community integration programs.
- Collaborative Community Engagement:** The Fremont Family Resource Center brings together over 20 state, county, city, and nonprofit social services agencies who work collaboratively to conduct targeted community outreach and provide comprehensive support, while fostering a strong sense of community for immigrants.

# Gaps in Supporting Immigrants in the Tri-City Area

Fremont, Newark, and Union City

- **Language Barriers:** Limited availability of services in underrepresented languages, particularly for populations from regions like Afghanistan or Latin America.
- **Affordable Housing:** The Tri-City area's housing crisis severely exacerbates the struggles of immigrant families, with persistent barriers such as discrimination and a lack of resources for undocumented individuals, leaving them increasingly vulnerable—even amidst recent affordable housing developments in Fremont.
- **Access to Legal and Mental Health Services:** The overwhelming demand for immigration legal aid and mental health support far surpasses available resources, leaving countless immigrants without essential assistance, trapped in a state of fear and insecurity.

# Empowering Immigrants with Financial Resources for Security



**Financial Services for Immigrants:** FinHabits is a digital financial platform designed specifically to serve immigrants, offering products like **savings accounts** and financial tools tailored to those without traditional credit histories.

**Credit-Building Programs:** FinHabits helps users **build their credit** by reporting on-time payments to major credit bureaus, empowering immigrants to improve their credit scores and gain financial stability.

**No SSN Required:** Users can access FinHabits' services without needing a Social Security Number (SSN), making it an accessible resource for undocumented immigrants to manage finances and build a financial foundation



**Inclusive Financial Services:** Patelco Credit Union offers a range of financial products, including savings and checking accounts, loans, and credit-building tools, to immigrants and underserved communities.

**Low Fees and Competitive Rates:** Known for offering low fees and competitive interest rates, Patelco provides a more affordable alternative to traditional banks, helping members manage their finances more effectively.

**Credit Building and Financial Education:** Patelco offers resources like **financial counseling** and **credit-building products** that help immigrants and low-income families improve their financial literacy and credit scores.



# FREMONT FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

*A Division of the City of Fremont  
Human Services Department*

## Certifying Acceptance Agent (CAA)

We are authorized by the **Internal Revenue Service (IRS)** to assist individuals who need an **ITIN** (Individual Taxpayer Identification Number) but are unable to obtain a Social Security Number (SSN). CAAs help immigrants and other non-residents navigate the ITIN application process by certifying their identity and documents, which is a critical part of applying for an ITIN



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