



**State of Florida
Department of Children and Families**

Rick Scott
Governor

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Secretary

**MIAMI-DADE REFUGEE TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES
February 8, 2013**

ATTENDANCE:

Bojan Bajic, Adria Dilme-Bejel, Ileana Bustelo, Hiram Ruiz, Erica Perdomo, Modesto Burgos, Sandra Camacho, Cassandra Morman-Okomkwo, Da-Venya Armstrong, Ana Cristina Carrasco, Berta Cassidi, Lourdes Castañeda, Eduardo Chavez, Suzy Copp, Yolanda Coto, Reina Canosa, Devene Crooks, Luz Reyes, Guillermo De Nacimiento, Latoya Allen-Petrie, Diego Castro, Florencia Dominguez, Sabine Balmir-Derenoncourt, Claudia Garcia, Francisco Figuerora, Felicia Gil, Emile Goeser, Maria Gandul, Andrea Gordon, Joanie Grillo, Marie Guillaume, Kimberly Greene, Kristen Guskovict, Nini Hadwen, William Kramer, Julio Iglesias, Niki Kelly, Lourdes Leconte, Silvia Lopez, Guillermo Luna, Ibia Gutierrez, Rose Roberts-Desir, Charlande Michel, Maria Miranda, Carlos Naranjo, Marianela Nuñez, Carlos Paz, Elmer Morales, Yeen Perez, Marie Philogene, Gisela Rodes, Veronica Rodriguez, Hiram Ruiz, Leydi Sosa, Evelyn Soto, Ileana Vallejo, Lillian Scalley, Alvaro Vargas, Hikari Ward, Onika Gorkin, Julia Gridley, Cassandra Armstrong, Gerardo Martinez

INTRODUCTION:

Adria Dilme from the Department of Children and Families, Refugee Services welcomed the task force members.

PRESENTATIONS:

Officer Dallani Garcia-Cruz from DHSMV's Florida Highway Patrol presented an outreach campaign to educate the community about laws on seatbelts, car seats and insurance requirements. She informed us that the office of public affairs conducts community events and provides roll over stimulators. Officer Garcia-Cruz answered questions and offered to visit organizations to educate their clients as well.

Maria R. Dominguez, Staff Assistant to the Director DHS/USCIS, Miami Asylum Office provided a detailed Asylum overview. Presentation will be sent electronically as requested.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

2013 Refugee Services Statewide Consultation

Wednesday May 8th, through Friday May 10th 2013 @ the Portofino Hotel near Universal Studios in Orlando.

401 NW 2nd Avenue, Suite N-812 Miami, Florida 33128

Mission: Protect the Vulnerable, Promote Strong and Economically Self-Sufficient Families, and Advance Personal and Family Recovery and Resiliency

2013 World Refugee Day

A workgroup will be formed to collaborate on a World Refugee Day Commemoration in Miami-Dade County. Adria will be sending a request for volunteers and meeting notice.

REFUGEE SERVICES UPDATE (Sent via E-Mail in January)

- Helping Refugees
- TPS Period Extended for Haitian Nationals
- Heartland Alliance Webinar on LGBT Refugees & Asylees
- Social Security Announces New Online Services Available with a my Social Security Account
- Strengthening Services for LGBT Refugees & Asylees (PART II): Creating Safe Spaces
- Two Announcements: From ORR and USCIS
- DHSMV Community Update / Informe Comunitario - January 2013
- Ethnic Community Self Help Program
- Application Systems Programmer II Position
- Updates from ORR
- ORR has one vacancy position posted on USA Jobs for a Program Analyst, GS-0343-12 located in the Division of Refugee Assistance
- Refugee Health Together Newsletter - January 2013
- HHS Grants Forecast
- Florida's 2013 Refugee Services Consultation
- Burmese resettlement
- RFP #01K13BS1 - Customer Survey Evaluation of Comprehensive Refugee Services in Orange, Osceola and Seminole Counties

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

**April 12, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.
Miami-Dade College Wolfson Campus
500 NE 2nd Avenue Building 3 Room 3208-09 Miami, FL 33132**

VOLAGS REPORT MACRH 2013

ATTENDEES:

Evelyn Soto (CCI)
 José Sánchez (CWS)
 Ivette Cohen (IRC)
 Veronica Rodriguez (Youth Coop)
 Carmen Torres (LSF)
 Gustavo Diaz (Youth-Coop)
 Bojan Bajic (Youth Coop)
 Gloria Mazariegos (WR)
 Martha Gonzalez (EMM)
 Charlande Michel (EMM)

