



IMMIGRANT LEGAL ADVOCACY PROJECT

# **Be Careful When Getting Help With Your Immigration Case!**

Beware of people in Maine who try to trick immigrants by pretending to help with immigration cases! These people can steal your money and hurt your immigration case.

**Make sure you are working with someone trustworthy on your immigration case. A real immigration legal services provider WILL NOT do any of these things:**

- Charge you a fee just to receive mail related to your case
- Charge you a fee for copies of blank immigration forms
- Put false information on immigration forms or tell you to do so
- Tell you false information will help you win your immigration case
- Tell you they have special “connections” or influence that will help with your immigration case
- Say they can’t give you a receipt when you pay them or give you anything with their name on it
- Take your identity documents and not return them
- Fail to sign or refuse to sign immigration forms they fill out or translate for you
- Fail to give you copies or refuse to give you copies of all forms and documents they submit to the government

If someone does any of these things, ask for your documents and copies of anything they submitted as part of your immigration case. Then stop working with them immediately. Talk to a trusted community organization for advice on what to do next.