

# Seattle-King County Immigrant LEGAL DEFENSE NETWORK

PROGRAM AND LIFE-TO-DATE OUTCOMES

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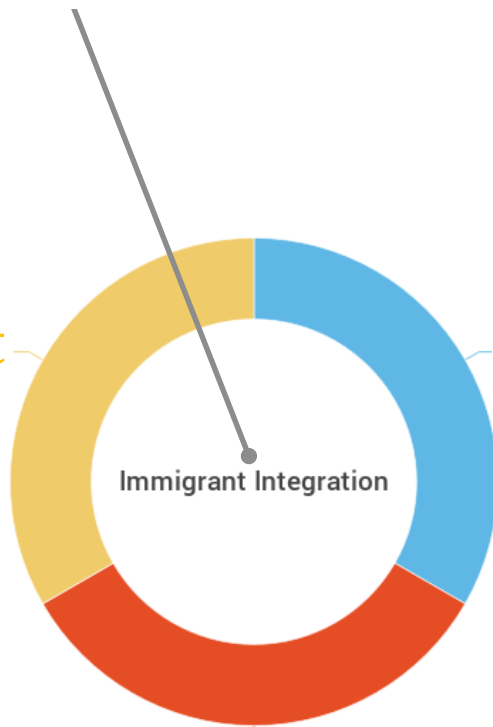
**Seattle**  
Office of Immigrant  
and Refugee Affairs

# OIRA Framework

## Four Rails of Immigrant Integration

Protecting Residents and Workers

Citizenship  
and Civic  
Engagement



English as  
a Second  
Language  
(ESL)

Language Access



# OIRA Immigrant Integration Spectrum

## Steps to Integration

*Advocate / Leader / Volunteer*

**Active  
Voter**

**Registered  
Voter**

**U.S.  
Citizen**

**Lawful  
Permanent  
Resident (LPR)**

**With  
Authorization  
(ex: visa holders, DACA)**

**Without  
Authorization /  
Documentation**

## Across the Spectrum

- Language Access
- Ethnic Media
- Ready to Work
- Immigrant Family Institute
- Community Outreach
- Federal Advocacy
- Immigrant and Refugee Commission

New Citizen Campaign  
New Citizen Program

DACA Support

Legal Consultations

**Legal Defense Network (LDN)**

## OIRA Programs

# Increase in Immigration Enforcement Activity (FY2016 compared to FY2017)



# The Seattle-King County Immigrant Legal Defense Network (LDN)

Have you or has someone you know received a notice from immigration court or been detained by ICE?



The Seattle-King County Immigrant Legal Defense Network may be able to help.

#### Seattle-King County Immigrant Legal Defense Network

If you are in need of immigration legal services and cannot pay for them, call any one of the Seattle-King County Immigrant Legal Defense Network organizations listed below.

To qualify for Legal Defense Network services, you must be low-income and work in the city of Seattle or live in King County.

To see if you are eligible for free legal services, call one of these community navigators:

- Asian Counseling and Referral Service: (206) 805-8981
- South Park Information and Resource Center: (206) 767-7445
- West African Community Council: (206) 349-0892

Legal services will be provided by:

- Northwest Immigrant Rights Project and Colectiva Legal del Pueblo (for adults and families): (206) 816-3870
- Kids in Need of Defense (for unaccompanied children): (206) 359-3266

## PURPOSE

To provide legal advice and representation to low-income King County residents and Seattle workers in immigration proceedings.

