TOOLS PEDIATRICIANS CAN USE TO ADVOCATE FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES WHO HAVE IMMIGRATED

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INTRODUCTIONS

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Immigration Status, Health, & New Tools To Use in Clinic

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School-based Supports for Children & Families Who Have Immigrated

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Immi: Resources for Immigrant Patients & Communities
learning objectives

- Examine the effect of immigration status on health.
- Identify examples of how school-based programs and medical-legal partnerships positively impact immigrant health.
- Recommend online resources, including legal resources, that pediatricians can share with patients and families who have immigrated.
IMMIGRATION STATUS, HEALTH, & NEW TOOLS TO USE IN CLINIC

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immigration affects children

- The U.S. has been the top destination for international immigration since 1960.
- Of the 44 million immigrants in the U.S., 2.6 million (6%) are children; <1% are < 5 years old.
- 86.4 million (27%) people in the U.S. are either immigrants or U.S.-born kids of immigrants.

Figure 1

Children by Parental Immigration Status, 2016

- Citizen Children with an Immigrant Parent: 75%
- Noncitizen Children with an Immigrant Parent: 23%
- Children with U.S.-Born Parents: 3%

Total Children (Ages 0-18): 78.2 million

Note: Percentages do not sum to 100% due to rounding.
immigration status impacts child health access

- children who are non-citizens: 56% have insurance, 30% have Medicaid, 20% uninsured
  - are less likely to have Medicaid or job-based insurance than citizens
  - are 13% more likely to be uninsured than children citizens
  - have worse access to routine ambulatory and emergency care, even when insured
  - are less likely to see a private Dr. or use HMO services (though only 2% use ER for 1° care)

- ACA excludes undocumented immigrants; select states have expanded coverage to them

National Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Study

- Employed or enrolled in school: 95%, 97%, 96%
- In school: 46%, 45%, 40%
- Employed before DACA: 51%, 44%, 44%
- Employed after DACA: 87%, 91%, 89%
- Got health insurance or job with health insurance/benefits: 66%, 57%, 47%

immigration status impacts child health

- children’s cognitive scores lower at 24 and 36 mo old when parent undocumented vs. documented
- undocumented teens (vs. documented) at greater risk of anxiety; even higher if parents documented
- unauthorized moms offered DACA -> kids acute stress/adjustment/anxiety disorders dropped >50%

addressing immigrant status

■ ~120,000 adolescents who have immigrated may be eligible for DACA at 15 yo if they remain in school
■ at least 20 states + DC offer college tuition at an “in-state” rate, regardless of immigration status: CA, CO, CT, FL, HI, IL, KS, KY, MD, MN, NE, NJ, NM, NY, OK, OR, RI, TX, UT, WA, University of MI
■ anticipatory guidance can include discussions about the plan families with mixed status have
■ application/preparation toolkits are available for families facing issues about status

RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN, ADOLESCENTS AND FAMILIES WHO HAVE IMMIGRATED TO THE U.S.

Deferred Action for Children Arrivals (DACA) renewal instructions

Deferred Action for Children Arrivals (DACA) toolkit (if DACA expired or if new applications are accepted)
Contains instructions for applying to defer deportation if 15-36 years old, and resource links.

Deferred Action for Children Arrivals (DACA) updates from legal professionals at Immi.org
English: https://www.immi.org/info/LearningCenter?slug=/ways-to-stay/daca/-.W5HCVg2RSAQ.link
Spanish: https://www.immi.org/es/info/LearningCenter?slug=/ways-to-stay/daca/#.W5HCVg2RSAQ.link

College scholarships for immigrants, refugees, migrant worker family members, bilingual people, and a variety of races, ethnicities, and religions
https://therefugeecenter.org/resources/scholarships-for-immigrants/

Niños: A guide to help you protect your US-born child in the event you are detained or deported
A 50-page packet that provides steps, checklists, and fill-it-in-yourself documents to prepare a family to protect children if a parent or family member is deported.

