

THE PATHWAYS TO HOPE INITIATIVE

A Collaboration of William & Mary Law School's Immigration Clinic and the William & Mary's School of Education Flanagan Counselor Education Center

AN INTERDISCIPLINARY INITIATIVE TO RESPOND TO COMMUNITY NEED

Immigrants are an underserved population nationwide, but especially in the Hampton Roads region of Virginia. Recognizing the community need for legal representation and mental health counseling, the William & Mary Law School's Immigration Clinic and the William & Mary School of Education's Flanagan Counselor Education Center created the Pathways to Hope Initiative.

Founded in 2021, the Pathways to Hope Initiative is the first initiative of its kind in Hampton Roads. The Initiative brings together the expertise and strengths of the Immigration Clinic and the Flanagan Counselor Education Center to serve immigrants in Hampton Roads. Through the Initiative, immigrants receive pro bono legal representation in their immigration matters and wrap-around, holistic, and culturally-sensitive services, including counseling, assessments as needed for legal cases, occupational support, and case management. The collaborative works to ensure that immigrants have the legal support and mental health support they need to thrive in the United States.

The work of the Initiative is carried out by law students and counseling students, each supervised by experienced attorneys or clinicians in their respective school. By training the next generation of attorneys and counselors, the Pathways to Hope Initiative meets immigrants' immediate needs while ensuring that they have greater access to legal counsel and mental healthcare for generations to come.

AN IMPACTFUL FIRST YEAR



66%

66% of Immigration Clinic clients have a history of trauma, including domestic violence and child abuse, violence against LGBTQ+ people, and political persecution.



\$128,000

In the first year of the Initiative, Initiative clients have received over \$128,000 in legal services and counseling.



111 HOURS

Clients receiving services through the Pathways to Hope Initiative received 111 hours of counseling services in the Initiative's first year.