INVITEES:

Mabel Hernandez (CWS)
 Melissa Pierre (GCSFCS, Refugee Youth Program)
 Ileana Ceberio (Community Medical Group)
 Silvia Lopez (Community medical Group)

The meeting was held on Wednesday, March 13, 2013 at the offices of EMM. Veronica Rodriguez called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Minutes from previous minutes were reviewed and approved. The agenda was approved and the following items were discussed:

Match Grant Enrollments –

- 2013 – YTD Matching Grant Enrollments
- October 1, 2012 to February 28, 2013

| Agency | Trafficked Person/SI V | Entrants | Asylees | Refugees | Total |
|--------------|------------------------|-------------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| CWS | 0 | 246 | 12 | 46 | 304 |
| EMM | 0 | 88 | 0 | 48 | 136 |
| IRC | 0 | 182 | 35 | 131 | 348 |
| LIRS | 0 | 74 | 0 | 60 | 134 |
| USCCB | 0 | 181 | 22 | 48 | 251 |
| USCRI/YC | 0 | 527 | 19 | 65 | 611 |
| WR | 0 | 74 | 0 | 36 | 110 |
| TOTAL | 0 | 1372 | 88 | 434 | 1894 |

Parolee Orientation (POP)

- 849 parolees were processed in February 2013.
- Since October 1, 2012 to February 2013, 3627 Cuban parolees' have been processed through Parolee Orientation Program at CWS.

Other Items

1. Mabel Hernandez presented on the challenges the LGBT Refugees and Asylees face before, during, and after resettlement. Among the points she talked about were:

- Definitions and Diversity: Understanding Sexuality and Gender
- Personal Reflections on the LGBT Community
- Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity in Different Cultural Contexts
- LGBT Refugees' and Asylees' Experiences
- LGBT Refugees' and Asylees' Needs & Building Capacity
- Creating a Safe and Inclusive Environment
- Case Management: Employment and Housing.

She mentioned that recognizing a gap in the resettlement network's response to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) refugees and asylees, the US Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) awarded funding to Heartland Alliance to establish the Rainbow Welcome Initiative. The Rainbow Welcome Initiative supports the resettlement of LGBT refugees and asylees by offering on-site and remote technical assistance, and developing and aggregating resources for service providers, community members, and refugees and asylees.

She also informed that CWS is now able to provide training and guidance to refugee services providers the area.

2. Ileana Ceberio and Silvia Lopez from Community Medical Group attended the meeting and informed that CMG in conjunction with Resettlement Agencies will be participating in the celebration of World Refugee Day. They offer to share resources, information and donations during the event on June 14, 2013.

3. Melissa Pierre, from Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services [resented the Refugee Services Program. Melissa informed Volags that the program focuses on:

- Orientations to US Schools for K-12 students and their parents.
- Offers tutoring in English and Math.
- Support and Enrichment Services to 6-12 graders
- Serves as Schools Liaison and provides FCAT preparations, educational field trips and more.
- Provides Career Services to High School Students and teach them how to get a job, apply for college and financial aid.

Announcements

Next VOLAG Meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2013.

Place: TBA

Adjournment Meeting was adjourned

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| IMMIGRATION AND LEGAL ISSUES SUB COMMITTEE FEBRUARY 2013 |
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MIAMI AREA REFUGEE TASK FORCE**Immigration and Legal Issues Sub Committee****Minutes for meeting on February 7, 2013**

By Miriam Johana Garcia

Attendance: Ileana Bustelo, Haydee Cañas, Berta Cassidy, Luz Castilla, Maria R. Dominguez, Yanelys Garcia, Brad Ginter, Ursula Herrera, Marie Jean, Dorothy Martin, Eileen Lopez-Tome, Yasmine Malebranche, Ali Paula, Edilia Romeu.