Family Forever workbook
A workbook and resource links to help families talk about deportation to children, especially 8-12 years old, and work through it.
https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B0meYPOwZ9ImLWFoWkxxQS1yZ0k/view

Returning Home: A Guide to the Challenges and Opportunities after Deportation
Geared towards adults returning home (to Mexico after incarceration) but useful for all deportees.

List of organizations providing legal and humanitarian help to U.S. immigrants and refugees
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1-pF0L3MGnZUATTcVzs6UDhiYlXZ-Kvqx2i6JRxbc1Q/edit - gid=0
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NIÑOS

A guide to help protect US-born children in the event their parents are detained or deported

Prepared by J. Brent Helms for Legal Services Alabama
Maybe there are things that you like about living in the U.S. Maybe there are things that you do not like about living in the U.S.

This is a list of things that I like and do not like about living in the U.S. Remember that it’s ok to feel two ways about the same thing.

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Organizations that Help Immigrants in the U.S.

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Informed Immigrant
Informed Immigrant is a resource for undocumented immigrants in the United States. It’s updated regularly with information from other organizations like the National Immigration Law Center and the American Civil Liberties Union. Informed Immigrant also helps connect undocumented immigrants with professionals like lawyers and social workers eager to help.

FWD.US
FWD.US is dedicated to fixing America’s broken immigration system through a grassroots movement dedicated to legislative reform. FWD has local chapters in cities across America, helps match you with your legislatures, and provides scripts to make your phone calls less daunting. Twitter: @FWD_us

National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (NNIRR)
NNIRR has been working with diverse immigrant and refugee communities since 1986 to secure human rights for all people. Advocating, building coalitions with other organizations that help immigrants, providing safe spaces and education, and organizing in defense of immigrants are just some of the actions NNIRR has taken in pursuit of protecting the human rights of all immigrants, regardless of their immigration status. Twitter: @NNIRRnetwork

Women’s Refugee Commission (WRC)
Since 1989, the WRC has been providing solutions to the plight of women and youth caught in the cross-fire of conflict and crisis. Twitter: @WRCommission

Black Alliance for Just Immigration (BAJI)
BAJI works to correct injustice through coalition building with other organizations that help immigrants, campaigns, and training partner org nationwide. BAJI also connects black-led organizations nationwide through its Black Immigration Network (BIN) to promote the policies and cultural changes necessary for America to adequately serve its black immigrants. Twitter: @BAJItweet

National Immigration Law Center (NILC)
The NILC has been exclusively championing the rights of low-income immigrants since 1979. NILC has been fighting this fight for decades and is a significant provider of policies that directly help low-income immigrants flourish and succeed in the United States. NILC accomplishes all this through a combination of litigation, pushing for policy changes, and messaging. Twitter: @NILC_org

No More Deaths (NMD)
Since 2004, NMD has been using direct action to intervene in the lives of migrants crossing the border into the US from Mexico in Southern Arizona. Twitter: @NoMoreDeaths

Asylum Seeker Advocacy Project (ASAP)
ASAP has been providing rapid action in defense of refugee families at risk of deportation wrongfully. ASAP has helped refugees in over 25 states, maintains a private online community that’s provided aid to thousands, and has over 500 volunteers at its disposal nationwide. Twitter: @AsylumAdvocacy

Kids in Need of Defense (KIND)
KIND connects children fleeing violence with lawyers, advocates for legislative changes to immigration laws that benefit these children, and helps reintegrate these kids in their home countries if it proves to be impossible for them to stay in the US. Most recently, KIND has launched The Voices That Matter Most project (VMM). VMM helps children put their experiences into words for the purpose of strengthening their ability to communicate, improve their self-esteem and sense of confidence, and so that these children may educate Americans at large about the importance of immigration reform. Twitter: @supportKIND

Detention Watch Network (DWN)
DWN was founded in 1997 by the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc, the Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project, and Lutherans Immigration and Refugee Service for the explicit purpose of challenging America’s growing immigration detention complex. DWN works hard to document the human rights violations perpetrated by the US immigration detention and deportation apparatus. DWN champions the cause of human rights for all people regardless of immigration status. Twitter: @DetentionWatch
Top Ten Largest U.S. Immigrant Groups, 2016

