



## **Frequently Asked Questions about the Project Stay Legal Clinic**

- **¿What is the purpose of this legal clinic?** *To support undocumented families with free legal guidance in completing the necessary forms to safely plan for their children to stay in the United States with a trusted caregiver in the event of their parent's detention or deportation. Specifically, during this clinic, parents will be able to prepare a custodial power of attorney and a financial power of attorney, documents which will allow their children's caretaker to have physical custody, take them to the doctor, make decisions about school, help them manage their financial affairs, among other powers.*
- **What happens if I don't prepare these documents?** *If you are detained and there is no other parent or designated caregiver for your children, then the DC Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA) can take custody of your children and place them in foster care with someone they do not know.*
- **Why is it important to prepare these documents for my children?** *For undocumented parents, it is crucial to have a plan in place to know who will care of your children BEFORE you are detained or deported. At this legal clinic, parents can prepare all the necessary legal and practical documents, free of charge, that the person you identify to care for your children will need if something happens to you.*
- **How should I prepare for this clinic?** *Only one parent needs to attend; both parents do not need to be present. You must bring an official photo ID (this can be a passport, driver's license, work permit, or any government-issued ID, including one from your country of origin, that includes your photo) so that the power of attorney can be notarized. You must also know the full name, address, and phone number of the person you will appoint as your representative. The person to be appointed does not need to come to the clinic; having their information is enough.*
- **Can I bring my children?** *Yes, you can bring your children, but they do not need to come. We will have a designated play area for children, and we will also have staff available to care for them while you complete the forms and meet with the attorneys. All services are free of charge.*
- **Who will be helping me at the Legal Clinic?** *Lawyers will help you to complete the legal documents and answer your questions about them. Spanish interpreters and bilingual notaries will also be available to assist.*
- **Is it safe for me to attend?** *While we cannot remove all risks of attending an in-person event in the community, We will hold the clinic in a private space that will have a contingency protocol restricting ICE from entering without a judicial warrant. We also have community members patrolling nearby streets to alert us of any law enforcement presence, and we will provide you with informational flyers about your rights in case of an encounter with ICE. All information shared at the Legal Clinic will be confidential and will not be available to anyone outside of the Clinic.*
- **How can I attend a legal clinic?** *If you would like to participate in this free legal clinic, please message Raimy Reyes at 202-270-8165 or via email at [raimy@dckincare.org](mailto:raimy@dckincare.org). If you do not feel comfortable signing up in advance, please just show up on the day of the event and say you are here for the Project Stay Clinic.*