

CALIFORNIA'S LARGEST NETWORK OF SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS

Catholic Charities of California represents the twelve Local Catholic Charities Organizations in California.

Every year, these organizations provide more than 1.5 million professional social services to Californians who need help and hope. Catholic Charities of California is the single point of access to this statewide network.



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CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE DIOCESE OF MONTEREY

Immigration & Citizenship



PROGRAMS OVERVIEW

- **Family Support Services** guide clients toward financial stability and self-sufficiency through direct services, such as financial education classes and benefits enrollment assistance. FSS also links clients to appropriate services provided by other community based organizations.
- The **Mental Health Counseling Program** provides licensed services to clients with various needs. Experienced clinicians, fluent in English and Spanish, care for clients and also supervise and mentor master and post-master level interns. Interns also interact with clients, providing additional support.
- The **Immigration and Citizenship Program** provides legal services and guidance to immigrants wishing to achieve lawful permanent residency, deferred action, or citizenship.
- The **Tattoo Removal Program** helps clients overcome barriers to viable employment created by tattoos. This program helps formerly incarcerated individuals, former gang members, victims of human trafficking, and others, to remove visible tattoos, broadening their economic and social opportunities.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Monterey (CC Monterey) provides assistance and guidance for immigrants wishing to obtain lawful permanent residency, deferred action, and citizenship. CC Monterey's Immigration and Citizenship Program is a critical resource for central coast communities; staff are known in local communities for their experience and expertise in assisting with immigration legal processes.

Staff provide comprehensive legal assistance for a caseload of 5,000 clients annually. CC Monterey provides an additional 9,000 services each year for consultation, replacement of legal permanent cards, work authorization renewal, and applications for U.S. citizenship. CC Monterey's staff also provide English translation of certificates of birth, marriage, divorce, death, and adoption, as all documents must be filed in English for immigration procedures.

Clients who meet the requirements for a visa can rely on CC Monterey's staff to deliver accurate, honest, and compassionate services that help them navigate through this complex process. CC Monterey has an excellent relationship with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). In partnership with USCIS, CC Monterey provides educational workshops about the immigration process and how to attain naturalized citizenship.

CC Monterey has been recognized by the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) for over 26 years. The BIA is the federal government's highest administrative body for interpreting and applying immigration laws. BIA recognized organizations and BIA accredited representatives are authorized by the BIA to practice immigration law.

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