

# SOCIAL JUSTICE COLLABORATIVE IN DEFENSE OF MINORS

## About SJC

One of SJC's largest programs involves representing vulnerable immigrant minors for no cost. Our holistic approach addresses the myriad of needs of immigrant youth. *Minors have no right to legal representation in immigration court and many are deported as a result.*



## BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE WORK

- Provided free representation to 215 minors
- Over 50 minors settled permanently with legal guardians
- Minors mostly reside in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties

## SPECIAL IMMIGRANT JUVENILE STATUS

SJC represents immigrant youth under age of 21 in their petitions for legal guardianships to help them establish security, safety, and permanency in the U.S. These minors have faced neglect, abandonment, and abuse in their home countries and seek stability and protection in the U.S.

## HUMANITARIAN RELIEF & PROTECTION

SJC provides direct representation to immigrant youth fleeing domestic abuse, gang recruitment, and sex and labor trafficking. With legal representation, these minors are offered a fresh start in the United States while SJC connects them with social and medical services.