**Welcome & Introductions** – Clarisa Sanchez (CCCYO), Eva Iraheta (Dept of Human Services), Cristy Dieterich (SFDPH), Joan Kelley-Williams, Isabel Flores, Stephanie Vargas, Shilpa Krish, Dione Lien, Julian Clark (American Red Cross, Nikka Rapkin (BACR-Sunset Project), Anthony Moss (IIBA), Paola Souto (Women Inc.), Rosamund Aydh (MLVS), Lourdes Martinez & Juan Camilo Mendez (ILRC), Manlyn Bunag (Aribba Juntos), Daisy Reyes (LEN Institute)

**Special Topic Presentations:**

*International Institute of the Bay Area* - Anthony Moss  mossac@gmail.com

**Citizenship Classes - Quiz!**
- IIBA helps individuals obtain citizenship. IIBA classes prep students for the citizenship test and interview.
- USCIS.gov site to study, flash cards are no longer in print.
- Redwood City, Oakland, Antioch, and Napa coming soon.
- Target aim for ESL level is high-beg, low-intermediate.
- Citizenship/ESl class targeted to seniors in San Francisco who receive English language exemptions (Over 50 years old, LPR for at least 20 years).
- Class series are 12-week and students can attend as many classes as needed.
- Classes are fun, celebratory events.
- Citizen Application workshops and practice groups are available.
- Volunteer tutors are needed.

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**Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC) services**  www.ilrc.org

Identifying key flags when working with potential asylum applicants.

Presented by: Juan Camilo Guzman

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ILRC is a Resource Center for legal professionals & advocates, immigrant communities.
- the ILRC website provide brief podcasts and video-cases of information, webinars, news, etc. Various publications are available and written in a client-centered and partnership approach.
- **FREE** “attorney of the day” available via phone to Bay Area Non-Profits! 415-255-9499 x626 (or email contracts@ilrc.org)

* When working with a client, listen for the red flags of possible asylum that they may be unaware of.

**Basic requirements of Asylum:**
- Persecution – *physical or extreme non-physical harm, some cases related to population control (forced abortion, sterilization)*

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website:  www.sf-cairs.org
- Cannot obtain protection in home country – government is persecutor, or private actor is persecutor and government is unwilling or unable to give protection (police reports, explanations for not reporting to police/government)
- Fear of future persecution – reasonable fear, subjective fear
- “on account of” a protected ground –
  o Race
  o nationality (ethnic and linguistic ties, clan membership)
  o religion
  o political opinion (membership or assumed membership)
  o particular social group – what you cannot change, nor reasonable be forced to change
- Not “barred” from asylum application
  o One year currently. Difficult exemption circumstances
  o Previous asylum denial

* Consider what is at stake for your client – asylum case or other immigration process has different requirements, pros and cons. Remember that client may have difficulty identifying themselves as a possible asylum applicant.

** Refugee Awareness Day – recap and slide show with photos by Clarisa Sanchez – see them posted on the SF-CAIRS website! Thank you to all the SF-CAIRS members who participated and we look forward to another great event next year.

** Agency updates, current initiatives, events, announcements etc.**

Clarisa Sanchez: Citizenship collaborative info session, next meeting August 10th

The San Francisco Pathways to Citizenship Initiative – partnership of agencies to help San Francisco immigrants navigate the process of applying for citizenship.


Office of Refugee Resettlement director Mr. Eskinder Negash will visit for a Town Hall meeting August 7th. Details will be announced via the listserv.

Please share more agency, program info, or news by sending an email to:
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Next meeting: Wednesday, Sept 11th – 12:15pm– 1:45pm

Host: American Red Cross – 1663 Market Street

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**Speaker(s) - ILRC & IIBA**

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**Communication**

| The frequency of emails from SF-CAIRS is appropriate. | - | - | 2 | 5 |

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* What topics or panel would you like to see presented for future meetings? (If you know of a speaker on a specific topic, please provide the speaker’s name and contact information if possible.)

- **Benefits available to immigrants/undocumented, etc and services to apply.**
- **U-visa training.**
- **I would like to hear about federal and state benefits and how they differ from undocumented/green card holders/citizens.**

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* Are there other community partners or agencies who could add to the work of SF CAIRS? If yes, who?

**Assn Mayab, LCCR, St. Peters, Clinic by the Bay, Immigrant Rights Committee.**

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* What did you enjoy most about today’s meeting?

- **Slide from Refugee Awareness Day were great!**
- **Everyone was informative and interesting**
- **The IIBA activities.**
- **ILRC presentation**

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* Please share any additional comments:

- **The opening dynamic “civics” was great!**

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• Great presentations! Thanks. This is my first SFCAIRS meeting, would love to see greater collaboration with the East Bay!