CalFresh Outreach - Targeting Sponsored Immigrants

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Starting the Conversation...

- Primarily to Chinese families
- Majority are sponsored immigrants
- Some of the information they hear have been passed around for many years
- Changes!
  - “Did you know that...?”
  - Certain rules pertaining to sponsored LPRs have changed within the county!

Materials!

- Make sure to share materials pertaining to LPRs and sponsorship

*Good News! INS says:*

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<th>Will using benefits hurt my chances of getting a Green Card or becoming a U.S. Citizen?</th>
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<td>If you are applying for U.S. citizenship</td>
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<td>You CANNOT be denied U.S. citizenship for falsely claiming benefits,</td>
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<td>programs, you cannot sponsor your relative. However, you are permitted to use</td>
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Many clients assume that they can only have CF from years 3-5 and don’t think they can qualify after 5 years of LPR.
Because they are not aware of CFAP vs CF
Explain to them after the 5th year, their situation can be reevaluated.

Indigence

- Indigence is a very new concept to clients (and some advocates and even EWs.)
- Many clients qualify for indigence because they are not receiving any support from sponsors and are really struggling
- Few claim indigence
- But those who’ve claimed indigence were approved!

At the end of the day...

- Make sure to stress that everyone’s situation is different (and change!
- Give them time to think about it, contact again
- If they are in very difficult situations...
  - Explain the benefits of CF on their budget
- Share other clients’ testimony
  - Fact is, I have helped others apply for CF with similar situations and clients found the process to be simple