

NATIONAL IMMIGRANT JUSTICE CENTER

A HEARTLAND ALLIANCE PROGRAM

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY FOR LAW STUDENTS AND RECENT GRADS

We need your help to secure protection for immigrants!

NIJC's Legal Screening Workshop Saturday, February 25, 2016

Over 150,000 undocumented immigrants are currently living in Chicago, Illinois. Immigrants are afraid of the new reality under the current administration, and are unsure how to proceed. Given the new reality the immigrant community will face in the coming years, it is more important than ever that they obtain legal screenings to assess their options. A significant percentage of undocumented immigrants may be eligible for relief but may be unaware of such eligibility. With support from the city, Heartland Alliance's National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC) seeks to serve immigrants by conducting a legal screening workshop in partnership with area law students and recent law graduates. Under attorney supervision, volunteers will conduct legal screenings and advise community members of potential eligibility for immigration relief.

Volunteers must:

- Be fluent in Spanish
- Commit to the Friday training and Saturday workshop
- Understand they may work with clients who have experienced trauma or who have had contact with the criminal justice system

Workshop Agenda

- I. **Friday, February 24, 2017** at NIJC's office (208 S. LaSalle, Suite 1300, Chicago, IL)
 - A. 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm: **Legal Screening Training** – Led by NIJC legal supervisor, volunteers will receive an overview of immigration relief and how to conduct a legal screening.
- II. **Saturday, February 25, 2017** Chicago location TBD
 - A. 9:00 am to 11:00 am: **Legal Screening Workshop** – Volunteers, under the supervision of NIJC legal supervisors will conduct legal screenings for a maximum of two individuals, and make appropriate referrals at the end of the screening.

*Please email your resume to Vanessa Esparza-López at vesparza-lopez@heartlandalliance.org to volunteer for the clinic. Volunteers are encouraged to RSVP early as space is limited. **All volunteers must confirm participation by Thursday, February 16, 2017.***