

Do you have **QUESTIONS** about the Credible Fear Interview or the Asylum Merits Interview?

You may contact one of the Immigration Court Helpdesk locations listed below.

If you are released to one of the following cities: Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, Miami, New York, Newark, or San Francisco, you may have a **Credible Fear Interview (CFI)** and/or an **Asylum Merits Interview (AMI)** with an asylum officer from the U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS).

Credible Fear Interview (CFI)

At your CFI, you will be asked about your fear of persecution and torture as it relates to returning to your home country. Further instructions are available on the Form M-444, which you have received.

Asylum Merits Interview (AMI)

At your AMI, an asylum officer (not an Immigration Judge) will review your case and all of the evidence presented:

- If the asylum officer **grants** your request for asylum, you will have legal immigration status in the United States.
- If the asylum officer **does not grant** your request for asylum, your case will go to the immigration court where you can ask for asylum before an Immigration Judge.



*****IMPORTANT!*****

It is very important to understand the process and prepare for your AMI as soon as possible.

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FREE ORIENTATIONS

As soon as you arrive in one of the following seven cities, **please contact** the organization *closest to where you are located and state that **you are scheduled for an interview with an asylum officer:***

Boston, Massachusetts

Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Boston
617-464-8000

Chicago, Illinois

National Immigrant Justice Center
312-660-1328

Los Angeles, California

Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project, Catholic Charities Los Angeles
323-905-0404

Miami, Florida

Catholic Legal Services, Archdiocese of Miami
561-510-6865 (call or text)

Newark, New Jersey

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark
973-733-3516 ext.161212

New York City, New York

Catholic Charities Community Services
315-690-4831

San Francisco, California

Immigration Center for Women and Children
415-728-0420

