

Department Name	Immigration Assistance Center
Account(s)	1173

Department Function
The Immigration Assistance Center provides attorneys assigned to represent noncitizens with training, legal assistance, and guidance on the development of immigration service plans and attorney best practices in criminal and family court proceedings as well as post-conviction and appellate matters. In addition to Albany County, the Immigration Assistance Center serves a 14 county region across northeastern New York State, assisting Judges, prosecutors, and other law enforcement agencies understand the unique needs of noncitizens as they interact with the U.S. judicial system. Across their 14 county region, the Center completes needs assessments to determine each county's ability to provide competent legal advice to noncitizens and ensure attorneys have access to immigration expertise training, cultural support, and language services.

Current Year Highlights
• In the last year, the Center was instrumental in securing funding to assist the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI) and Albany Law School in their work to address the immigration crisis facing Afghans. • In the last year the Center completed 36 evaluations of mandated legal providers, providing feedback for each. • Since its creation, the Center has: ○ assisted several hundred individuals from more than 100 different countries. ○ conducted 20 training sessions and appearances at community and legal forums. ○ aided the defense of valid constitutional claims to vacate prior criminal convictions, preventing the noncitizen's removal from the United States. ○ identified victims of crime such as human trafficking and connected these individuals to services, and assisted them with navigating the pathway to lawful status. ○ provided judicial training and training for court-mandated attorneys throughout northeastern New York State (Region 3). ○ conducted training for the New York Court of Appeals that was attended by Justices, clerks, and staff attorneys.

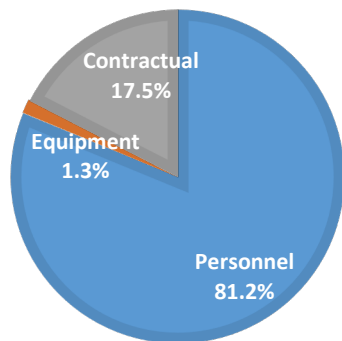
Next Year Projects
• Develop additional ways to provide direct representation. • Develop a Pro bono network that specializes in Immigration Law and encompasses auxiliary service providers. • Promote equity within Immigration Law. • Expand our advocacy work.

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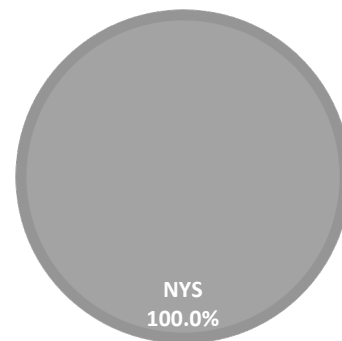
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Financial Charts

FORECASTED COSTS, BY TYPE



FORECASTED REVENUES, BY TYPE



Annual expenses are largely personnel costs associated with the Center's 5-person team. Contractual expenses such as trainings and travel (as they serve a region larger than Albany County) make up the rest of the forecasted costs.

The Immigration Assistance Center is almost entirely funded by the NYS Indigent Legal Services (ILS) Grant.

The 2023 Budget has a forecasted County Share of \$0.1 million for the Center.

Programmatic Highlights

CASES, BY TYPE

