Who We Are

About us

SCIP was founded in 2015 to address the growing needs of refugees and other displaced persons in Southern California who are seeking asylum in the U.S.

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Did you know?
There are over 50,165 detained immigrants in the U.S. today and only 14% have attorneys.
Mission Statement

Southern California Immigration Project (SCIP) is dedicated to delivering services to survivors of human rights violations by providing pro bono and low bono legal representation to immigrants.

Why SCIP?

Tens of thousands of detained immigrants in the U.S. face deportation back to a country with unstable governments either unwilling or unable to protect its citizens. If returned, they face the immediate danger of physical harm, if not direct threats to their lives. Because undocumented immigrants do not have the right to an appointed immigration attorney, the majority of them concede to deportation because they cannot afford representation. SCIP’s mission is to give those seeking safety and stability in the U.S. a chance at a new and productive life.

SCIP at a Glance

• SCIP is currently representing asylum seekers from Somalia, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Egypt, and Palestine in immigration court and with the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA).

• Most of these clients are detained at the Imperial Regional Detention Facility while their case is being processed through the court system.

• In 2019, SCIP represented 60 clients. 29 cases were completed with an 80% success rate.

Call to Action

With your help, SCIP can continue to represent asylum seekers who are unable to afford legal representation. SCIP is also dedicated to conducting community outreach.

Immigration Facts

• The Immigration court backlog as of Jan. 2020 was 1.1 million pending cases.

• Less than 11% of asylum cases are granted in San Diego immigration court. Odds of winning are 5 times higher when represented.

• In 2019 IRDF housed 704 detainees daily and was paid $142.60 per detainee daily.