- Mexico
- Other
- China
- Cuba
- Dominican Republic
- El Salvador
- Guatemala
- India
- Korea
- Philippines
- Vietnam

Migration Policy Institute (MPI) Data Hub
http://migrationpolicy.org/programs/data-hub
language barriers affect child health

- 65 million people (22% of the population) in the U.S. speak a non-English language at home
- language problems were the #1 barrier to child health services per Latino parents
- language challenges increase medical errors due to misdiagnoses/misunderstandings of orders

language and health education tool

- topics discussed by Latina pediatricians in Spanish
- over 30 podcasts; about 15 minutes each
- new content weekly
- free
- Facebook/Instagram @LasDoctorasRecomiendan
- Twitter @DoctorasPodcast
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From the Provider

Un podcast para padres latinos hecho por pediatras latinas y respaldado por la Academia Americana de Pediatria. Únase a nuestra comunidad para enterarse de las últimas recomendaciones de salud infantil. Los episodios salen todas las semanas por SoundCloud, por iTunes, y por Google Play Music.

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Description
A podcast for Latino parents made by Latino pediatricians and supported by the American Academy of Pediatrics. Join our community to learn about the latest recommendations for children’s health. The episodes come out every week on SoundCloud, on iTunes, and on Google Play Music.

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Leyes de Inmigración
Lo que toda familia inmigrante debe saber

Nutrición de los adolescentes: mitos y realidades

Verify your email to write comments.
child refugees

- now 25.4 million refugees worldwide; 52% are children
- U.S. has resettled more refugees/refugee children than any other country
- President/Congress set annual refugee admissions by region of origin
- 2017 U.S. ceiling halved to 50,000; FY2019 proposal is to ↓ to 30,000 people

electronic health record tool

- EPIC SmartSets with SmartText templates for refugee clinic visits
- created by CDC + 13 institutions; already piloted
- AAP COCP Immigrant Health SIG members revising for immigrants

https://cds.ahrq.gov/cdsconnect/artifact/refugee-health-decision-support
@FNAME@ @LNAME@ is a @AGE@ @SEX@ refugee from {Nationality:27346} born in {Birth country:27348} arrived from {Country of Departure:27349} with past medical history significant for *** who presents for initial Domestic Medical Exam. @CAPHE@ is accompanied by @HIS@
mother/father/sisters/brothers/children:22642}.

**Top Concerns Today:**
- ***
- ***

**Refugee History**

**Overseas Medical Exam & Pre-departure Treatment:**
{Refugee OME abstracted:23846:"Reviewed and abstracted into Epic"}

**Pre-Arrival History:**
{If not yet complete, please go to the Social History Section and use: .REFUGEMIGRATIONHISTORY to document the migration history if available. Use Ctrl+Shift+M to return to the Progress Note.} @SOCDOC@

**Past Medical History:**

**Birth History:**
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**Medical History:**
{Refugee Medical History (Add to Problem List as Applicable):23848:"Routine medical care"}

**Mental Health History:**
***

**Accidents/Injuries:**
***

**Surgical History:**
{Refugee Surgical History:23849:"None"}
Immigrant Child Health Toolkit

Background
Key Facts
Clinical Care
Immigration Status FAQs
Access to Health Care and Public Benefits
Mental and Emotional Health
State Legal Resources for Immigrant Children and Families
AAP Advocacy
Deportation: What Comes Next? Webinar presenters:
Daniel Nouisiel, MD, MPH, FAAP and Kelly Kresier, MD, MPH, FAAP
Moderator: Julie Linton, MD, FAAP

After viewing the recording, please complete the evaluation.

