Community Navigator Training Overview

Module 1: Background and Introduction to Community Navigators (CN)

Introduce your organization, get to know trainees, introduce the training model.

Module 2: Immigration 101

Share key immigration law concepts, discuss primary avenues for seeking legal status affirmatively, explain what we mean when we talk about the "broken immigration system".

Module 3: Administrative Relief

Teach basics of the DACA, DACA+ and DAPA program(s): background, eligibility, benefits and limitations.

Module 4: Defending Administrative Relief

Clarify that defense for admin relief and service to potential applicants should not be distinct, but mutually reinforcing; discuss leadership skills, organizing, and building power in our communities.

Module 5: Avoiding Unauthorized Practice of Law (UPL), Identifying Legal Help, & Reporting Victimization

Ensure that Community Navigators understand the "bright lines" that demarcate practicing law and that CN's are equipped with simple, practical, and effective strategies to respond to communities' hunger to know where they stand legally. Provide strategies on when and how to make legal referrals; and, provide strategies on when and how to report fraud.

Module 6: Screening

Teach the importance and role of the navigator in the screening process, review DACA/DAPA, provide practical scripts to avoid UPL, practice screening, and, begin to discuss of other forms of screening for other relief.

Module 7: Preparing Documentation

Introduce effective practices and strategies for document preparation of DACA/DAPA.

Module 8: Application Assistance

This module trains Community Navigators to assist in applications such as DACA 2012, N-400, etc. when under supervision of a lawyer or an accredited BIA representative.