



# UNLV IMMIGRATION CLINIC

COMMUNITY ADVOCACY OFFICE



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## UNLV legal clinic to aid immigrants

By **Timothy Pratt**

Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2003 | 11:02 a.m.

A law clinic offering free legal assistance to immigrants was scheduled to open today at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, making the school one of the few in the nation to host such a center.

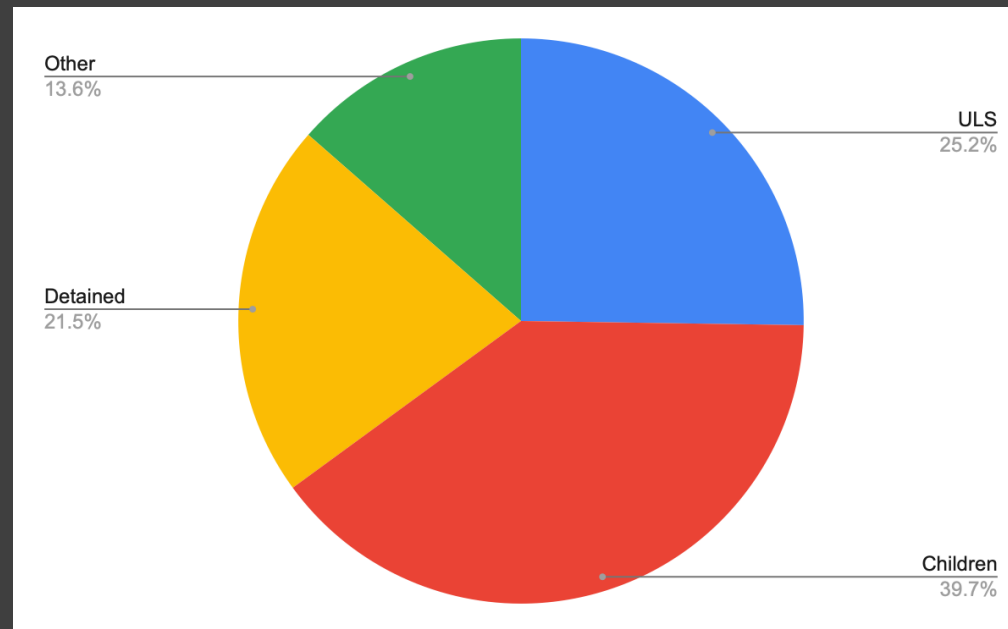
IMMIGRATION CLINIC: 20 YEARS OLD



2022: NEW COMMUNITY ADVOCACY OFFICE

# AREAS OF PRACTICE

Deportation Defense for Children.  
Deportation Defense for Detained Adults.  
University Legal Services for UNLV Community (ULS)





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1066 CALLS FOR HELP  
371 CONSULTATIONS  
209 REPRESENTATIONS

*Since 2022, through Nov. 4, 2023*



## WHY DO THIS?

- Deportation defense works.
- Basic fairness.
- Keeps families together.
- Keeps working people working.
- Reduces costs to social services.
- Raises tax revenue.



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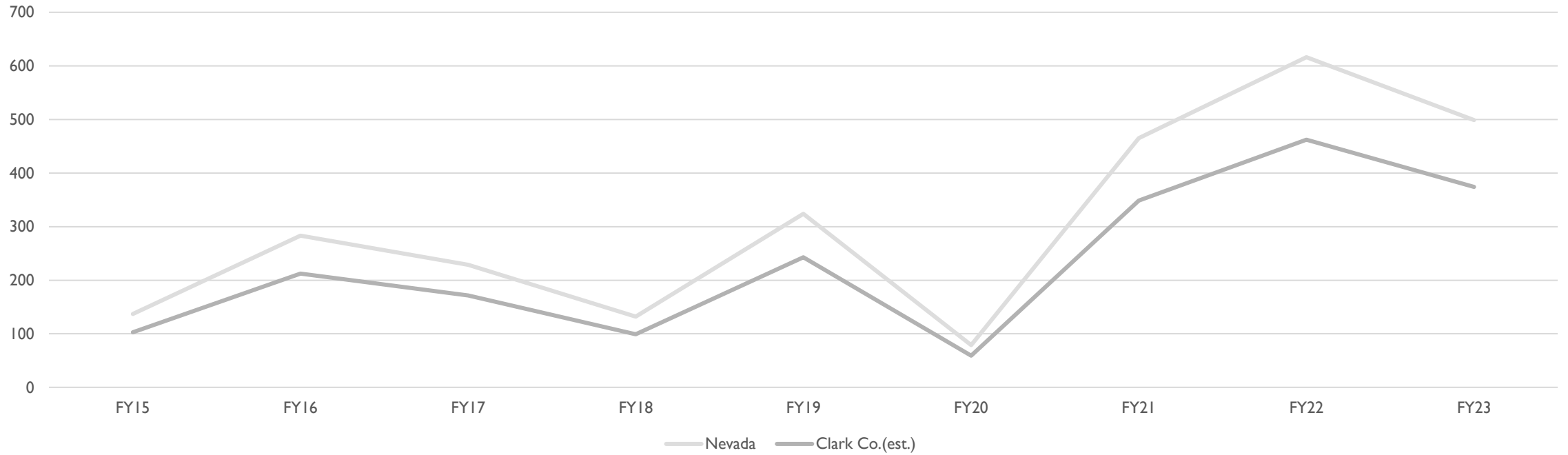
Edward M. Bernstein & Associates  
Children's Rights Program

