

2023 YEAR-END SUMMARY

OUTREACH



ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING



From 01/01/2023 through 12/31/2023, the Division of Immigrant Policies and Affairs (DIPA) participated in 68 outreach events and reached 1,350 individuals.

DIPA screened 33 potential Labor Trafficking victims. A total of 26 requests for U-visa certification were received and 7 U-visa certifications were issued. A total of 18 requests for T-visa certification were received and 2 T-visa certifications were issued.

HOTLINE CALLS



DIPA received a total of 331 calls to the Hotline

AGRICULTURE LABOR PROGRAM (AgLP)



Agriculture Labor Program staff contacted customers 14,721 times. Of that total, the Program contacted employers 2, 059 times. The remainder of the contacts made were to agricultural workers as follows: 2, 641 were identified as domestic MSFWs; 6,901 were identified as H-2A workers. There were 733 Apparent Violations encountered involving 386 businesses. Of those, 586 Apparent Violations were resolved.

FOREIGN LABOR CERTIFICATION UNIT (FLCU)



The FLCU received and processed 777 H-2A orders requesting 9,854 workers for agricultural businesses in New York and 1,003 H-2B job orders requesting 9,188 workers for non-agricultural businesses in New York.

STATEMENT OF INTEREST PROCESS

In 2023, DIPA began issuing Statement of Interest letters to workers who are involved in NYSDOL investigations. Under the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Prosecutorial Discretion Policy, individuals or their advocate may request Statement of Interest from DIPA who then processed those requests.

Over the course of the year, DIPA received 148 requests for Statements of Interest (SOI) under the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Prosecutorial Discretion Policy and had 43 SOIs accepted by DHS, which were then issued to worker advocates and attorneys.

Effective in January 2024, the division will be known as the Division of Compliance and Education.