The Immigration and Legal Issues Subcommittee meeting was held on February 7, 2013 at the offices of World Relief where Berta Cassidy introduced to the members Eileen Lopez-Tome, Acting Chief of Staff for Miami District Office and provided the USCIS update and answered questions as follows:

- **USCIS FORM IMPROVEMENTS INITIATIVE.** USCIS announces improvements in some of their forms. Some of the improvements are easy-to-use formats, user-friendly look and feel, centralized processing, new data collection technologies and enhanced web content. The latest form improvements include the I-90, I-601, N-336, N-600, I-140 and N-470. Form I-90 is going to be the first using this technology. The current edition dated 12/17/2012 is being accepted now as well as the edition dated 08/10/2009 until April 16, 2013. After April 16, 2013 they will only accept the 12/17/2012 edition. The new edition has 2D barcode technology.
- **I-485 DELAYS.** Delays on I-485 applications are still ongoing at the California Service Center.
- **IMMOKALEE.** USCIS is going to Immokalee to provide information and counter service including infopass availability, scheduling of cases and outreach. Guadalupe Center is working with Catholic Charities.
- **MOBILE SERVICES.** USCIS is planning a mobile service in Key West in March or April.
- **INFOPASS.** Miami Field Office has limited infopass availability due to staffing issues.
- **PENDING CASES FOR A YEAR.** Contact Field Office Directors or Section Chief with cases that have been pending for more than a year and after 3 infopass appointments.
Miami: Anouchka Castro, Field Director; Rodolfo Nunez, Section Chief.
Hialeah: Enid Stulz, Field Director; Devon Perkiss, Section Chief.
Kendall: Joseph Hackbarth, Field Director; Paul Buono, Section Chief.
Oakland Park: Brett Lassen, Field Director; Elizabeth Clerie, Section Chief and Rosalina Fernandez, Section Chief.
- **IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW USCIS IMMIGRANT FEE.** On February 1, 2013 USCIS began collecting a new USCIS immigrant fee of \$165.00 from foreign nationals seeking permanent residence in the United States. Any individual who receives an immigrant visa package from a U.S. consulate or embassy must pay this fee. Immigrant visa holders must pay online through the USCIS website after they receive their visa package from DOS (Department of State) and before they depart for the U.S. Immigrant visa holders will receive specific information on how to submit their payment when they receive their visa package from DOS. Cuban Family Reunification Parolees do not have to pay this fee.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 7, 2013 from 10:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. at the Offices of World Relief located at 2150 SW 8th Street, 2nd Floor, Miami, Florida 33135.

EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 8, 2013

- REVEST currently has over 2500 students enrolled in VESOL classes and over 230 Vocational students enrolled. The current REVEST term began January 8th and will run through April 25th of 2013. We are very pleased enrollment numbers.
- Faculty meetings for all REVEST instructors took place January 17th and 25th at the Hialeah Outreach Center, West-Dade Outreach Center, Kendal Outreach Center, and Wolfson Center. Topics included establishing I.D. requirements for instate tuition residency and professionalism in the workplace. Future faculty meetings will take place Feb. 14th and 22nd, 2013. Topics will include techniques in conducting vocational training such as preparing a resume, executing a job search and student preparation for job interviews.
- The REVEST Program is currently giving appointments for new student orientations in preparation for the summer term. Registration for vocational courses starts March 4, 2013 for the summer term.
- On January 24, REVEST Advisors met with Cassandra Okonkwo and Yleinia Galeano from Gulf Coast Jewish Family & Community Services regarding a new youth and family program. The program was developed to assist newly arriving refugee youth with following areas: tutoring, career exploration, job readiness, preparation with FCAT, cultural education and orientation to U.S. schools for both student and parents. Our Advisors will be visiting classes this week to inform our students about these great possibilities for their children.
- On November 30, REVEST Advisors from the Hialeah Outreach Center met with Youth Co-Op regarding a new youth program. This program was geared to improve parental involvement, school attendance, graduation rate and basic skills. Our Advisors were able to gather the names of the students who were selected. Youth Co-op will be conducting an orientation session during the three schedules – morning, evening and weekend.
- On March 7th all REVEST Advisors and several administrators will be participating in eligibility training. The training will take place at the State Building in downtown.

- The total SAVES Program enrollment as of February 4, 2013, is **3,587**. Of these, **1,549** are new students to the program. The current trimester ends on April 18, 2013. The next academic trimester will begin on April 22, 2013.
- Currently, we are still registering and enrolling students in the ESOL and AGE programs. Enrollment into ESOL classes closes within the first two weeks of February to ensure students have sufficient time to posttest.
- SAVES continues offering evaluation and translation services to its students through Joseph & Silny. The last session was held on January 29. The next one will be on March 12, 2013. Students greatly benefit from these services since they facilitate the process of finding employment.
- New SAVES success stories, which highlight the achievements of some of our students, have been uploaded to the SAVES website (<http://saves.dadeschools.net>)
- Career Pathways, a new initiative implemented by MDCP-S, will benefit SAVES students. Students will enroll in a mandatory 12 hour orientation course before being registered into their ESOL/ABE courses. This course will assist students in creating an educational plan, writing short/long term goals, and becoming informed with all vocational/technical programs, requirements, and opportunities available to them. This orientation has proven to keep students on track and improve attendance and performance.
- The next SAVES Program District Meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 6, 2013 from 3 P.M. to 5 P.M. at Lindsey Hopkins Technical Education Center. Please contact our office if you are interested in attending and/or presenting.
- If you have any questions about our program, you can call us or visit the SAVES website at <http://saves.dadeschools.net>