To obtain CME and MOC part 2 credits you will need to complete this assessment.
SCHOOL-BASED SUPPORTS FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES WHO HAVE IMMIGRATED

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Education Access

1982 Supreme Court case *Plyler vs. Doe*: Undocumented children have the same right to attend public primary and secondary school as US citizens.
English Language Learners in Public Schools

Figure 1. Percentage of public school students who were English language learners, by state: Fall 2015

U.S. average: 9.5 percent

Source: https://nces.ed.gov/programs/coe/indicator_cgf.asp
Education Challenges

- Enrollment
- Speech and language delay
  - Lack of early childhood education, early literacy exposure
- English as a Second Language (ESL)/English Language Learners (ELL)
- Appropriate grade placement
- Psychoeducational evaluations
- Bullying
- Academic mismatch
  - New language
  - New curriculum
  - New school system
  - New culture
  - New peers
- Spending more years in high school than peers the same age
- College access
Language Access

Information for Limited English Proficient (LEP) Parents and Guardians and for Schools and School Districts that Communicate with Them

Source: https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/dcl-factsheet-lep-parents-201501.pdf
Language Access

- Schools must:
  - Identify and assess all potential English learning students - Screening test to determine ESL/ELL eligibility and placement
  - Provide language assistance and translation services and communicate all school materials in the parental language
  - Staff and support an EL program
  - Provide access to all curricular and extracurricular activities
  - Avoid unnecessary segregation of EL students

Source: https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/dcl-factsheet-el-students-201501.pdf
Family Support

- Access
- Integration
- Referrals
- Does your city or school district have a Welcome Center?

Source: https://dcps.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/dcps/service_content/attachments/LAD%20Brochure.pdf
Family Reunification

After the separation process, many families manage to reunify. Successful reunification will require a deep and clear understanding of what this process means for both parents and the children.

YOUR CHILD IS GOING TO NEED TIME TO ADAPT. WITH LOVE, PATIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING WE CAN MAKE THIS PROCESS A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE!

SCAN
Building hope for children & families in Northern Virginia

www.scanva.org

Learn more online at www.scanva.org
Enrolls youth in a 5 module curriculum

Goals: Increase wellness and resiliency amongst the students, and access to mental health services

Methods: Administration of Patient Symptom Checklist-17 (PSC-17) and Resiliency Scale-14 pre and post program participation

Results: Significant decrease in PSC-17 scores
Internationals Network Schools

Source: http://internationalsnps.org/schools/
School-Based Health Programs

- School-Based Mental Health Programs
  - Integrated within the school setting
  - Partnerships with Department of Behavioral Health and/or medical centers

- School-Based Health Centers
  - Over 2,000 centers nationwide
  - Services may include: primary medical care, mental/behavioral health care, dental/oral health care, health education and promotion, substance abuse counseling, case management, nutrition education
  - Meet youth where they are – in school
2013-14 Census Report of School-Based Health Centers

Source: https://www.sbh4all.org/school-health-care/national-census-of-school-based-health-centers/
Putting It All Together for Educational Success

http://aapdc.org/toolkit/immigranthealth/
MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIP

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We're helping to build an integrated health care system that better addresses health-harming social needs by leveraging **legal services** and **expertise** to advance individual and population health.

Medical-legal partnerships integrate the unique expertise of lawyers into health care settings to help clinicians, case managers, and social workers address structural problems at the root of so many health inequities.
Hundreds of the nation’s leading health organizations recognize the importance of leveraging legal expertise and services to address their communities’ health-related social needs.

- 121 General Hospitals & Health Systems
- 33 Children’s Hospitals
- 98 HRSA-Funded Health Centers
- 56 Other Healthcare Sites
- 25 Veterans Affairs Medical Centers
MLP Activities

- Train clinicians and other health care staff, including trainees, about patients’ basic legal rights;
- Help set up systems to screen for and respond to health-harming legal needs;
- “Treat” patients;
- Transform clinical practice; and
- Engage in policy and legislative advocacy with an eye toward improving population health.
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SUPPORTING RESILIENCE FOR IMMIGRANT CHILDREN

We believe that all children deserve healthcare and justice. As a nationally-recognized medical-legal partnership, we work to facilitate access to medical care and enhance the role of medicine and mental health in legal services. By promoting the well-being of immigrant children through direct services and advocacy, we seek to strengthen local communities and inform public policy. Terra Firma aspires to empower immigrant children to develop resilience, attain stability, and reach their full potential.
The Community Advocacy Program (CAP), a medical-legal partnership, improves health outcomes for low-income vulnerable individuals and families including children, pregnant women, Spanish-speakers, immigrants, the elderly, and formerly incarcerated people.

