

History

Knowing that people who face discrimination and other right violations often find it difficult to decide what to do first and where to turn for help, the La Maestra Community Health Center's Executive board decided to create La Maestra Legal Advocacy and Social Services Program.

Our department was created in 2011 and immediately was incorporated into the La Maestra Circle of Care, with the mission to serve our clients; ***“Because wellness is not just a trip to the Doctor, It involves many other social determinates of health.”*** _ Zara Marselian Oct 2015.



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LA MAESTRA: LEGAL ADVOCACY & SOCIAL SERVICES



“Everyone has a right to peaceful coexistence, the basic personal freedoms, the alleviation of suffering, and the opportunity to lead a productive life...” -
Jimmy Carter



Advocacy

- ◆ Specialized program for International Human Trafficking Victims
- ◆ Advocacy for victims of Domestic Violence
- ◆ Case management, safety planning, needs assessment
- ◆ Finding safe housing (emergency shelter, safe living, etc.)
- ◆ DV-RO (Domestic Violence - Restraining Orders) application process
- ◆ Victims Compensation application process
- ◆ Safe at Home Confidential address application process.
- ◆ Immigration Legal Services
- ◆ Notary Public
- ◆ Expungement Services
- ◆ Filling out forms for Family Law such as: Divorce, Custody, Child Support, Visitations, Guardianship, etc.
- ◆ Referrals to our programs and to other organizations

Communities Served

Most of our clients are immigrants, primarily from the Latino community. We also have a significant number of clients from African and Asian countries such as: Somalia, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Burma, Sudan, Nepal, Jordan , Thailand, and Russia. The majority of these immigrants are refugees and asylees.

In addition, the La Maestra Legal Advocacy Team is happy to serve other members of our community. Such as natural born citizens, veterans, military families and other survivors of crime.

Community Education

The La Maestra Legal Advocacy Team is available to participate in seminars, panels, health fairs and presentations to bring information to the community regarding their rights as victims of human trafficking, domestic violence and other crimes.

Mission

We advocate on your behalf and we will assist you in identifying your rights and options as a survivor.

Our mission is to provide assistance and support to survivors of human trafficking, domestic violence and other violent situations.

Our advocates do not act as attorneys, but they can give you information and referrals that will help you to make an informed decision.

