

An Immigrant Education & Defense Fund



The Safe City Baltimore Fund was established by the Open Society Institute Baltimore (OSI) in partnership with the Baltimore City Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs (MIMA) in 2017.

Safe City Baltimore expands services and resources in order to educate immigrant communities in Baltimore about their rights, provide access to lawyers for individuals with viable claims to remain in the United States, and connect individuals facing deportation with defense attorneys. Safe City Baltimore also coordinates existing pro bono resources to make these critical resources more easily accessible, all of which help to **#KeepFamiliesTogether** in Baltimore.

Safe City Baltimore & its Partners can help you!

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Do you want to learn about your rights and create a Family Safety Plan?

- Learn what to do if ICE agents come to your home or arrest you or a loved one.
- Plan for who will take care of your child(ren) if you become detained or deported by immigration authorities.

Call Pro Bono Resource Center of Maryland (PBRC) at **443-703-3054** to learn about events near you.

IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES

Do you want to learn about your options for staying in the United States?

- Attend an immigration screening clinic to learn if you qualify to remain in the United States & obtain legal status.
- Get referrals to pro bono resources or other legal service providers.

Call Esperanza Center at **667-600-2941** or PBRC at **443-703-3054** to request more information.

DEPORTATION DEFENSE SERVICES

Are you or a family member detained and in need of a free lawyer to help with your deportation case?

- Connect with legal counsel for detained Baltimore City residents who cannot afford legal representation.**

****This service is available only for Baltimore City residents.**

Call CAIR Coalition at **202-331-3320 Ext 7027** to determine eligibility for legal representation. Call CASA at **1-866-765-2272** if you believe a family member has been detained and need immediate assistance.

BOND REPRESENTATION

Do you or a family member need representation at a bond hearing?

- Obtain a free lawyer for a bond hearing

Call the MD Carey Law School Immigration Clinic at **410-706-3916**.

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Legal Services for Detained Individuals in Baltimore City

Free representation may be available to qualifying residents of Baltimore City who are detained by immigration and are facing deportation proceedings in immigration court.



WHO MAY QUALIFY?

- Residents of Baltimore City,
- Who are detained and have a hearing in immigration court AND
- Income falls below 200% of federal poverty guidelines

WHAT INFORMATION SHOULD I PROVIDE TO HAVE MY CASE CONSIDERED FOR REPRESENTATION?

Biographic Information

Name
Alien Number
Date of Birth
Country of Origin
Home Address

Income Eligibility

Number of people in the household
Reported Income for each household member

Immigration History

Do you have a prior deportation order?
If so, have you left the United States since receiving the deportation order?
Are you afraid of returning to your home country? If so, briefly why?

HOW WILL I KNOW THAT MY CASE HAS BEEN SELECTED FOR REPRESENTATION?

- For people with final orders of removal: people with final orders of removal will generally not be eligible to receive representation through SAFE Cities, but will receive representation status confirmation within 48 hours of their consultation.
- For people who are detained and will appear in immigration court: they will receive representation status confirmation within one week of consultation, as long as complete information is provided during intake. Confirmation process can be slowed down if information, such as A# or residence, is not available during the intake. Also, if a case is not selected in the week's lottery, the case may be selected at a later date, as case selection is ongoing.

WHO DO I CONTACT TO ACCESS SERVICES OR MORE INFORMATION?

- Call CASA at **1-866-765-2272** if you believe a family member has been detained and need immediate assistance.
- Call CAIR Coalition at **202-331-3320 Ext 7027** to determine eligibility for legal representation.

Please provide reliable contact person who is available to receive and return phone calls to legal service providers; otherwise, selection process may be delayed.