HEALTH PROGRAMS PRESENTATIONS - FEBRUARY 2013

Health Services PowerPoint presentations were requested by the taskforce members and were sent electronically to all taskforce members by Adria on 2/12/2013.

Claudio Micielli, MPH, Refugee Health Assessment Program Administrator from the Department of Health Refugee Clinic provided a detailed program overview. The goals of the Refugee Health Assessment Program are:

Goal # 1: Provide culturally sensitive health assessment, immunization, and referral for follow-up health care services to eligible newly arriving refugees in Miami-Dade County.

Goal # 2: Protect the health of the general population in Miami-Dade County by identifying eligible newly arriving refugees with communicable diseases of potential public health importance.

Goal # 3: Reduce and/or eliminate health-related barriers that adversely impact on the effective resettlement of eligible newly arriving refugees in Miami-Dade County.

An average of 18,000 refugees are served every year in Miami-Dade County.

Marta Pizarro, Program Developer, Citrus Health Network, Inc. provided a detailed program overview on the Primary Health services they offer in Miami-Dade County. Requests for services consistently surpass projections. Citrus Health Network is well known and trusted in the community. Services offered by CHN includes:

- Health care to adults
- OB/GYN
- Pediatrics
- Psychiatric care
- Diagnostic labs, x-rays, etc.
- Preventive health
- Prescribed medications
- Referrals
- Outreach
- Health education
- Management of chronic conditions
- Eligibility determination
- Acculturation/info on housing; navigating systems, employment and vocational, etc.
- Access to other CHN at reduced or no cost

Guillermo De Nacimiento, Social Services Case Manager, Epilepsy Foundation of Florida

provided a detailed program overview on the services they provide. Mr. De Nacimiento also provided information about an event on March 9th, 2013 at Tropical Park in Miami “The Walk Talk” to support awareness, prevention and advocacy. Services offered by Epilepsy Foundation of Florida includes:

- Advocacy
- Case Management
- Information, Referral and Support
- Neurological Services
- Neuropsychological Services
- Entrant and Refugee Services
- Research
- Development and Fundraising
- Resource materials
- Support Group
- Children’s Camp
- Prevention and Education

Dorothy Martin, Administrator for Jackson Health System provided a detailed program overview on the services they provide. They provide Primary Care Services at 4 centers and 18 school health suites. They also provide over 200 specialty services and homeless services throughout different facilities through Miami-Dade County. Services offered includes:

- Oral Surgery
- General Dentistry
- ENT
- Pulmonology
- Hematology-Oncology
- Special Immunology
- SFAN
- Dermatology
- Digestive Health
- Endocrinology
- Rheumatology
- Nephrology
- Laboratory
- Surgical
- Rehabilitation
- Podiatry
- Pediatrics
- Ob/Gyn
- Neonatology
- Medical
- Cardiology

- Neurology
- Pharmacy
- Family medicine
- Pediatrics
- Pregnancy testing
- HIV testing
- Laboratory
- Financial assessment

FLORIDA HIGHWAY SAFETY & MOTOR VEHICLE – MARCH 2013

Modesto Burgos provided the following community update bulletin.

Information of Interest to Florida Drivers

Florida's Doors and Roadways Remain Open to Visitors: Whether you fly or drive to Florida, visitors can be assured the Sunshine State is doing business as usual. In an effort to widely communicate a reassuring message, DHSMV released a statement to the media around the world that the Florida Highway Patrol will defer enforcement of a law that requires visitors from outside the United States to have an International Driving Permit to drive lawfully in Florida. The statement explained that the law may potentially conflict with an international treaty.

The Department understands the concerns of the international community and is working with its partners to ensure that visitors are not inconvenienced. Visit Florida, AAA, Canada Automobile Association and law enforcement agencies around the state are helping DHSMV get the message out that Florida's doors and roadways are open as usual to all visitors.

The Department will be working with the Florida Legislature in the coming months to ensure that the law reflects Florida's rich history of welcoming our friends from around the world to the Sunshine State.

