

Services

Family Services

- ◆ Referrals and advocacy for medical, dental, legal, domestic violence, social and governmental services
- ◆ Monthly on-site medical clinics
- ◆ Quarterly dental clinics
- ◆ Opportunities to gain English language skills
- ◆ Tutoring and mentoring
- ◆ Assistance with everyday needs, such as filling out applications, understanding mail and bills, conflicts with landlords, and problems at school
- ◆ Outreach workshops regarding citizenship and immigration needs



Yong Suk Layton, a native of Korea, celebrates earning U.S. citizenship with Family Services Director Martitha May (left) and volunteer Jennifer Lee, who teaches citizenship classes for KIAC. We expanded citizenship class hours in 2016 to meet rising demand.

Legal Assistance

Uniting families

Helping people become Legal Permanent Residents via:

- ◆ Adjustment of Status for people legally in the U.S.
- ◆ Consular processing for those still overseas
- ◆ Supporting family unity through DACA

Protecting the vulnerable

- ◆ Support for people in removal proceedings
- ◆ Helping children fleeing violence obtain legal status
- ◆ Helping victims of crimes and domestic violence obtain legal status

Encouraging civic participation

- ◆ Enabling clients to become US citizens
- ◆ Assisting clients in starting businesses
- ◆ Helping people file state and federal taxes



Mateo fled violence in Guatemala. He got a green card with KIAC's assistance, and went on to graduate from Olympic College.



Kitsap Immigrant Assistance Center

2016 Annual Report

A Year of Challenges

2016 was a challenging year for immigrants to the United States. It was a testing time as well for those of us working to ease their pathway in, help them meet basic needs, and assist as they overcome unique barriers to lead productive lives here. In our 12th year as the only local agency devoted exclusively to immigrants, KIAC rose to meet these challenges. As a result, we ended the year in a stronger position to face the obstacles ahead.

Throughout the year, the presidential election created an atmosphere of heightened fear and uncertainty among the immigrant population. And in February, one of the key tools for immigrant assistance—the Deferred Action for Parents of Americans (DAPA) program—was placed on indefinite hold by federal court injunction. We also faced a large influx of unaccompanied minors across the southern border, chiefly from Central America.

KIAC turned these obstacles into opportunities by:

- ◆ Expanding our outreach to the immigrant community;
- ◆ Doubling our volunteer immigration legal assistance team;
- ◆ Moving Legal Services into larger office space and adding paid staff time;
- ◆ Increasing client matters handled at the Family Services Center by 19%;
- ◆ Expanding citizenship class hours at the Family Services Center;
- ◆ Adding new collaborations with other community agencies; and
- ◆ Laying the groundwork for administrative and structural changes in 2017.

KIAC's work has not gone unnoticed. The Kitsap Human Rights Council awarded its 2016 Linda Gabriel Award to Ray Garrido and Martitha May, directors of our Legal and Family Services programs. Kitsap Community Foundation named Board Member Dorothea Lintz a 2016 Philanthropist of the Year. And, Leadership Kitsap showcased KIAC clients and services in a video and sponsored a community conversation on immigration.

Please join us in a look back at a truly remarkable year!

KIAC is an IRS 501(c)3 nonprofit. We are funded primarily by community donations. To find out more and to support us, visit www.kitsapiac.org.

Highlights

About Our Clients

In 2016 KIAC helped 746 immigrants adjust to life here and attend to a broad range of needs (see next page). Our clientele was up 30% from 2015.

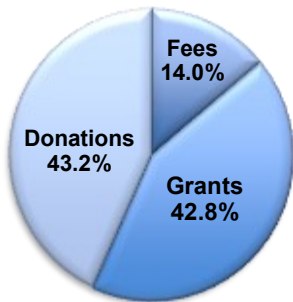
Clients hailed from 34 countries; 82.2% arrived from Guatemala or Mexico. Fifty-five percent were women, and 66% met federal guidelines for poverty.

Our volunteers donated 6,882 hours, and we formed new partnerships for services.

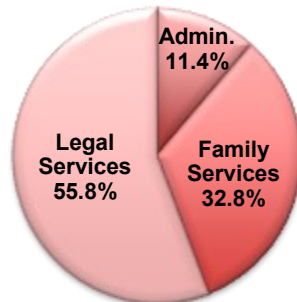
Milestones

- 103 attended medical clinics
- 97 received clothing
- 34 filed federal / state taxes
- 30 received green cards
- 30 earned U.S. citizenship
- 27 attended dental clinics
- 25 achieved DACA status
- 11 received business licenses
- 2 juveniles gained SIJS status

2016 Income \$107,160



2016 Expenses \$85,073



E's Journey

Born in a Central American village, E. was a teen at a time when the government was powerless to control gangs.

Terrified after her father was killed and she was harassed by a gang, E. fled to the U.S. where she was placed in removal proceedings. As E. was a minor, she was placed with a Washington resident (S.) who came from her village. To avoid deportation and qualify for a green card, E. needed Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) before her 18th birthday. This required court documents, affidavits from relatives and legal representation so E. could be formally assigned to S.'s custody. In a race to achieve this, KIAC partnered with a local attorney and Northwest Immigrant Rights Project. The day before E.'s 18th birthday, the court granted custody. E. has applied for permanent residency. The fast action of KIAC and our partners probably saved her life.

Programs

Family Services Client Needs

Medical Clinic.....	103
In-Kind Assistance.....	98
Legal - Immigration.....	89
Legal - Other	84
Education.....	81
Understanding Bills.....	79
Medical - Other.....	60
Immunizations	29
Dental Clinic.....	27
Dental Inquiry.....	23
Physical Therapy.....	23
ESL Info	22
Citizenship Tutoring.....	20
Interpreting.....	20
Family Problems/ DV.....	16
ID (Passport/Drivers L./ etc).....	16
Housing.....	14
Public Benefits Assistance	13
Taxes.....	7
Work Related.....	6
Foot Treatment.....	5
Volunteering.....	1
Total	836

Legal Assistance - New Cases

Naturalization	90
Taxes/Business License/Employment.....	49
DACA/DAPA	45
Green Card.....	42
Family Unity.....	40
Various Other Immigration.....	31
Victim Support	10
Total	307

Mission Statement

KIAC is committed to the wellbeing of immigrants and the development of a rich multicultural community. We work to empower, educate and integrate immigrants through advocacy and social justice.



West Sound Free Clinic staff join KIAC staff and volunteers at a monthly medical clinic hosted by KIAC at the YWCA. Physical therapy and podiatry also were available in 2016.



Collaboration is key to KIAC's services. The LDS Church donated these backpacks, filled with school supplies and notes from the church children. Legal Coordinator Lirio Webb said immigrant children sent back notes of gratitude.