



# Center for Immigration Legal & Support Services

## 2021 YEAR-END IMPACT REPORT

### ABOUT

The Center for Immigration Legal and Support Services (CILSS) advances racial, gender, and economic equity through high-quality, multi-year legal immigration representation and focused case management. With CILSS' culturally-sensitive support, first and future generations of immigrants are able to break through systemic barriers, achieve their aspirations, and become full participants in the social, civic, and economic fabric of our community.

With offices in San Francisco and San Mateo, we provide quality, compassionate, and trauma-informed legal services so immigrants can begin to heal from persecution and abuse, secure the legal right to work, continue to contribute economically, and be more visible. Complementing our legal services are vital social services that support immigrants as they pursue their legal rights. CILSS adapts according to the needs of the community and to the changes in legal and political climates.

### SERVICES

- Legal counsel on complex immigration legal matters including citizenship, work permits, deferred action, deportation defenses, and asylum proceedings
- Reunite families through family-based immigration
- Assist immigrant victims of domestic violence and violent crimes
- Educate immigrants through “Know Your Rights” workshops
- Access to English as a Second Language classes
- Vocational training

## 9,282 IMMIGRANTS SERVED

### IMPACT

# 562

work authorizations  
issued

# 122

deferred action U Visas  
granted to victims of  
violent crimes

# 128

gained Lawful  
Permanent Resident  
Status (LPRS)

# 166

Deferred Action for  
Childhood Arrivals  
(DACA)

COVID-19 had a significant impact on the number of clients we served during 2021 due to state and county shelter-in-place ordinances that temporarily closed some of our programs as we worked to keep our clients and employees as safe and healthy as possible.