

Office for New Americans (Opportunity Center)

• New Americans Hotline – (800)566-7636

- o Available 9am-8pm Monday Friday
- o Free and multilingual
- Information about location of all ONA Opportunity Centers and services offered

• Naturalization Application Assistance

- o The ONA Opportunity Center provides assistance with N-400s, N-600s, and DACA applications.
- A BIA accredited representative will assist eligible clients in the completion of naturalization and DACA applications.
- To schedule an appointment for assistance, please contact ONA Project Coordinator, Alesia Barayana.

• Legal Consultation

- The ONA Opportunity Center partners with the Hiscock Legal Aid Society to provide monthly legal consultation days at MVRCR where immigration attorneys meet with clients, by appointment, to discuss their particular cases and concerns.
- o ONA provides a confidential meeting space and in-person interpretation, as needed.
- o To schedule an appointment for assistance, please contact ONA Project Coordinator.

• Immigration Law And Policy Workshops

- ONA hosts 4 workshops a year with an immigration attorney on relevant immigration law issues and important issues and changes in federal immigration policy.
- These workshops are open to the public, and interpreters are provided at these workshops in a variety of languages.

• Community Workshops And Trainings

- ONA hosts workshops and trainings on topics helpful in facilitating civic and community engagement, including financial literacy, entrepreneurship, disaster preparedness, educational opportunities for adults and children, consumer fraud protection, and more.
- o At least one workshop each year will address access to ESOL resources.
- These workshops are open to the public, and interpreters are provided at these workshops in a variety of languages.

• Citizenship Classes

- o Citizenship classes are provided to help prepare clients for their citizenship exam.
- Classes focus on the necessary English language skills as well as relevant topics in United States civics, history, and government.
- Classes are held from 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday at MVRCR and 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. every Monday and Tuesday at the Utica Public Library.
- o Individual Mock Interviews are also available by appointment.
- o To register for classes or schedule a mock interview, please contact ONA Project Coordinator.
- To schedule an appointment for application assistance, please contact ONA Project Coordinator,
 Immigration and Citizenship Manager, Azira Tabucic.

ESOL Referrals

- o ONA clients needing English language instruction will be referred to local ESOL providers.
- o For assistance, please contact ONA Project Coordinator.

• General Resource

 The ONA Opportunity Center is also a general resource for New Americans with issues concerning immigration and naturalization.

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