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Celebrating Citizenship Day

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CELEBRATING CITIZENSHIP DAY

SEPTEMBER 17TH

- KRM
- Path to Citizenship
- How KRM Prepares Clients
- Challenges
- Impacts
- How to Support
- Q & A



Who we are



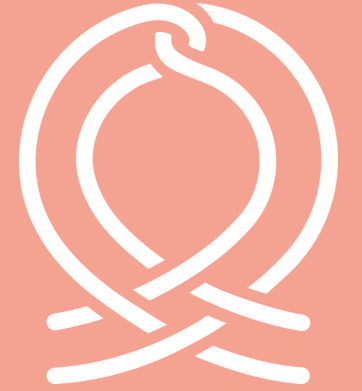
KRRM

is an agency and outreach community that provides resettlement services to and advocates for incoming refugees in order to encourage hope and an increased sense of belonging.



KRM

Meet the Staff



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DID YOU KNOW?

KRM also relies on volunteers, teachers, and community partners to help tutor, teach and facilitate citizenship classes.

How Are We Funded?

KRM's Citizenship Program is state and federally funded by the Kentucky Office of Refugees (KOR) and United States Citizenship & Immigrations Services (USCIS)

What Services Do We Provide?

- Legal Services
- Education Services

How Many Students Are Enrolled Per Quarter?

- Our program enrolls between 50-60 students for citizenship prep classes
- Our legal team screens and submits approx. 100-200 N-400s per quarter

KRM's Countywide Citizenship Program

Helping Prepare Across Jefferson Country

Where Are Most Students From?

- Cuba
- Somalia
- Dem. Republic of Congo
- Vietnam
- Burma
- Iraq
- Mexico



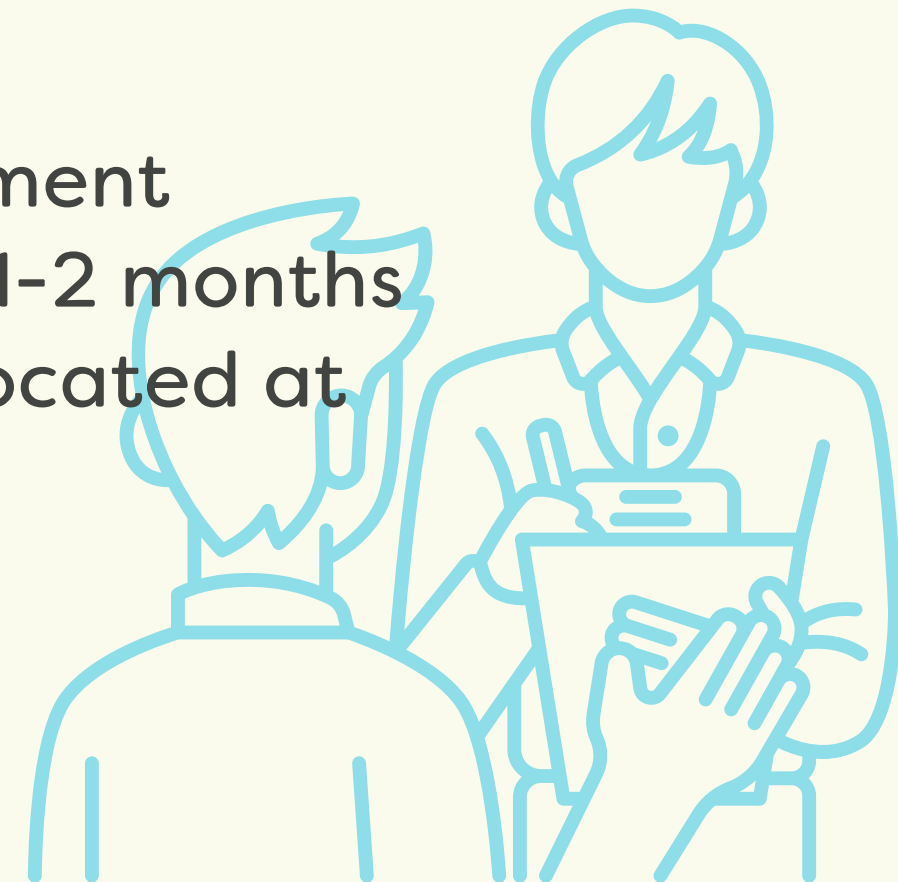
Process of Naturalization

1. Clients apply using form N-400 with KRM legal office or on their own. With USCIS funding, our clients are able to have legal representation for a one-time, \$50 fee.

2. Wait for USCIS notice concerning their biometrics* (or fingerprints) appointment.

3. Once biometrics notice is received and the appointment completed, clients await interview date - Typically 1-2 months after the biometrics notice has been received and located at USCIS Louisville Field Office.

*Currently, USCIS uses biometrics from the applicant's Green Card appointment. This, however, is not the case for every applicant.



what is the **interview like?**



- "Small Talk"

- 100 Questions: U.S. History, Civics, and Government

- English Literacy, Reading, and Writing

- Reading: Who was the president during the Civil War?
- Writing: Abraham Lincoln was the president during the Civil War.