CAP pairs legal and medical professionals to improve community health. Doctors, nurses, social workers, and other providers from The MetroHealth System team with lawyers and a paralegal from The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland to overcome legal barriers to patient health.

CAP accepts referrals from Main Campus pediatrics, McCafferty, Broadway family practice, Broadway ReEntry Clinic, Buckeye pediatrics, the School Health Program, and for Medicare ACO patients. MetroHealth providers at other sites may refer patients to Legal Aid at 1-888-817-5777.

Making A Referral In EPIC

If you are at a site with a CAP attorney, make a referral by:
1. In the EPIC Order screen, search for "CAP101" or "Legal"
2. Select "Referral to the Community Advocacy Program"
3. Click on "Consultation"
4. Go to "Schedule Instructions" (you will have to scroll down to get to this box)
5. Press F2 and choose the applicable drop-downs
6. When the order prints out, please show the patient the CAP referral and circle the CAP contact phone number for the patient to call.

For questions about CAP, please contact Katie Feldman, Esq. at 216.851.5142 or kfeldman@metrohealth.org.

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Community Advocacy Program:
A medical-legal partnership
Providing legal help for MetroHealth patients
MLP Activities

- Train clinicians and other health care staff, including trainees, about patients’ basic legal rights;
- Help set up systems to screen for and respond to health-harming legal needs;
- “Treat” patients;
- **Transform clinical practice**; and
- Engage in policy and legislative advocacy with an eye toward improving population health.
Family Preparedness Plan

https://www.bmc.org/programs/center-family-navigation-and-community-health-promotion/resources

Family Preparedness Plan
Facilitator’s Guide
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AAP Statement Opposing the Border Security and Immigration Reform Act

6/15/2018 by: Colleen Kraft, MD, MBA, FAAP, President, American Academy of Pediatrics

“The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) strongly opposes the Border Security and Immigration Reform Act, which was released by the U.S. House of Representatives leadership today. Instead of putting children first by ending the harmful policy of family separation at the border once and for all, this legislation strips children of protections designed for their safety and well-being and exposes more children, not fewer, to detention, including long-term detention. Pediatricians have repeatedly spoken out against the detention of immigrant children; this legislation is not the answer and puts children at greater risk of harm.”
Amer Acad Pediatrics @AmerAcadPeds · 18h

The US is warehousing 14,300 migrant toddlers, children and teens in detention centers and residential facilities, @AP reports. The AAP opposes the detention of children, who can suffer toxic stress and other long-term health impacts.

'A moral disaster': AP reveals scope of migrant kids program

Decades after the U.S. stopped institutionalizing kids because large and crowded orphanages were causing lasting trauma, it is happening again. T...

seattlepi.com
"Dear Secretary Nielsen and Commissioner McAleenan:

...Many of our organizations have sought to provide expert advice to the federal government, including your agency, about how to best care for and treat immigrant children and pregnant women in your custody.

That offer still stands."

AAP and 13 medical organizations in a letter to the Department of Homeland Security and Customs and Border Protection

American Academy of Pediatrics
Dedicated to the health of all children
A Dream Deferred: Ending DACA Threatens Children, Families, and Communities

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What happens to a dream deferred? Does it dry up like a raisin in the sun?… Or does it explode?  

