



Office for Refugee and Immigrants

Specialized Legal Services, ESOL & Shelter
placement

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What does ORI do in the Shelters?

Legal Services:

- Refugee Legal Services
- Immigrant Assistance Program (MIRA/IAS)

ESOL

- Center for New Bostonians
- Run by Ronnie Millar:
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What does ORI do in pre-Shelter?

Family Welcome Centers:

1. Works with contractor to qualify people for EA, send them to TRC and coordinate with diversion staff. Identifies priority cases.
2. Runs Lawyer for the Day program to allow people eligible to apply for Work Authorization



Temporary Respite Centers:

1. Works with providers to schedule people for LFD if they miss their appointment/do not see LFD
2. Checks in with legal resources in the community and refers out

How do I find legal assistance?



EMERGENCY ONLY link
that is for:

A) Court cases in
the next 90 days
B) ICE check ins
in the next 90
days



HOW do I refer people

Not by email
You must use this
form, you must
have a family in
shelter:



<https://forms.office.com/g/Tu2QFjN3r2>



TPS CLINICS

- **NEW TPS recipients new announcement by DHS:**
 - Arrived in the United States by 6/3/24
 - Has been physically present since that date
 - Is Haitian
 - Does not have fraud and/or criminal history
- **Renewals:**
 - Haitian
 - Previously received TPS
 - Present in the USA prior to Nov. 22, 2022
 - MUST file by 8/30/24

TPS Clinics



State will run 4-5 regionally based clinics



Providers will not be required to transport, families should be able to get there themselves



Lawyers will come and “pre-register” potential TPS Recipients



Not all shelters will be able to go to the clinics.

List of Legal Resources

[Short_Immigration Services Referral List_2023 \(mass.gov\)](#)

RIAN Immigration Clinic: <https://bpl.bibliocommons.com/v2/events?q=rian>

IFSI: (not free, but very low cost:

<https://www.ifs-usa.org/>