Think you
would pass?
POP QUIZ!

Process of Naturalization

- 4.** N-400 Application for Naturalization Review
- Information about the client's eligibility
 - Information to contact the client
 - Current and previous addresses from the past five years
 - Employment from the last five years
 - Education from the last five years
 - Travel outside of the United States from the past five years
 - Marital History
 - Children, biological and step children
 - Criminal History and Good Moral Character

5.

Oath of Allegiance Questions

- These questions prove the applicant's loyalty to the U.S.



Barriers to Citizenship



Pre-literacy

Low-level English

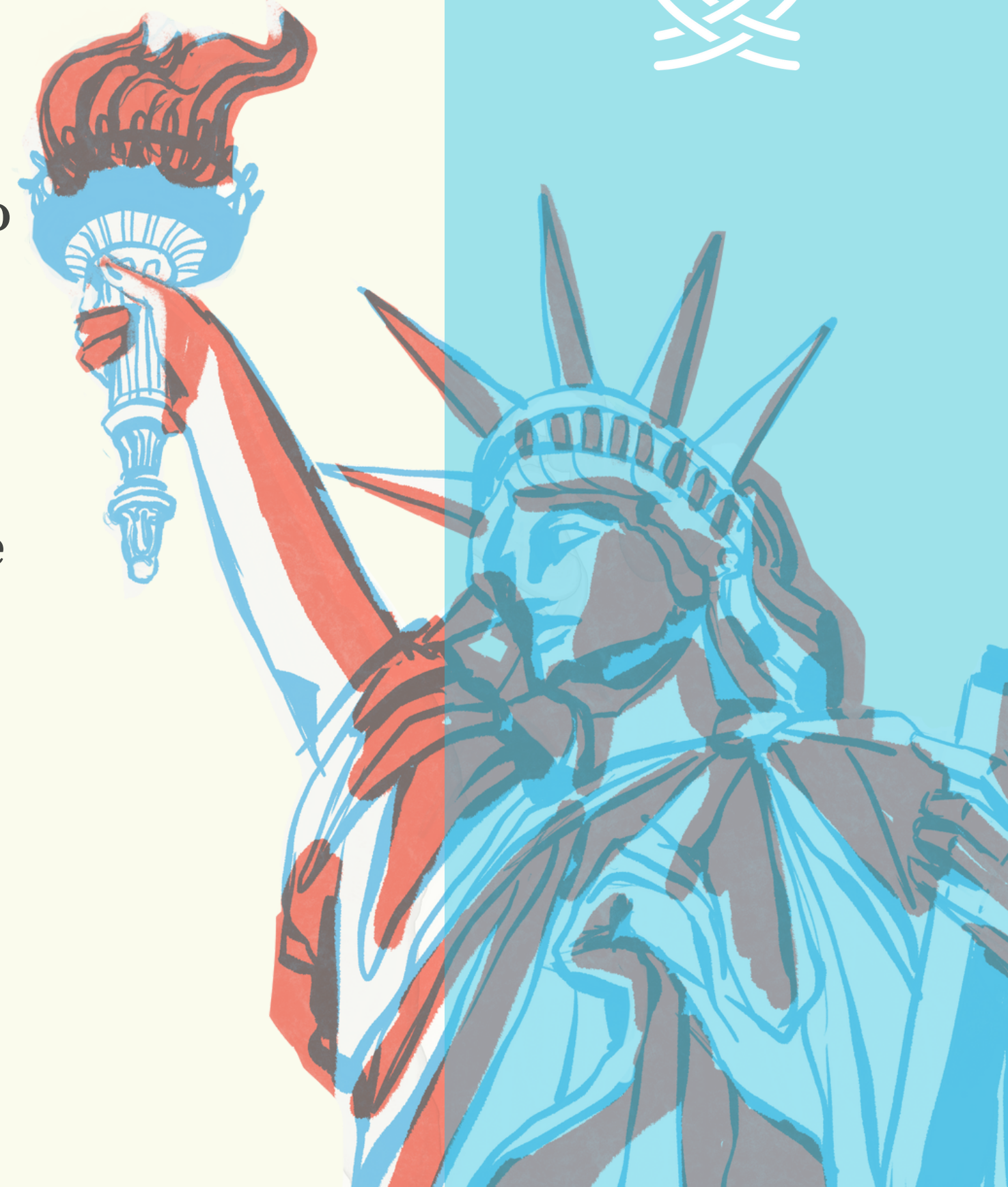
N-648, Disability Waiver



Potential Amendments to the Naturalization Interview

- USCIS proposed 100 questions portion of the interview to be multiple choice. As of now, the content of the 100 questions will not change.
- Image-based assessment for determining English level - e.g., An image is presented to the applicant, and they are asked to describe the image.

Proposed changes are currently under review by service providers and feedback is being provided to USCIS. Changes, if accepted, will not be made until 2024 at the earliest.



How you can support

- Be an advocate! Keep current on immigrant policies, contact your representatives and vote.
- Volunteer to tutor students for KRM's citizenship prep classes!
- Be neighborly - Show empathy, understanding and care to refugees and immigrants within (and outside) your community.

THANK YOU!

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