



Mission

The International Institute is a statewide nonprofit organization that assists refugees and immigrants to resolve legal, economic, linguistic and social barriers so that they become self-sufficient, integrated and contributing members of the community. The Institute achieves this mission by providing a compassionate array of high-quality legal, social and educational programming and by promoting cross cultural understanding and decent treatment for all 7,000 individuals served per year.

Key Program Areas

- Refugee Resettlement and Employment Services
- Legal Immigration & Citizenship Service
- Interpreter & Translation Services
- Victim Services & Anti-Human Trafficking Programming
- Community Outreach and Education

IICONN at a glance:

- Clients come from 89 countries of origin
- 23 Full Time / 10 Part Time employees
- 40 contracted interpreters
- 100 volunteers & interns
- 70 pro-bono attorneys
- 15 member board
- 2010 – annual operating budget \$1.1million
- 2013 – annual operating budget \$1.8 million

Who we serve

- Refugees & Asylees
- Victims of Human Trafficking
- Survivors of Torture
- Immigrant Victims of Crime
- Citizenship applicants
- Family based immigrants
- Other low income immigrants in need of legal assistance
- Nonprofits, Gov't Agencies, Law Enforcement, Business

Legal Immigration & Citizenship Services

- BIA Recognized Agency
- 5 Attorneys, 7 Accredited Representatives
- Bridgeport, Stamford, and Hartford; Outreach/Satellite Operations
- Family Based Immigration & Citizenship Assistance
- Refugee adjustments
- General consultations
- Temporary Protected Status
- Court Representation / Pro Bono Attorney Network

Survivors of Torture Program

- Bridges existing programs and addresses multiple gaps in services
- Increase functionality among foreign born survivors of torture
- Legal Assistance

- Social Services
- Mental Health Care
- Medical Assistance
- Increase capacity in Greater Bridgeport to serve survivors
- Creating a network or collaborative of informed providers
- Developing a pro bono counseling network

Anti-Human Trafficking Program

- Comprehensive services – all forms of trafficking
- Sex, Labor, Domestic Servitude
- Adults, Minors, Domestic, Foreign born
- Three components:
 - Outreach / Training – increase awareness
 - Collaborate w/ law enforcement – identify and prosecute
 - Directly serve survivors – safe, healing, and self-sufficient
- Currently serving 26 foreign born victims & families

Relief for immigrant victims of crime and violence

- Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)
 - for abused spouses & children & elderly parents
- U Visas
 - for victims of violent crimes
- T Visas
 - for victims of human trafficking
- SIJS
 - Special Immigrant Juvenile Status
- ASYLUM
 - Victims of persecution in their country

Interpreter/ Translation Services

- Variety of clients
- Growing program
- Federal mandates

What does ICONN NOT do:

- Provide pro bono representation across the board or guarantee pro bono rep
- Family law cases, or other types of law
- Help apply for DSS benefits (which we do for our clients, on a case by case basis, but not as a standalone service)