# DEFENDING CHILDREN

IN FY2023,  
374 UNACCOMPANIED  
CHILDREN WERE RELEASED  
TO SPONSORS IN CLARK  
COUNTY

(THRU AUGUST 2023)





# UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN RELEASED TO FAMILIES IN NEVADA/CLARK COUNTY

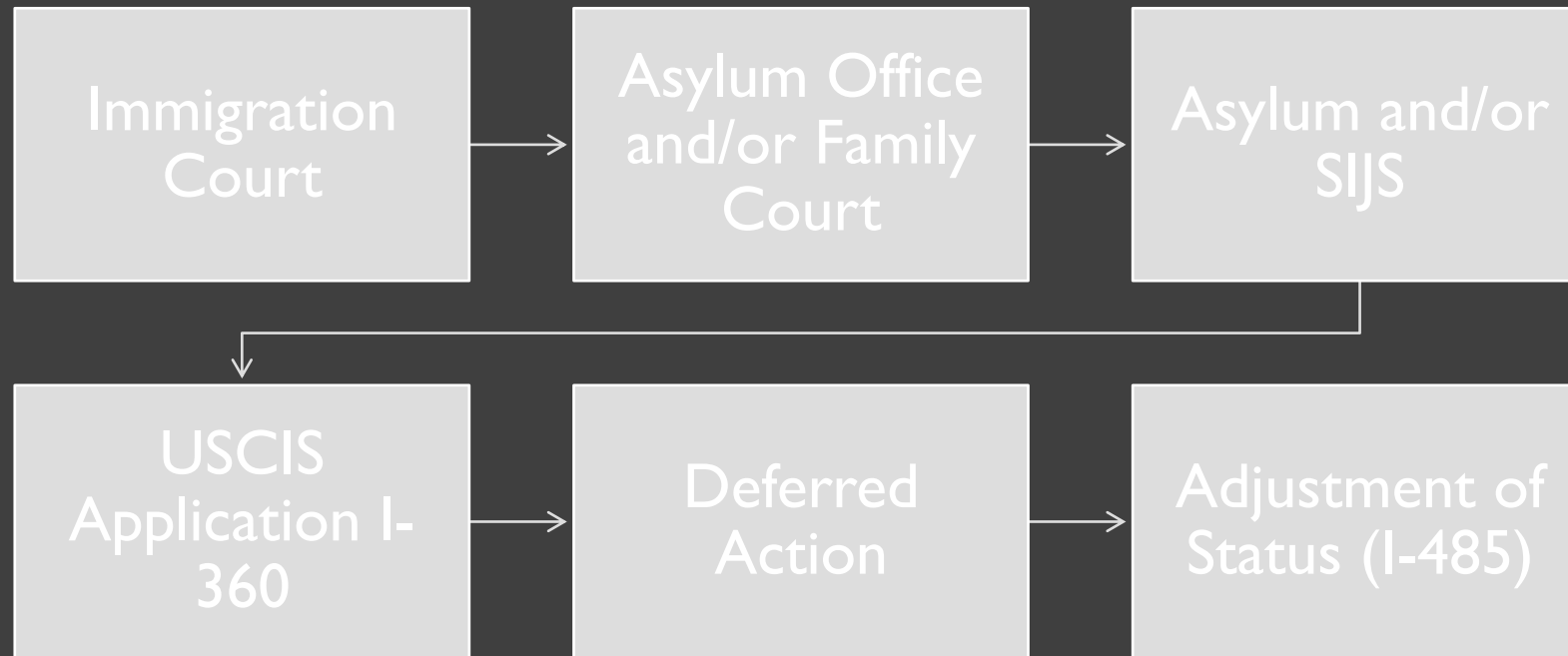
# 93 CALLS ASKING FOR REPRESENTATION FOR CHILDREN IN 2023

Youngest: Age 4

Represented 2022 – 11/4/23: 134

Current open cases: 54

## A CHILD'S DEPORTATION CASE



# IMMIGRATION DETENTION

## DEPORTATION PROCEEDINGS GENERALLY

8567 new removal cases filed in Nevada in FY2023

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85 percent have no lawyer

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692 new removal cases filed in Nevada for people in detention.