Langston Hughes

On June 15, 2012, the Obama administration issued a memorandum providing protection from deportation for a group of immigrant adolescents and young adults who were brought as children to the United States without authorization. This memorandum, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), has to date protected nearly 800,000 of the 1.9 million potentially eligible individuals (Table 1), including...
Title VI: LEP Parental Communications: Cleveland Metropolitan School District (OH) OCR Complaint No. 15-08-1276

On September 15, 2011, OCR resolved a complaint against the Cleveland Metropolitan School District, Ohio. The complaint alleged that the District failed to provide limited-English proficient national origin minority (LEP) parents of District students with information concerning activities and other school-related matters in a language that they could understand, in violation of Title VI. The complaint also alleged the District failed to provide information to the LEP parents of a student related to his proposed expulsion in a language that they could understand, in violation of Title VI. Under Title VI, the District has an obligation to ensure “meaningful access” to its programs and activities to LEP parents. Specifically, under Title VI, the District has an obligation to “adequately notify” national origin-minority
By Patrick O'Donnell, The Plain Dealer, paodonnell@plaid.com

CLEVELAND, Ohio -- The Cleveland school district will start doing more to communicate with parents who speak little English as part of a settlement reached with the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights.

The district agreed to translate more of its written materials for parents who have limited English ability and provide more translation help, according to the settlement. School officials also will keep track of which parents need help with English to make sure those services are available to them.
Much rides on graduation for Latino high school students -- Henry Ng and Megan L. Sprecher

By Plain Deals

MetroHealth Division of Health for the Hispanic Child addresses the psychological and social needs of Cleveland's Latino youth. This

Esperanza Inc., the district has increased its efforts to better serve Latino students. This school year, the district also created its first Limited English Proficiency Assistance Plan to provide necessary interpreting and translating services to parents who need help. The

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Dr. Henry Ng is clinical director of MetroHealth's Health Services for Hispanic Children and Adolescents and PRIDE Clinic, assistant program director for MetroHealth's Center for Internal Medicine and Pediatrics, assistant professor at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine and president-elect of the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association: Health Professionals Advancing LGBT Equality. Megan L. Sprecher is project leader of The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland's Community Advocacy Program, a medical-legal partnership with MetroHealth.
Medical-Legal Partnership Update
July 18, 2018

LegalHealth plays key role in NY law allowing immigrant parents to designate a standby guardian for their children.
IMMI: RESOURCES FOR IMMIGRANT PATIENTS & COMMUNITIES

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The Immigration Advocates Network (IAN) is a collaborative effort of leading immigrant rights organizations designed to increase access to justice for immigrants and strengthen the capacity of organizations serving them.
Introduction: Immi’s Goals

Empower every community.

1 in 10 undocumented immigrants are eligible for legal status, right now.
Introduction: Immi’s Goals

• Provide quality, trustworthy, plain-language legal information
• Help people be informed consumers of legal services, and avoid fraud
• Help immigrants understand their rights and legal options
• Leverage limited resources for community education and legal screening
• Connect people to nonprofit immigration legal services
• Help clients prepare to work with lawyers and DOJ reps
Mobile Responsive Design

- Mobile Responsive
- Send results to phone or email for easy reference
- No app to download, just go to immi.org
immi.org Tools

- Screening tool: https://www.immi.org/home/prescreening
- Find Legal Help near you: https://www.immi.org/info/FindLegalHelp
- Learning Center: https://www.immi.org/info/LearningCenter
- Make A Plan: https://www.immi.org/Home/make_a_plan
- Online Support
Immigration Paths Quiz

- Series of general questions
- Moves through immigration options, as tracked on the progress bar along the left (desktop) or top (mobile/tablet)
- Interview narrows questions depending on the person’s answers
- Contextual help and alerts are available throughout the interview
Immigration Paths Quiz

The interview asks to look for option of:

- Family-based immigration
- Humanitarian options (asylum, TPS, SIJS)
- U or T visas for victims of crime or trafficking
- VAWA for abused family of citizens and green card holders
- Updated DACA

and common risks when applying for immigration benefits.
How immi Protects Privacy

• The interview collects all the answers anonymously

• No personally identifiable information is associated with user’s answers
At the End of the Interview

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Your Results

Click on the card(s) below for ways to stay, or how to plan for the future. The information is based on your answers. To save these results, scroll down to "send me my results."

Steps to Stay

Asylum
Asylum protects people who are afraid to return to their home countries. It is often granted to people who have experienced harm because of who they are or what they believe.

