



Her Justice in the Community



'Know Your Rights' Clinics

Undocumented immigrants live every day in terror of being discovered, deported, and separated from their families. They are often unaware they can access life-saving services in New York City – including medical care, police assistance and legal remedies in civil courts – that would help stabilize their situation. Many immigrant women who have been abused or suffered gender-based violence are entitled to legal relief that would normalize their immigration status and ensure economic stability for their families.

With this anxiety particularly high in immigrant communities post-election, Her Justice conducts 'Know Your Rights' presentations and provides direct legal services throughout NYC that ensure immigrant women know their legal rights and the remedies available to them. We also help build knowledge and capacity of small, not-for-profit agencies serving immigrant communities by providing legal training to their direct service staff and volunteers.

Family Preparedness Clinics

In the current political climate, undocumented immigrants live in constant and growing fear of being arbitrarily deported. The Her Justice team of immigration attorneys and legal assistants, law firm volunteer partners and often other like-minded community organizations offer family preparedness clinics at churches and community centers around New York City. These clinics help undocumented immigrant parents plan for the safety and care of their children in the event of unforeseen and sudden deportation.

Medical-Legal Partnership

Her Justice recently launched an innovative medical-legal partnership with New York University Langone Health, a women's and pediatric community health center in Sunset Park, Brooklyn. Sunset Park is a working-poor area with a large number of immigrant families and high rates of domestic violence, which often begins or escalates during pregnancy. Assisted by a two-year fellow funded by Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, Her Justice now provides legal information, advice and court representation to patients of these high-volume, trusted community clinics — an alternative to the once-trusted authorities in the courts and law enforcement agencies.

Urgent Legal Care Project

All of our clients at Her Justice live in poverty. More than 80% of our clients are victims of domestic violence. The women we serve are frequently in urgent need of immediate legal assistance. The Urgent Legal Care Project ensures that women with the most critical legal needs obtain access to justice regardless of the immediate availability of volunteer attorneys. Much as an emergency room medical team triages and stabilizes incoming patients, one full-time emergency attorney at Her Justice, supported by a paralegal, prioritizes urgent cases and provides limited-scope representation until a pro bono legal team can be mobilized.