



Host Site: Legal Services of North Florida, Inc.

Topic of Project: Immigration

Location: Tallahassee, FL

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 civil legal issues related to their immigration status. This Fellowship will include helping victims of domestic violence and human trafficking find safety and stability away from the abuse. Skills used and learned will include client interviewing; legal research; drafting of legal memos, pleadings, and immigration forms; engaging in community outreach and supporting case discovery.

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 make a smaller percentage of people 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 department to meet the needs of our community.

Additional Applicant Qualifications:

The Fellowship is preferred to be in-person, but LSNF has the capacity to host a remote or hybrid fellow if they are able to travel to sites as needed. Proficiency in Spanish is preferred but not required.

