



## **MIRC Facts**

- In 2025, MIRC received more than 5,000 calls for legal assistance and handled 1,521 cases
- MIRC has 5 offices across Michigan: Detroit, Ypsilanti, Lansing, Kalamazoo, and Grand Rapids
- MIRC is the only statewide immigration legal services provider in Michigan
- MIRC is the only free call from immigration detention from Michigan and the only organization listed on the pro bono list given to people in removal proceedings in immigration court
- MIRC is currently taking 40 calls a week from detained immigrants and recently expanded its intake team to increase capacity
- MIRC's programs include:
  - Direct legal services
    - Community Immigration Legal Services: family-based and humanitarian immigration applications including asylum, removal defense, U and T visas, citizenship and naturalization, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, employment authorization, and other immigration relief
    - Unaccompanied Children Program: immigration legal services to all unaccompanied children in foster care in Michigan and many of those released to guardians in communities
    - Farmworker and Immigrant Rights: legal advice and representation to low-wage migrant and seasonal farmworkers and immigrant workers experiencing employment-related legal issues
  - Systemic advocacy: addressing the root causes of issues that negatively impact immigrants and their rights, often with the support of partners like the ACLU of Michigan
  - Community engagement and education: working in partnership with community organizations across Michigan to provide Know Your Rights presentations and other education to community members and train those that serve immigrant communities

## **Immigration Landscape**

- Between January 20, 2025 and January 20, 2026, there were 608 immigration policy changes designed to impact immigrants negatively
- In June 2025, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) opened the third largest ICE detention facility in the country at the North Lake Processing Center in Baldwin, MI (capacity: 1,800 beds)
- In 2026, ICE is planning to open another detention facility in Romulus, MI
- The detained population in Michigan has grown seven-fold since January 2025
- ICE arrests more than doubled in Michigan from 2024 to 2025, despite the vast majority of those arrested having no criminal convictions