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# 321 CALLS FROM DETENTION SEEKING LEGAL HELP IN 2023

285 Consultations Conducted (2022-Nov. 4, 2023)

81 Representations (2022-Nov. 4, 2023)

# UNIVERSITY LEGAL SERVICES



## SUMMARY: JAN 2022-NOV 4, 2023

- 343 Clients Represented
  - 134 Unaccompanied Children
  - 81 Detained Adults
  - 128 University Legal Services

86 Cases from pre-2022 Still Open

25 People protected through Asylum or Convention against Torture

13 Cancellation or dismissed removal

31 Bond

10 Naturalization

48 Lawful Permanent Residents (adjustment of status)



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## STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

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Clinic course

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Externships

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Paid summer fellowship

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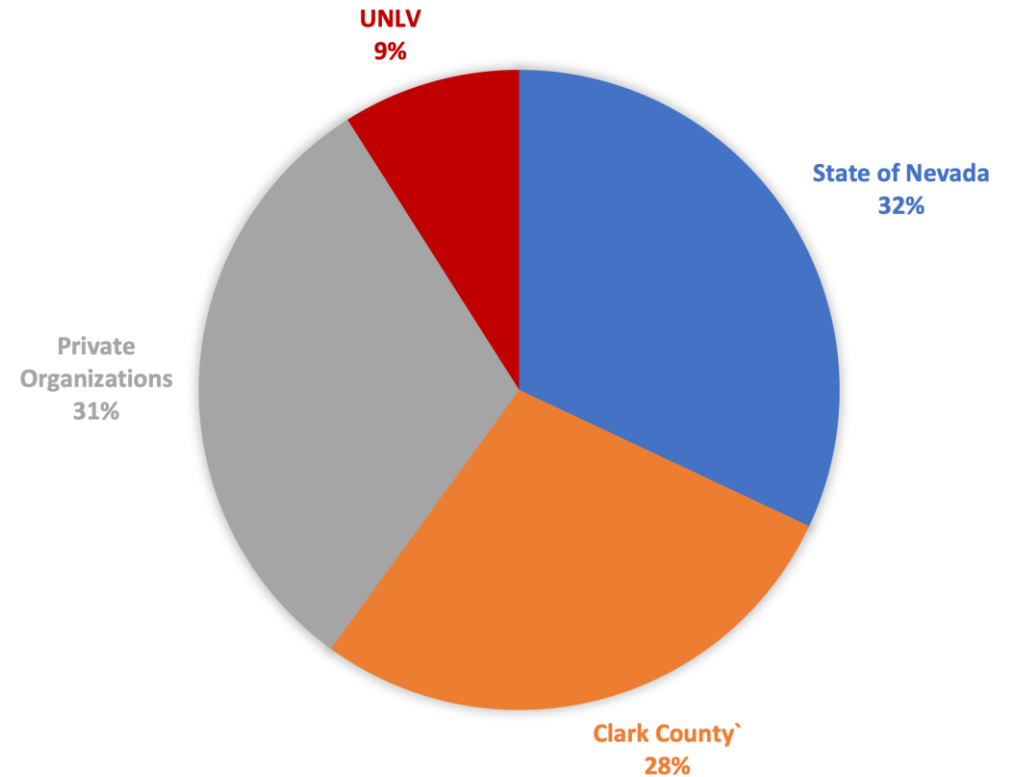
Community service opportunities  
(ILs)

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Undergraduate opportunities

## FUNDING - HISTORY

- AB376 in 2021: \$500,000 over two years
- Clark County in 2021: \$500,000 for two years
- Partnership with Immigrant Justice Corps



# STAFFING AND FUNDING

- 7 Attorney Staff Positions as of October
- 1.5 Nonlawyer staff
- FY2024 Funding: \$1.1 million costs
  - Office space donated
  - 74 percent of funds go to personnel



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## UNSPENT FUNDS

During the start-up period of the office, we did not spend most of the County appropriation as we gradually hired staff.

Current request: Extend the time period for the unspent funds (\$369,341)

# LOOKING FORWARD

## Costs Rising

- Need to add nonlawyer staff (current 7:2 ratio)
- Expand office space
- NSHE COLA

## Changing & Unmet Needs

- 652 calls in non-service areas
- Federal instability can change the nature of cases in Southern Nevada

THANK YOU!



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