Mission
The International Institute is a statewide nonprofit organization that assists refugees and immigrants to resolve legal, economic, linguistic and social barriers so that they become self-sufficient, integrated and contributing members of the community. The Institute achieves this mission by providing a compassionate array of high-quality legal, social and educational programming and by promoting cross cultural understanding and decent treatment for all 7,000 individuals served per year.

Key Program Areas
- Refugee Resettlement and Employment Services
- Legal Immigration & Citizenship Service
- Interpreter & Translation Services
- Victim Services & Anti-Human Trafficking Programming
- Community Outreach and Education

IICONN at a glance:
- Clients come from 89 countries of origin
- 23 Full Time / 10 Part Time employees
- 40 contracted interpreters
- 100 volunteers & interns
- 70 pro-bono attorneys
- 15 member board
- 2010 – annual operating budget $1.1 million
- 2013 – annual operating budget $1.8 million

Who we serve
- Refugees & Asylees
- Victims of Human Trafficking
- Survivors of Torture
- Immigrant Victims of Crime
- Citizenship applicants
- Family based immigrants
- Other low income immigrants in need of legal assistance
- Nonprofits, Gov’t Agencies, Law Enforcement, Business

Legal Immigration & Citizenship Services
- BIA Recognized Agency
- 5 Attorneys, 7 Accredited Representatives
- Bridgeport, Stamford, and Hartford; Outreach/Satellite Operations
- Family Based Immigration & Citizenship Assistance
- Refugee adjustments
- General consultations
- Temporary Protected Status
- Court Representation / Pro Bono Attorney Network

Survivors of Torture Program
- Bridges existing programs and addresses multiple gaps in services
- Increase functionality among foreign born survivors of torture
- Legal Assistance
• Social Services
• Mental Health Care
• Medical Assistance
• Increase capacity in Greater Bridgeport to serve survivors
• Creating a network or collaborative of informed providers
• Developing a pro bono counseling network

Anti-Human Trafficking Program
• Comprehensive services – all forms of trafficking
• Sex, Labor, Domestic Servitude
• Adults, Minors, Domestic, Foreign born
• Three components:
  o Outreach / Training – increase awareness
  o Collaborate w/ law enforcement – identify and prosecute
  o Directly serve survivors – safe, healing, and self-sufficient
• Currently serving 26 foreign born victims & families

Relief for immigrant victims of crime and violence
• Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)
  o for abused spouses & children & elderly parents
• U Visas
  o for victims of violent crimes
• T Visas
  o for victims of human trafficking
• SIJS
  o Special Immigrant Juvenile Status
• ASYLUM
  o Victims of persecution in their country

Interpreter/ Translation Services
• Variety of clients
• Growing program
• Federal mandates

What does IICONN NOT do:

• Provide pro bono representation across the board or guarantee pro bono rep
• Family law cases, or other types of law
• Help apply for DSS benefits (which we do for our clients, on a case by case basis, but not as a standalone service)