



Host Site: Legal Services of North Florida, Inc.

Topic of Project: Agricultural/Migrant Workers & Immigration

Location: Tallahassee, FL

* LSNF prefers to host a Fellow in-person, as the nature of the project involves engaging in the community and helping to build trust with eligible immigrants. A hybrid Fellowship is possible since LSNF does have the capacity to host a Fellow remotely. In a hybrid Fellowship, the Fellow would need to travel to our service area as needed to support legal clinics and community education programs.

Description of Fellow Project:

The Legal Assistance for Rural Eligible Immigrants (LAREI) Fellow will work with Legal Services of North Florida's lead Immigration Attorney to increase trust and access to legal help within our service area. The Fellow will help non-citizens who are eligible for services in housing, benefits, family law, safety, and immigration legal issues. This Fellowship will include helping victims of domestic violence and human trafficking find safety and stability away from the abuse. The work will include education and outreach, legal clinics to help with naturalization or other legal adjustments allowed under the law, and direct client assistance under the supervision of experienced attorneys. While immigrants are a smaller percentage of the population in North Florida compared to other parts of Florida, they often lack access to help or are afraid due to myths about their immigration status. The LAREI Fellow will improve access and help to grow LSNF's immigration work to meet the needs of our community.

Applicant Qualifications:

Proficiency in Spanish is preferred but not required. The immigrant population in our area is diverse with many different languages and dialects spoken, and the Fellow will learn to successfully use an interpreter.

