

**San Mateo County Immigrant Forum
November 21, 2024**

Virtual Meeting

One Life Counseling Services

- **Understanding the Impact of a New Presidential Administration on our Undocumented Community:**
 - Deportation Anxiety
 - Access to Healthcare & Benefits
 - Workplace Concerns
 - Family Separation
- **Emotional and Psychological Impact on Undocumented Families:**
 - Chronic Anxiety and Stress
 - Mental Health Struggles
 - Fear of Seeking Support
- **How this may affect Frontline Workers:**
 - Challenges in Providing Support
 - Understanding the client perspective
 - Staying Informed about Policy changes
- **Practical Steps for Frontline Workers:**
 - Creating a Safe Space
 - Know Local and State Protections
 - Access to Legal Resources
 - Mental Health Support
- **Building Resilience in the Community:**
 - Community Support
 - Advocacy
 - Self-Care for frontline workers
- Anyone interested in contacting One Life Counseling Center **650-394-5155** or at **info@onelifecounselingservices.com**
- See slides for detailed information. Found on Office of Community Affairs website, found [here](#).

Got Wheels! -Peninsula Family Services

- **What is Got Wheels!**
 - No cost membership taxi program
 - Currently funded by Caltrans/MTCC-San Mateo County
 - 27/7 service for those who are 70 years old or older who live in SMC.
 - Must live in 1 of the 12 approved cities in SMC.
- **Why use Got Wheels!**
 - Free for older adults who are on a monthly budget.
 - Helps older adults from loneliness and isolation to get places.
 - Depression affects mental and physical health.
- **Got Wheels! Parameters and application process:**



- Two memberships per couple
- Card must be used 2x in 6 months to stay active.
- Must swipe card to active ride and each ride cost \$5+optional tip per one-way ride.
- **Arranging a ride with Got Wheels!**
 - Call 650-222-222 to reach Serra Yellow Cab dispatcher.
 - Give the exact address and make sure to let dispatcher know if you need a wheelchair accessible vehicle.
 - Allow 20-30 minutes for drive to arrive.
- **Program update:**
 - Registration in Daly City has closed due to capacity.
 - Waitlist has opened for all other cities.
 - Exciting news to follow about the expansion of the program in December.
- **Services for Older Adults:**
 - Call Older Adult Resource Hotline at 650-780-7542
 - Call Got Wheels! Older adult Services 650-403-4300 ext. 4329
- See slides for detailed information. Check out the Office of Community Affairs website, [here](#).

ILRC Updates:

- **Keeping Families Together (Spouses and Stepchildren)**
 - On Nov 7, 2024, district court found that the administration did not have the authority to implement the program.
 - The ruling vacated this specific program, but an appeal can take place to the 5th circuit.
 - Appeals may be dropped as the new presidential elect goes into office and can wind down.
 - Only few people who were granted parole will have taken advantage of this program when it was rolled out.
 - Click [here](#) to learn more about Keeping Families Together
- **Landscape moving forward with a new administration:**
 - **Project 2025**-Put forward by the Heritage Foundation that aims to prepare a “blueprint” for the next Republican administration, which will focus on transforming and reshaping the government.
 - Click [here](#) to read more.
 - **Agenda 47**-A plan that outlines Trump’s vision for his potential second term in office which includes a series of proposal in key issues (20 points).
 - These are only a Wishlist, these are not guarantees and may take some time to implement.
 - Key take away to ease some anxiety over many suggestions from the new President; many policies need acts of Congress to take place, which will require 60 senators to get on board to act on these policy proposals or uphold these proposals.
 - A few policies that the new administration will try to reinstate; [Migrant Protection Program](#) and [Asylum Cooperation Agreements](#) with Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras (force asylum seekers to seek asylum in other countries and not in US),
 - A few regulations that new administration will try to implement ASAP :
 - 1. Create new bars to asylum.
 - 2. Implement security bars for those who were in a country with a contagious outbreak.



3. Asylum based work permits.
 4. Try to eliminate or slow down adjudication for T and U visas.
 5. Try to drop support or wind down DACA or TPS
 6. General policy on paroles
 7. Try to write a new public charge rule.
 8. Try to denaturalize citizens, but this will be very difficult for the government to do.
 9. High profile policy on an executive order attacking birth right citizenship. Reinterpret the 14th amendment.
 10. Military involvement in immigration enforcement. There would be many barriers for this to take place since they would need constant from the state where it would happen. Military may have secondary tasks at the borders but not actually being able to enforce.
 11. Expedited removals for those who have not been in the US for more than two years.
- **What ILRC is doing to reassure immigrants and practitioners:**
 - Have prepared for the last two years for this new administration.
 - Collaborating with partners such as Rapid Response partners
 - Trainings to make sure practitioners know and are aware of updates and changes.
 - Making community handouts and trainings to address the fears and anxiety heard through the community.
 - Creating policy to push Bidens administration to create as many safeguards as possible to block some of the worst policies to come.
 - Working with State and local legislators to prepare for these policies to come.
 - **What can practitioners do now:**
 - Think about the risks of applying for any new benefits since it may be adjudicated with the new presidential administration.
 - File for an EAD now rather than later (January)
 - Talk to community members to teach them that they do have rights.
 - Refer them to Rapid Response line if they hear ICE raids.
 - Remind community members about [fraud](#) and fraudulent scams that are circulating due to heighten fear.
 - Utilize the [Red Cards](#), you can find those here.
 - Utilize [Family preparedness plan](#).

