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The Legal Orientation Program (LOP) seeks to educate detained persons in removal (deportation) proceedings so they can make more informed decisions, thus increasing efficiencies in the immigration court and detention processes. Vera's analysis is a combination of statistical analysis and interviews with LOP stakeholders, including participants, providers, immigration judges, court administrators, detention facility staff, and ICE employees. It identified numerous differences in case outcomes between LOP participants and comparison groups of detained persons who did not participate in the LOP. These differences suggest possible benefits of the LOP for those detained persons it is able to serve.

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