Homeland Security Gives DHSMV Thumbs Up on Real ID Compliance: A star in a circle on new driver licenses reflects a great accomplishment by DHSMV. The star indicates Florida has met federal standards for Real ID compliance. The Department of Homeland Security authorized the designation after DHSMV showed its comprehensive work to get the word out on the new requirements. Outreach included creating the *GatherGoGet* awareness campaign, training classes and database improvements. The new star soon will appear on licenses and identification cards. Customers do not need to replace their licenses. Current licenses with a plain gold star are Real ID compliant and will be recognized at airports, federal buildings and other such facilities.

Upgrade to Driver License System Improves Over-the-Counter Service: DHSMV recently upgraded the Florida Driver License Issuance System with Verification of Legal Status software. VLS connects DHSMV to the Department of Homeland Security's system to verify immigration documentation instantly, giving DHSMV the ability to issue credentials to eligible non-citizens over-the-counter. Prior to installing VLS, non-citizens eligible for a Florida credential had to wait for their credential in the mail following an office visit. Since the Dec. 17 upgrade, 79 percent of non-immigrants and 97 percent of immigrants have received their credentials over-the-counter.

The VLS process saves the Department mailing costs, reduces headquarters staff workload and reduces the number of customer inquiry calls.

E-titles: Have you ever found yourself in a situation where you needed your vehicle or vessel title and couldn't find it? Previously, to obtain a duplicate paper title, you had to visit a tax collector's office and pay approximately \$75. Now, the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles offers an easier, cheaper and safer way to handle your titles. DHSMV can hold your title electronically in an e-title. E-titles are motor vehicle, mobile home or vessel titles held in an electronic form by the Department. E-titles prove ownership of a motor vehicle, mobile home or vessel the same way a paper title does. An e-title also simplifies the communications between the vehicle owner, the lienholder and the agency. An e-title also reduces title fraud.

FHP Welcomes 52 New Troopers to Field Operations: Fifty-two new troopers are ready to get to work. The 123rd Basic Recruit Class graduated from the Florida Highway Patrol Academy at ceremony at the Tallahassee Automobile Museum. Family and friends gathered to celebrate the accomplishment that marks the completion of a demanding 30-week training program that prepares recruits for a career as a Florida State Trooper.

During their time at the FHP Academy in North Florida, the recruits volunteered at events to raise money for the Ronald McDonald House. They visited Pyramid, Inc., an organization that provides workforce and lifestyle programs for developmentally disabled adults and with whom the academy has developed a special relationship. The recruits also participated in two blood drives for the Southeastern Community Blood Center, all while learning how to be the kind of public servant Florida needs and deserves.

Nearly 70,000 Crashes Go from Bad to Worse: Florida has seen an increase of fatal hit-and-run crashes during the last two years. The Florida Highway Patrol is partnering with the Florida Sheriffs Association, the Florida Police of Chiefs Association and the Florida Department of Transportation to combat the problem. The campaign aims to reduce the number of hit-and-run crashes in Florida by educating drivers on their responsibilities if involved in a crash and the consequences they face if they leave a crash scene. For more information on this safety campaign, please visit: <http://www.flhsmv.gov/fhp/HitRun/>.

Fraudsters Use Agency's Name and Email Address for Phishing Expedition: The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles warns the public to be aware of an email spam that has surfaced online. Fraudsters are using the Department's name and email address, DoNotReply@flhsmv.gov, to send emails that appear to be from DHSMV. The emails look like receipts from online transactions with the Department and include confirmation and tracking numbers. The numbers are not DHSMV tracking numbers, and the email addresses of the recipients did not come from DHSMV's database.

An indicator that the email is fraudulent is that it comes from two senders: DoNotReply@flhsmv.gov and another address that varies and may look like a personal email address. All Department email addresses contain *@flhsmv.gov* as the domain, and DHSMV does not send transactional receipts from personal email addresses. If you receive one of these emails and did not make a recent transaction, we recommend that you delete the message. If you have

already opened the message, do not click any of the links within it. The emails are not from DHSMV, and the links embedded within take recipients to non-DHSMV websites that may contain malware.

DHSMV wants the public to understand our system has not been hacked, and we have numerous measures in place to protect customers' information. Rather, this is a type of spam where an email is made to look like it is from a trusted source and aims to trick the recipient into following a link that will lead to a website with malware. The name for this type of spam is "phishing." DHSMV makes information security a top priority, and we aim to provide consumers with information they can use to protect themselves from scammers by sharing this information with the public.

