

OUTREACH



From 1/1/2020 through 12/31/2020, the Division of Immigrant Policies and Affairs (DIPA) participated in 74 outreach events and reached 16,097 individuals.

ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING



DIPA screened 13 potential labor trafficking victims. A total of 4 requests for a U-visa were received and 4 U-visa certifications were issued. A total of 19 requests for a T-visa were received and 11 T-visa certifications were issued.

HOTLINE CALLS



DIPA received a total of 877 calls to the Hotline.

AGRICULTURE LABOR PROGRAM (AgLP)



The AgLP contacted customers 30,913 times. From that total, the AgLP contacted employers 5,023 times, Domestic MSFWs 2,550 times and Foreign Guest H-2A workers 12,821 times. The remainder of the contacts made were to year-round farmworkers, non-agricultural workers and/or service providers. There were 109 Apparent Violations encountered. Of those, 71 Apparent Violations were resolved. The AgLP assisted in the recovery of \$160,249.54 in monies owed to 73 workers.

FOREIGN LABOR CERTIFICATION UNIT (FLCU)



The FLCU processed 628 H-2A orders requesting 8,902 workers and 542 H-2B job orders requesting 5,961 workers for businesses in New York. DIPA performed 148 H-2A pre-occupancy housing inspections and 4 field checks were conducted.

The New York PAUSE executive order directed “all non-essential businesses statewide (to) close in-office personnel functions effective at 8PM on Sunday, March 22, and temporarily (banned) all non-essential gatherings of individuals of any size for any reason.” This shutdown significantly curtailed DIPA’s in-person outreach activities, including visits to farms by the staff of the Agriculture Labor Program. We then communicated with business owners, workers and job seekers by telephone and through e-mail, text messaging, pre-recorded voice messages and regular mail. This report reflects the most up-to-date data at the time of publication.