



MISSION

Bringing stability to West Michigan families and communities through legal services, education, and advocacy.

VALUE

- Access to high-quality immigration legal services is a fundamental need of 16,000+ foreign-born individuals in Ottawa County. The alternatives are
 - (1) paying thousands of dollars to private immigration attorneys
 - (2) filling out forms without the help of a licensed attorney which is INCREDIBLY risky or
 - (3) living in fear and instability, causing ripple effects through whole family units and communities.
- **Lighthouse Immigrant Advocates is the ONLY organization in Ottawa County providing affordable immigration legal services by attorneys.**

TEAM

- 11 full-time paid staff, which includes attorneys, legal representatives, and legal assistance.
- The majority of our team is fluent in Spanish.
 - 2-6 interns per semester, 6-12 paid internships per year in both Grand Rapids and Holland
- A growing volunteer base has made the NALC/OAR efforts possible with interviews, hospitality, admin, and more.

ED & AD

- We educate the community about issues related to immigration through presentations at businesses, faith-based organizations, schools, and fellow non-profits.
- Other advocacy efforts focus on mobilizing advocates to support policy change on the local, state, and national levels.




**Interested in learning more? Call (616) 298-8984
or contact admin@lia-michigan.org.**



FAMILIES

- Behind every case, there is a whole family that is affected by one member's change of status.
- We've served over 4,000 clients and their family members.
- More than 1,000 cases approved for our clients by the government
- We have worked with families representing 60 unique countries on every continent. The majority of our clients come from:
 - Mexico, Southeast Asia (Cambodia), Central America/Caribbean (Guatemala), and Afghanistan

CASE TYPES

 <p>Family Unification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Petitions Fiancé Petitions Consular Processing Waivers Adjustment Applications 	 <p>Humanitarian</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> U-Visa for Victims of Crime Self-Petitioner VAWA DACA Temporary Protected Status Refugee Services 	 <p>Other Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Citizenship Green Card Renewals Work Permit Renewal Workshops Family Preparedness
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FUNDING

46%

Donations

- individuals
- corporations
- churches

29%

Grants

- foundations
- corporations

24%

Legal Service Fees

- Base rate service fees apply to those living at or below 200% of the FPG. Those above 200% are charged on sliding scale.

