

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



Will using benefits hurt my chances of getting a Green Card or becoming a U.S. Citizen?
Good News! INS says:

Call one of the phone numbers below for more information

If you are applying for U.S. citizenship

☺ You **CANNOT** be denied U.S. citizenship for lawfully receiving benefits, including cash welfare, health care, food programs and non-cash programs.

If you want to sponsor your relative

☺ Using benefits, including cash welfare, health care, food programs, and non-cash programs should not prevent you from sponsoring your relative. But you will need to show that you or your co-sponsor earn enough income to support your relative.

Explaining CFAP

- ❖ 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
