

### **Presenters**

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### **CLINIC Overview**

- 380 nonprofit organizations in 47 states
- Train 10,000 people each year on immigrationrelated topics
- Training and Legal Support, Capacity Building, Advocacy, Defending Vulnerable Populations
- Membership applications: https://cliniclegal.org/find-legal-help/affiliates



Agenda	
<ul><li>Opportunities and Challenges</li><li>Factors to consider</li></ul>	
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Anastasia DelCarpio and Will McNamara, LIRS     Characteristics of strong parts publics.	
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Opportunities	
More and diverse clients	
Underserved communities and needs  Fig. 1977 - 65  The control of the contro	
• Flexibility for staff	
Prepared for further service delivery disruptions	
Increased partnerships	
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Challenges	
• Location issues	
• Work schedules (for staff and clients)	
Privacy concerns	
• Internet access	
Appointment making and follow-thru	
Document gathering	
• Translations	
Requests for more evidence	
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### Primary Questions: If, When and How

- What are the service delivery model options?
- · How to staff and fund rural services?
- · Besides need, what other factors to consider?
- · How and what sorts of partnerships are necessary?
- · How and when to alter service delivery model?
- · What factors might lead to a decision not to provide rural services?



### United Farmworkers Foundation

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## A CLINIC

- Established in 2008
- 6 DOJ Recognized Satellite offices
   Los Angeles, CA Headquarters

  - Bakersfield, CA
  - Oxnard, CASalinas, CA
  - Fresno, CA
  - Phoenix, AZ



#### **UFW FOUNDATION IMMIGRATION SERVICES**



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#### NATURALIZATION PROGRAMS

LFSRM started our naturalization program with the USCIS Citizenship and Assimilation Grant, in partnership with Community College of Aurora. Together we offered citizenship assistance (education and full representation legal services) for nominal fees to LPRs in the Denver/Metro

Approximately six (6) years later, our funding from the Colorado Refugee Services Program was expanded to cover legal services for ORR eligible immigrants beyond their first five years in the United States. This expansion focused on providing naturalization legal services to Colorado's ORR eligible immigrant population. We were able to expand our full representation naturalization services in the Denver/Metro area and take on more complex/time consuming cases.

In 2019, we had the opportunity to join the New Americans Campaign and begin offering limited representation (no 6-28s filed) naturalization legal services. Recognizing that the Denver/Metro area already has numerous organizations offering such services, we decided to focus our NAC funded services on rural parts of Colorado where legal services are difficult to access.





#### New Americans Campaign Service Model

- . LFSRM conducts outreach with immigrant serving organizations outside the Denver/Metro area, to develop collaboration and connect with lawful permanent residents (LPRs) eligible for naturalization. LFSRM also conducts direct outreach to eligible LPRs living outside the Denver/Metro area
- Interested LPRs call the LF5RM attorney for a screening and, if they are a good fit for a workshop, instructions on how to join the LF5RM Citizenshipworks portal.
  - If they are not a good fit for our NAC workshops, we can refer them internally to our full representation programs or refer them out to private immigration attorneys/other needed legal services.
- Eligible LPRs create an account on Citizenshipworks. LFSRM offers appointments as applicants reach 90%+ on Citizenshipworks. All appointments are virtual during COVID-19 for health and safety reasons. At appointment the lawyer helps the applicant complete their application, answer legal questions, issue spot to ensure applying is safe, and reviews evidence to confirm all necessary evidence is present.
  - Some one-on-one appointments, to facilitate expeditious completion of the application
     Some group workshops especially where the workshop is being promoted by a local organizations
- LFSRM prints out all applications and evidence, mails them to the applicant with instructions on how to file, an envelope with the filing address, and a list of study resources.

### Characteristics of Strong Partnerships

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- · Will refer clients to your program
- · Has resources your agency does not
- · Is reliable
- · Has a good reputation
- · Will enter into an MOU with you

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#### More Questions to Consider

- · What types of services do I want to provide?
- · Do we have staff to assign to this task?
- · What types of cases are you going to take? What is the rationale?
- · Who can I partner with?
- · What are the risks inherent in the service models I am considering?
- · Are those risks worth it?
- · What will we do if the risk factor we have chosen to accept materializes?
- · How can you reduce your liability from that risk, should it materialize?
- Do we have a long-term plan for doing this starting slow and building it up, with time for evaluation and change?



Resources	
• Staff Orientation to Charitable Immigration Legal Services (ppt presentation)	
• Immigration Legal Program Management Self	
Assessment Tool (chart)  • Managing an Immigration Program: Steps for	
Creating and Increasing Legal Capacity (manual)	
https://cliniclegal.org/resources/program-management	
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