### CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

## **ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. 1-63-18**

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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE (ACIN) NO. I-63-18

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: IMMIGRATION SERVICES FUNDING - REFERRAL LIST

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The California Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Sections 13302-13306 authorizes the CDSS to award funding to qualified nonprofit organizations to provide one or more of the following services:

- Education and outreach information, services, and materials about naturalization, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), other immigration remedies, and removal defense potentially available to individuals.
- Consultations and assistance with the application process for:
  - Naturalization (citizenship),
  - DACA, and
  - Other immigration remedies, including family-based petitions, asylum, U-Visas, etc.
- Consultations and representations of individuals for removal defense (deportation).

Clients seeking information on how to obtain legal immigration remedies and available immigration services can visit: <u>Immigration Contractors</u> or view the <u>Contractor Referral List</u> to find a local service provider.

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Questions regarding the Immigration Services Funding Program can be directed to <a href="mailto:ImmigrationServices@dss.ca.gov">ImmigrationServices@dss.ca.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

# Original Document Signed By:

MARCELA RUIZ, Chief Immigration and Refugees Programs Branch

c: County Welfare Directors Association