



“Thanks to HAP, I learned how important it is to find the right legal help. My immigration applications are my future, so now I share HAP’s information with my friends to prevent scams and fraud in my community.” - Jose M

HAP hosts monthly informational sessions in each community so that families can learn about the immigration system and social services.

“HAP helped me to get a work permit through the DACA program, and they gave my family legal advice to prepare for a future immigration reform. For HAP, the most important thing is protecting people.” —Maria YG



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A complete list of BIA accredited agencies authorized by the Department of Justice to provide legal services is at:
www.uscis.gov/legaladvice

If you need to find an immigration attorney, we can provide you with a list of trustworthy immigration attorneys in Colorado.

Questions?

970.249.4115

Please leave your name, telephone number and a brief message.

To find a calendar of informational sessions in your community, visit:

www.hapgj.org

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**Hispanic
Affairs
Project**

**Proyecto de
Asuntos Hispanos**



**IMMIGRATION LEGAL
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

*10 years supporting
community integration*



Who are we?

The Hispanic Affairs Project, HAP, is a non-profit organization serving the immigrant and refugee communities of Western Colorado, especially in Mesa, Delta, Montrose, San Miguel, Ouray and Gunnison Counties.

Our Programs include:

1. BIA Immigration Legal Assistance
2. Migrant Outreach
3. Combating Human Trafficking
4. Welcoming Colorado
5. Leadership Development Through Community Organizing
6. Pro-Immigrant Policies & Colorado Legislature
7. Community Resource Center

What is the BIA Accredited Legal Assistance Program?

A BIA accredited agency is a non-profit organization that is authorized by the Board of Immigration Appeals to represent people before the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) with immigration processes.

Since April of 2015, the Hispanic Affairs Project is the only agency accredited by the BIA within the Department of Justice to practice immigration law in Western Colorado.

BIA accredited organizations provide legal assistance in areas with a scarcity of immigration attorneys, and to low-income families who cannot afford attorney fees.

The only people authorized by law to answer questions about immigration, give legal advice or assist with completing forms are: immigration attorneys and BIA accredited legal representatives. BIA accredited representatives must receive legal training and fulfill numerous requirements before the Department of Justice, DHS, and USCIS.

HAP's BIA Accredited Legal Representatives:

HAP has two Legal Representatives with BIA accreditation: Nicole Bernal Ruiz & Marketa Zubkova. Both received extensive legal training and education in order to become accredited by the BIA within the Department of Justice.

HAP is a member of the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc (CLINIC) and receives support from immigration attorneys in Colorado. In order to maintain BIA accreditation and recognition, staff must receive ongoing legal training annually.

Currently, HAP's legal services include DACA applications (work permits for "dreamers"), family-based petitions (adjustment of status through Legal Permanent Resident/Citizen relatives), citizenship, residency renewal, among others.

