Our Mission

The Asylum Seeker Advocacy Project (ASAP) believes that asylum seekers can make great change by standing together. We work with our members — over 535,000 asylum seekers — to build a more welcoming United States.
Letter from the Executive Directors

Dear friends,

We are so excited to give you a view into all that ASAP has accomplished this year. After another twelve months of transformative growth, ASAP now has over 500,000 asylum-seeking members from more than 175 countries!

This year, ASAP members worked together to build a more welcoming United States. They made it easier for asylum seekers to work and support their families, changed the narrative around the importance of work permits for asylum seekers, and notched major legal victories in pursuit of justice for separated families.

All the while, ASAP supported members in finding safe haven and building good lives. Our breaking-news updates and self-help legal resources were accessed more than 6 million times. And when asylum seekers began to be bused to cities across the country, ASAP played a critical role in welcoming them.

ASAP’s strength lies in the power of our members. Their insights, hopes, and visions for change drive every element of our work. We are honored and amazed to have grown from 5,000 members to 500,000 in less than three years, and, if this past year is any indication, ASAP has much to look forward to in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Conchita Cruz    Swapna Reddy
More than four months ago, we could have applied for work permits and we did not know it. Thanks to you, we learned about many things. On Sunday we joined the ASAP group, on Monday we were notified of our acceptance, and by this Friday we will send in the forms.

**ASAP member** who used our Spanish-language videos to apply for a work permit.
ASAP’s members are 535,000 asylum seekers from 175 countries.
Asylum seekers, refugees, and immigrants are tenacious people. Our contributions to the fabric of this country’s culture, economy, and future are undeniable.

Rosa Valderrama, ASAP Communications Director. Rosa was born in Lima, Peru. She came to the United States as a child with her family fleeing guerrilla and state violence.
Daniel’s Story

Shortly after Daniel Paz, a father of two from Honduras, arrived at the Mexico-U.S. border seeking asylum, he was separated from his 7-year-old daughter, Angie.

Daniel had to fight to be reunited with Angie. Then, Daniel joined ASAP.

With ASAP’s support, Daniel is now a leader in the fight for justice for all survivors of family separation. He has shared his story with millions through news outlets including CBS News, Newsweek, and USA Today. And last December, Daniel traveled to Washington, D.C., where he met with government officials and spoke at the nation’s largest immigrants’ rights conference.

In Washington, with his family cheering him on, Daniel addressed a packed room of immigration advocates and professionals. “Sharing your story is not just a powerful tool for creating change and building leadership,” Daniel said. “Sharing your story can also be part of the healing process.”

ASAP is proud to support Daniel, who is working to make sure that the government is held accountable and that families are never separated again.
Not only are we here to seek a safe home, but we are also here to improve the country.  

**ASAP member from Ghana.** Thanks to ASAP members, more than 300,000 immigrants have received work permits to date.
ASAP is thankful to the publications that featured our work this year, including:

- The Atlantic
- Bloomberg Law
- CBS News
- CNN
- Documented
- Early Learning Nation
- Forbes
- the grio
- THE HILL
- DAILY NEWS
- The New York Times
- Newsweek
- NPQ
- People
- Prensa Libre
- Roll Call
- The San Diego Union-Tribune
- USA Today
I arrived in the United States through South and Central America. I witnessed the stories of many refugees. After joining ASAP, I hope to help other asylum seekers.

**ASAP member from China.** Thanks to our members, ASAP has become the largest collective of asylum seekers in history.
Staff and Board

ASAP is a woman-of-color led organization whose staff and Board of Directors are majority people of color and majority immigrants or children of immigrants.

For a current list of ASAP’s staff, please visit:
https://asylumadvocacy.org/our-staff/

For a current list of ASAP’s Board of Directors, please visit:
https://asylumadvocacy.org/our-board/

Financials

ASAP is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, whose EIN number is 83-3011862. Our 990 for this fiscal year (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023) will be available upon request at info@asylumadvocacy.org. All donations made to ASAP are tax deductible to the fullest extent permitted by law.

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