1%

Campaigns

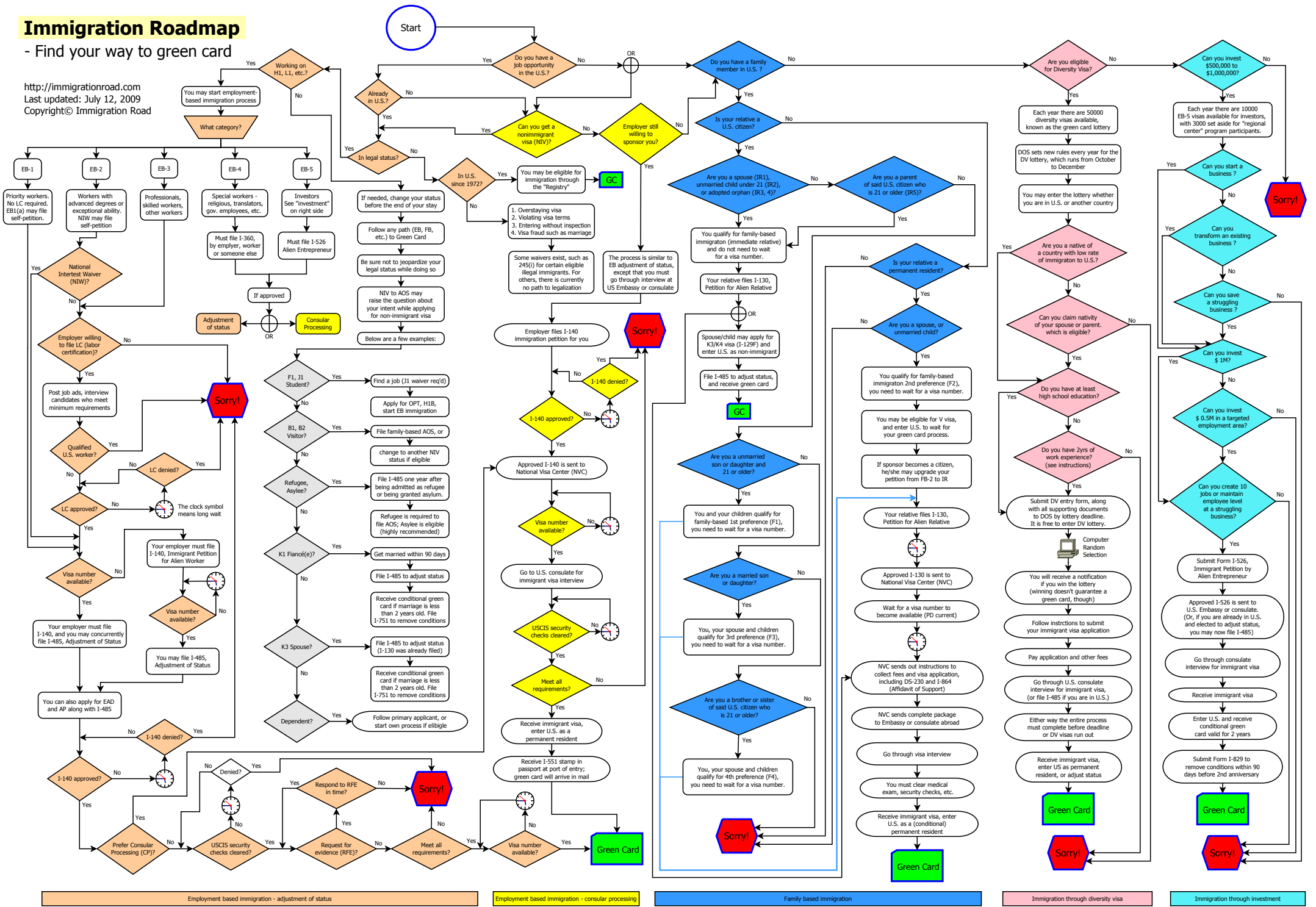
- events
- special campaigns

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Immigration Roadmap

- Find your way to green card

<http://immigrationroad.com>
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Employment based immigration - adjustment of status **Employment based immigration - consular processing** **Family based immigration** **Immigration through diversity visa** **Immigration through investment**

Disclaimer: This immigration roadmap is for general guidance only and shall NOT be construed as legal advice; U.S. immigration laws and regulations are ever changing, so always confirm with USCIS and/or consult a qualified professional with regard to your case; No warranty is made regarding the accuracy of any information; Not all possible ways to GC are covered by this flowchart, and appeals/motion to reopen are not included; You may start multiple processes if you are eligible.

who is the capital **I** in immigration?

Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

- US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)
- Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)
- Customs and Border Protection (CBP)

Department of Justice (DOJ)

- Immigration Court
- Board of Immigration Appeals

Department of State

- Embassies / Consulates abroad
- INS is no longer with us!

NOTE: LOCAL, COUNTY & STATE POLICE ARE NOT ON THE LIST

let's do the numbers

IMMIGRANTS ARE ANYONE BORN IN ONE COUNTRY BUT NOW LIVING IN ANOTHER

Who are we Talking About?

- 37 Million Immigrants currently living in the US
- 12% of the US population is Foreign-Born

Foreign-Born Population in the US

31% of Foreign-Born are Undocumented:

- 11.2 Million People

69% of Foreign-Born have Status:

- 35% Naturalized Citizens
- 33% Legal Permanent Residents
- 2% Hold a Temporary Legal Status



michigan numbers

Michiganders

- US-Born: 9,270,486 = 93%
- Foreign-Born: 652,090 = 7%

Challenges for Undocumented:

The Pew Research Center estimates 120,000 to 150,000 undocumented residents:

- 62% have lived in the US 10 years or more
- Federal authorities deporting at record high rates
- In 2013, 440,000 deported, 240,000 of which had not been convicted of a crime

Ottawa County

- Foreign-Born: 6% of the county
- 46% are naturalized citizens

Kent County

- Foreign-Born: 8% of the county
- 40% are naturalized citizens

Allegan County

- Foreign-Born: 2% of the county
- 38% are naturalized citizens

