MAYOR MURIEL BOWSER'S

SUPPORT OF IMMIGRANTS

Mayor Bowser is a friend of immigrants. Let's all work together to provide the most security possible for our DC neighbors and to pressure Congress to provide pathways to citizenship for our Dreamers, for our TPS holders, for our law-abiding, longstanding DC residents.

Immigrant Justice Legal Services by the Numbers



Money Invested:

\$1,900,000

over FY 17, FY 18, and FY 19.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS SESSIONS

AT LEAST

67

Know Your Rights Sessions 2,740
Individuals Touched
Through Know Your

Rights Sessions, Consultations, and Public Benefit Cases

DIRECT LEGAL SERVICES PROVIDED

572

Ongoing Cases Serviced Through IJLS



92

Asylum cases opened

333

Attorneys trained

Mayor Bowser has hosted events such as calls and workshops at churches, to provide information and resources to our immigrant neighbors and to link them with lawyers and agencies that can help.

Leadership and Advocacy

Mayor Bowser recognizes that our immigration system is broken, and federal officials have engaged in abusive tactics. She has called on the Trump Administration to extend TPS for various nationalities, such as Salvadorans, Hondurans, and Haitians, as well as spearheaded pro-immigrant resolutions through the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

BENEFITS

DC offers Limited Purpose Driver's Licenses to all Washingtonians, regardless of citizenship status.

Additionally, DC extends DC-funded social services – including healthcare – equally to all DC residents, regardless of citizenship status. Through the DC Healthcare Alliance and the Immigrant Children's Program, DC ensures all Washingtonians have access to healthcare and other benefits.

GRANTS

Grants are issues to community groups so that immigrant community organizations can help deliver services and support language lines.



Leadership and Advocacy

EDUCATION

District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) reminds all students and families that DC schools are open to all residents. This guidance reaffirms that public education is open to all, regardless of citizenship or immigration status, and that families' citizenship information is secure with DCPS.

POLICING

DC remains committed to ensuring that all Washingtonians can use city services without fear. MPD policy prohibits MPD officers from asking immigration status. To report crimes in progress, call 911. Callers may report hate crimes anonymously to the Hate Crimes Hotline at 202-727-0500. Additionally, MPD has a Special Liaison Branch that serves the African, Asian, Latino, and religious minority communities, among others.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

The Department of Corrections does not hold persons past their scheduled release time, even if ICE is interested in the person.

LANGUAGE ACCESS

Since 2004, the Office of Human Rights has worked diligently to ensure that DC is accessible and welcoming to all - regardless of English fluency.

PHONE NUMBERS FOR CITY SERVICES AND SUPPORT

The following offices can connect residents to additional resources and supports:

Mayor's Office on Latino Affairs (MOLA) - (202) 671-2825

Mayor's Office on Asian & Pacific Islander Affairs (MOAPIA) - (202) 727-3120

Mayor's Office on African Affairs (MOAA) - (202) 727-5634

Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS) - (202) 442-8150

FY 2018 Immigration Justice Legal Services (IJLS) Awardees

- 1. African Communities Together (ACT) http://www.africans.us/
- 2. DC Affordable Law Firm c/o Arent Fox http://dcaffordablelaw.org/
 - Subgrantee: CARECEN DC http://carecendc.org/
- Asian/Pacific Islander Violence Resource Project (DVRP) https://dvrp.org/

- Subgrantee: Libraries Without Borders https://librarieswithoutborders.org/
- 4. Ayuda https://ayuda.com/
- 5. Briya Public Charter School https://www.briya.org/
- 6. Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington, Inc. https://catholiccharitiesdc.org/

- 7. Kids in Need of Defense (KIND, Inc.) https://supportkind.org/
- Latin American Youth Center (LAYC-DC) http://www.layc-dc.org/
- Torture Abolition & Survivors
 Support Coalition International
 (TASSC)
 https://www.tassc.org/
- 10. Whitman-Walker Health https://www.whitman-walker.org/