Documentation Requirements in Florida: We strongly recommend our customers visit www.GatherGoGet.com, a website dedicated to assist Floridians with driver license and identification card requirements. Floridians renewing or obtaining a new license or ID are required to show proof of: 1) identification, 2) Social Security number and 3) residential address (two items). The website and its tools are also available in Spanish at www.ReunaVengaObtenga.com and in Creole at www.RasanbleAlePran.com. The Department is issuing driver licenses and identification cards that meet new federal standards.

An Appointment will Help: All customers who must visit one of our offices to renew, replace, or file a change of address to their driver license or identification card, are urged to secure an appointment prior to their visit. Connect via Internet at <https://services.flhsmv.gov/Oasis/> for an appointment to reduce the length of the visit. Driver license offices are open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please check our website at www.flhsmv.gov/offices/ for the most up-to-date information on office locations and schedules.

Fees for Driver Licenses and Identification Card

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| Class E (original and renewal) | <u>\$48</u> |
| Commercial Driver License (original and renewal) | <u>\$75</u> |
| ID Card (original and renewal) | <u>\$25</u> |
| Replacement License or ID | <u>\$25</u> |
| Endorsements | <u>\$ 7</u> |
| Driver License Services at Tax Collector Office Service Fees | <u>\$ 6.25</u> |
| Office hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday (except official holidays) | |

The Department uses a combination of vehicle information to determine registration fees. This includes registration use, license plate type and class code. The class code is determined by the vehicle weight, body type, vehicle type and registration use. To see a sample, click [here](#).

Buckle Up Every Time, Everyone!

USCIS UPDATE FOR FEBRUARY 2013

The following update was provided by Berta Cassidy.

USCIS Form Improvements Initiative – Recently, USCIS has improved a number of its forms with easy to use formats, user-friendly look and feel, new data collection technologies, etc.

To read more about this initiative –

<http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis/menuitem.5af9bb95919f35e66f614176543f6d1a/?vgnextoid=d9e2728c2a6ac310VgnVCM100000082ca60aRCRD&vgnextchannel=fe529c7755cb9010VgnVCM10000045f3d6a1RCRD>

Recently revised forms include: N-600, N-336, I-601, and I-90

For additional information about these form revisions, please see below:

N-600 – Revised 12/16/12. USCIS will accept the 10/30/11 version until April 5, 2013. After April 5, 2013, we will only accept the 12/16/12 version.

N -336- Revised 01/07/13. USCIS will accept the 10/30/11 edition until April 5, 2013. After April 5, 2013, we will only accept the 01/07/13 edition.

I-601 - Revised 12/16/12. USCIS will accept editions dated 01/06/10 and later until April 16, 2013. After April 16, 2013, we will only accept the 12/16/12 edition.

I-90 - Revised 12/17/12. USCIS will accept editions dated 08/10/09 and later until April 16, 2013. After April 16, 2013, we will only accept the 12/17/12 edition.

For the latest information on form revisions always check the “Forms” link on our website at: www.uscis.gov

Provisional Unlawful Presence Waiver Final Rule – On January 2nd, Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano [announced](#) the posting of a final rule in the [Federal Register](#) that reduces the time U.S. citizens are separated from their immediate relatives (spouse, children and parents), who are in the process of obtaining visas to become lawful permanent residents of the United States under certain circumstances. The final rule establishes a process that allows certain individuals to apply for a provisional unlawful presence waiver before they depart the United States to attend immigrant visa interviews in their countries of origin. **The process is effective on March 4, 2013.**

To read the “How Do I...” about the process -

<http://www.uscis.gov/USCIS/Resources/How%20Do%20I%20Guides/Static%20Files/601.pdf>

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Process –

To view the most recent data on Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, please refer to:
<http://www.uscis.gov/USCIS/Resources/Reports%20and%20Studies/Immigration%20Forms%20Data/All%20Form%20Types/DACA/DACA2-15-13.pdf>

- **Upcoming Naturalization Ceremonies** - Below are scheduled dates for Administrative N-400 Oath Ceremonies and the corresponding field offices where the ceremonies will take place. Please note that although these dates are current on the date of issuance of this update, the dates are subject to change without notice.

Miami Field Office – February 21 and 27
March 19, 21 and 28

Hialeah Field Office - February 22 and 28

Oakland Park Field Office – February 22 and 28
March 15, 22 and 29

Kendall Field Office – February 22 and 28
March 8, 15, 22 and 29