ABOUT US

The Northern Manhattan Coalition for Immigrant Rights is a 501(c)3 non-profit dedicated to educating, organizing, and protecting the rights of all immigrants. For over 30 years NMCIR has served thousands of immigrants and has spearheaded multiple advocacy efforts locally, nationally and internationally. NMCIR is a highly respected cornerstone of the community, providing exceptional quality immigration-related legal services to low-income immigrants in New York. Most of the individuals who walk through the doors of NMCIR are low-income, non-citizen immigrants from the Caribbean, Latin America, and increasingly, Africa and the Middle East. Some have lived in the U.S. for decades, while others are recent immigrants. NMCIR is often their first entrée into accessing legal aid or basic social services.

NMCIR plays a crucial role in empowering the immigrant community, both by providing immigration legal assistance as well as participating in policy making and grassroots organizing efforts. Since 1982, we have proved instrumental in the fight for immigrant rights, and we continue our multi-pronged effort today. With the coming implementation of expanded immigration relief, NMCIR will be handling a significant increase of new clients over the next year and beyond.
OUR WORK

The Northern Manhattan Coalition for Immigrant Rights programs and activities focus on three board areas: legal services, education and advocacy.

**LEGAL SERVICES:** NMCIR provides a vast array of family-based immigration services including one-on-one legal consultations and application assistance on issues such as: Adjustment of Status, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Temporary Protected Status (TPS), and Citizenship. Additionally, NMCIR has built a partnership with pro-bono attorneys including The Legal Aid Society and Cardozo Law School for the growing volume of complex cases for which clients seek assistance, ex. deportation.

**EDUCATION:** NMCIR provides English as a Second Language (ESL) and Citizenship classes. The classes allow NMCIR to assist participants through all steps of the naturalization and civic participation process which begins with one-on-one consultations. The level of English fluency is determined by this consultation and the participant is advised to enroll in the ESL, Citizenship class or both. ESL is also offered to participants who just want to increase their level of English fluency.

**ADVOCACY:** NMCIR is at the forefront of organizing against mandatory detention and deportation. We have had two policy victories in 2014 at the city level which includes full-funding at $4.9 million for the first-in-the-nation program to provide universal representation for all eligible detained immigrants in New York City facing permanent exile from their families and communities. The New York Immigrant Family Unity Program (NYIFUP) will provide counsel for individuals who would otherwise be forced to confront Immigration and Customs (ICE) alone with low odds of success. NMCIR’s second victory is the passage and signing by Mayor de Blasio two bills that significantly decrease collaboration between the city and Immigration and Customs Enforcement.
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Focused on keeping families together and building community power, Northern Manhattan Coalition for Immigrant Rights (NMCIR) is one of New York’s most trusted organizations protecting immigrants. Every year NMCIR works with over 5,000 individuals to navigate our country’s immigration system. We are a frontline organization providing critical services in immigration, citizenship, deportation, and voter participation. Our advocacy record demonstrates our commitment to reforming laws and keeping families together. As we gear up for executive action, your donation will help us serve even more families. Your donation will allow us to provide quality legal immigration services, fund English and civics classes, and support our advocacy for meaningful reform that protects our communities.
“NMCIR needs our support. There are so many individuals who have no one to help them, no one to guide them through this incredibly difficult process. I think the work they do is absolutely essential.”

– Junot Diaz, Author and Pulitzer Prize Winner for Fiction Writing