## CITY OF SEATTLE

\$1,000,000

## KING COUNTY

\$550,000



King County  
[kingcounty.gov/elected/executive/](http://kingcounty.gov/elected/executive/)  
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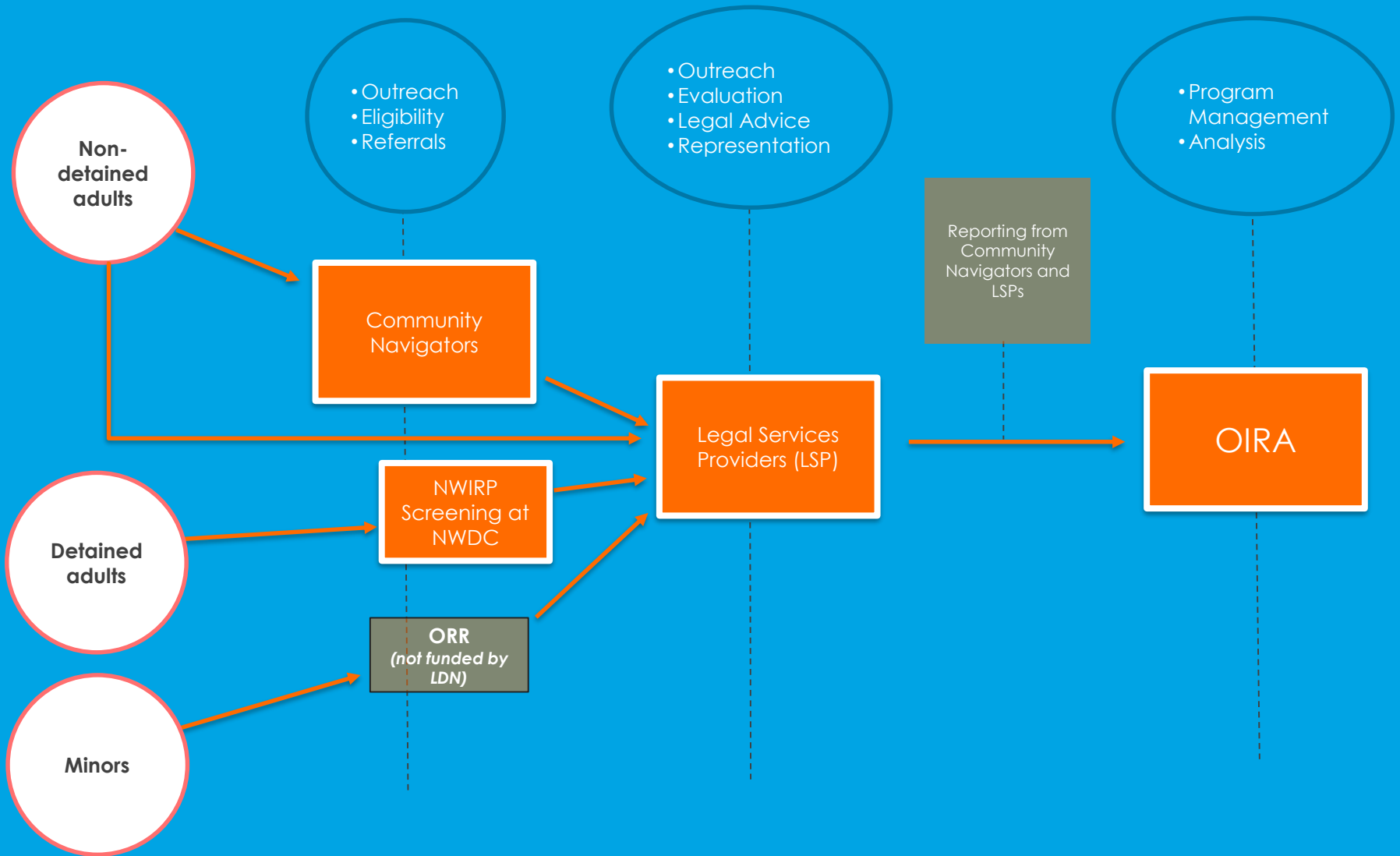
For more information about the Legal Defense Network, go to [www.seattle.gov/LDN](http://www.seattle.gov/LDN).

# Who Are We Serving?

- Salvadoran mother of five U.S. citizens detained earlier this year and now released on an ICE bond.
- Congolese mother and 2-year-son from a family targeted for politically-based persecution, now granted asylum relief.
- Vietnamese refugee resident in the U.S. since 1995 under pressure by ICE to produce proof that he plans to arrange return to Vietnam.
- Mexican-born teenage expectant mother raised in the Seattle area who has experienced chronic sexual violence.



# Current Model



# Funding Distribution

## Legal Service Providers

- Kids In Need of Defense (KIND): **\$235,454**
- Northwest Immigrant Rights Project (NWIRP) and Colectiva Legal del Pueblo **\$1,187,904**

## Community Navigators

- West African Community Council (WACC): **\$54,497**
- Asian Counseling & Referral Service (ACRS) and Filipino Community of Seattle (FCS): **\$30,000**
- South Park Information and Resource Center (SPIARC): **\$27,145**





# From October 2017 - July 2018:

- **806** screenings, **569** consultations (intakes)
- **261** people received direct representation
  - *Asylum/Withholding/CAT (I-589)*
  - *Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS)*
  - *U Visa (I-918)*
  - *Motion to Reopen/Reconsider*
  - *Cancellation of Removal*



# Demographics of Eligible Individuals Receiving Consultations (n=569)

- **62** countries of origin

Top 10 by # of clients:

|             |                                  |
|-------------|----------------------------------|
| Mexico      | Democratic Republic of the Congo |
| El Salvador | Eritrea                          |
| Honduras    | Senegal                          |
| Guatemala   | Vietnam                          |
| Somalia     | Other (17%)                      |
| Cambodia    |                                  |

- **Distribution by Region**

| Region                  | Percentage (%) |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| Latin America/Caribbean | 77%            |
| Africa                  | 13%            |
| Asia                    | 7%             |
| Europe                  | 1%             |
| Middle East             | 1%             |
| Other (Oceania, Canada) | 1%             |

- **492** adults, **76** minors

- **355** male, **213** female

- **160** detained, **408** non-detained

Of 745 people screened as geographically eligible:

- **51%** live or work in **Seattle**
- **49%** live elsewhere in **King Co.**



# What We've Learned

- **Outreach**
- **Language Access**
- **Legal Services**
- **Mental Health Services**
- **Post-Conviction Relief**
- **Case Management and Resource Referrals**

# Outlook

- **Partnership: King County**  
Veterans and Human Services Levy

| YEAR         | 2019      | 2020      | 2021      | 2022      | 2023      | Program Total |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------------|
| Annual Total | \$795,000 | \$810,000 | \$820,000 | \$830,000 | \$840,000 | \$4,095,000   |

- **Capacity and Scale**
- **Catalyst: Tacoma, Washington State**

# Thank you! Questions?

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