

Enlace Comunitario

LEGAL SERVICES

Enlace Comunitario's Legal Department is formed by a Legal Director and a Staff Attorney. They help represent clients for final orders of protection, divorce proceedings, child support, and custody issues. They are able to assist immediately with legal emergencies including interstate or international custody cases. Furthermore, the attorneys collaborate with the rest of the staff to ensure that all of the clients needs are best met.

Enlace Comunitario's three case managers also act as legal advocates. Legal Advocates help clients apply for TROs (Temporary Restraining Orders), support them in their hearings for final orders of protection, connect clients with pro-bono attorneys and/or Enlace Comunitario's attorneys, translate and advocate for clients at appointments with pro-bono attorneys, and help clients understand their legal rights and options.

The legal advocates also identify when clients may be eligible to apply for a U-Visa or a VAWA self-petition for change of immigration status. Correspondingly, they support them through this process in conjunction with the immigration attorney at Catholic Charities.

Lastly, Enlace Comunitario's Legal Department collaborates with partner agencies such as the UNM Law Clinic, NM Legal Aid, Catholic Charities, Legal FACS, and Resources Inc, as well as a panel of pro bono attorneys.