USCIS Updates:

- **USCIS Website** [English](#)
- **USCIS Website** [Spanish](#)
- **National Webinars**
 - Engagements in [English](#)
 - Engagements in [Spanish](#)
- **Adjustment of Status Information Session (Virtual)**
Monday, Nov. 25, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
 - USCIS will explain eligibility categories for adjustment of status to a permanent resident in the U.S. and how to apply for a green card, click [here](#).
- **Naturalization Information Session (Virtual)**



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Monday, Nov. 25, 7:00pm-9:00pm

- "How to Prepare for Naturalization"
Come learn about the eligibility requirements and how to prepare and what to expect at your naturalization interview. A question-and-answer session will follow. Please note case-specific questions cannot be addressed. Please RSVP to FloridaOutreach@uscis.dhs.gov for link information.
- Check out the Local engagement [here](#) for full calendar.
- **USCIS Tech Talks**
Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2:00pm-2:45pm
 - U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services will continue our Tech Talk sessions to answer questions about USCIS online accounts. Click [here](#) to register.

Announcements:

- To find more detailed announcements from USCIS, please click [here](#).
- **USCIS Updates Guidance on Determining Custody for Children Acquiring U.S. Citizenship**
 - Announced on Nov. 19, 2024
 - U.S. Citizenship and Immigration and Services is issuing guidance regarding the legal and physical custody requirements for purposes of acquisition of U.S. citizenship under section 320 and naturalization under section 322 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA). We are also expanding guidance on derivation of citizenship before the Child Citizenship Act of 2000, under former INA section 321.
- **Immigration Medical Examination Documentation Will be Valid indefinitely for certain Afghan Nationals**
 - Announced on Nov. 13, 2024
 - Immigration medical examination documentation for certain Afghan nationals who arrived in the United States during Operation Allies Welcome (OAW) is valid indefinitely.
 - This means that Afghan nationals who arrived in the United States during OAW and meet certain conditions will not have to repeat an immigration medical examination when they apply to adjust their status to lawful permanent resident (also known as getting a Green Card).
 - This updated guidance applies to Afghan nationals who arrived in the United States during OAW and received a full immigration medical examination either in the United States (documented on Form [I-693, Report of Immigration Medical Examination and Vaccination Record](#)) or outside the United States (documented on Form DS-7794, Electronic Medical Examination for Visa Applicant, or Form DS-2054, Medical Examination for Immigrant or Refugee Applicant).
 - USCIS is issuing policy guidance in our Policy Manual to further clarify the types of evidence that we may evaluate to determine eligibility for extraordinary ability (E11) EB-1 immigrant visa classifications.
- This new guidance builds on a previous EB-1 policy update, providing more clarity and transparency to assist petitioners in submitting appropriate evidence that may establish the [beneficiary's eligibility](#).



- **Keeping Families Together**

- Announced on Nov 7, 2024
- The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas in State of Texas v. Department of Homeland Security issued a final judgment vacating the Keeping Families Together parole process.
- Pending Form I-131F applications will not be adjudicated and intake of new Form I-131F applications will cease.
- Anyone with a future Application Support Center appointment in support of a filed Form I-131F should consider that appointment cancelled immediately.
- Anyone who appears for such an appointment will be turned away.
- USCIS will publish additional information on how it will handle pending cases and paid application fees.

Partner Updates:

- Check out our updated website for more resources that we mentioned, [here](#) . Immigrant Services has compiled many different topics in Know your Rights, Find Legal Assistance, and other resources, click [here](#).
- If you would like a copy of the Rapid Response information or Red Card information, click [here](#). For non-profits, you can order copies in many different languages, click [here](#).
- Health Plan of San Mateo has put together a list of Dental providers who accept HSPM, click [here](#) to view.
- Have students that are looking for higher education goals, refer them to [Find Your Ally](#) and schedule a Free appointment today.
- Frequently asked questions guide from Peninsula Family Service Got Wheels! Click [here](#)
- [Family Preparedness Plan](#) and [Plan de Preparacion de Inmigracion](#)
- Looking for other resources to protect yourself and your family? Do not fall for fraud and get immigration advice from a licensed professional, click [here](#).
- Read San Mateo County's Legal Aid post-election message and find more resources on helping families [keep their benefits](#), click [here](#).
- Need more food resources for those families who may not qualify for CalFresh, refer them to Second Harvest Food of Silicon Valley, click [here](#) to find food.