Family Based
U.S. citizens and green card holders (permanent residents) can apply for their spouses, minor children, and parents to become legal residents here. This is called family-based immigration.

Send me my results

Submit

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Enter email address or mobile phone number

Help

Important: If you do not want to receive important updates about the immigration law and how to get involved, your email or phone number will not be associated with your answers to the interview or your results.
At the End of the Interview
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**Reasons you Might Qualify**

You answered that:
- You have an adult brother or sister who is a U.S. citizen.
- Your mother is a permanent resident (green card holder).

**Questions about Your Eligibility**

There are some risks to your application. Before you apply, ask a legal advocate:
- If your first entry in 2005, undocumented and not at a checkpoint, affects your case.
- If your presence in the U.S. since you first entered 2005 helps your case.

**Get More Answers**

Some information is missing. Before you apply, find out:
- If your mother already filed a petition for you.

**Next Steps**

1. Review your results.
2. If you were not sure about your answers, get more information and take the interview again.
3. Go to the Learning Center to understand more about your options, your rights, how to work with a legal advocate, and more.
4. Organize important documents.
5. Find free forms and more information on the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services website: [https://www.uscis.gov/forms](https://www.uscis.gov/forms).
6. If you need legal help, enter your zip code below to search the legal services directory.
Learning Center

Topics include:

• Know Your Rights
• How to Get Good Legal Help
• Types of Immigration Status
• Enforcement News and Information
• Glossary
Reunite Families

The Trump Administration separated families at the border. These are resources and strategies to help parents and children find each other.

Contact the U.S. Government

Call the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) Parent Hotline. Provide your child’s name, date of birth, and country of origin. It helps if you know your child’s Alien Registration Number (“A number”). One phone number is for parents who are detained, and the other is for parents who are not detained:

- If you are detained by ICE, and separated from your child at the border, call 899# from inside the detention center.
- If you are not in ICE detention, call (800) 203-7001. (If you are undocumented and afraid to call, find an advocate, documented friend, or lawyer to help.)
Detention Center Legal Help

Search by State and location

- Non-profit organizations
- Attorneys and Department of Justice (DOJ) representatives
Make A Plan

- **Emergency Plan:**
  - Information to protect yourself and your family in case of arrest, detention, or deportation

- **Provides information and assistance about:**
  - You and your family
  - Childcare
  - Adults under your care

- **Helps you:**
  - Manage your property, debts, and accounts
  - Explore your immigration options
  - Know your rights
Make A Plan Benefits

- Simple and easy to use
- Short/does not take too much of your time
- Private
- Bilingual (English/Spanish)
- Results are emailed to you or sent via text
- Helps you stay informed & be prepared in case of detention or removal

Note: Keep it in a safe place. Share it with trusted friends and relatives.
Increase Your Impact

Share with your communities. Immi is always free and available on any device.
- Share via email or social media (through your projects)
- Add a link to immi.org on your website
- Order and share KYR cards at information desks and through community education
- Spread the word at staff meetings, lectures, and other places that your colleagues gather
- Invite us to present @ info@immi.org
Empower your communities

Everyone can make a difference; no amount of help is too small.

Be part of the solution
Visit www.immi.org/share
Add immi to your website

http://www.lapl.org/newamericans/citizenship
Screening for Immigration Relief Options and Connecting to Legal Resources

- Pilot in outpatient pediatric primary care center at Children’s National Health System
- 85% of center patients identify as Hispanic or Latino and many live in mixed immigration status families

Specific Aims:
- The purpose of this pilot study is to assist individuals in determining their eligibility for legal immigration protection and connect qualifying patients and family members to pro bono or affordable legal services. The health outcomes of immigrant patients and family members before and after being referred and connected to legal services will be compared.

Methods:
- Medical students will:
  - Offer assistance using online screening tool, www.immi.org, to all patients in waiting room
  - Provide referral to pro bono or affordable legal services in community if screening suggests patient/family member may be eligible for protected immigration status
  - Administer a brief survey that will collect information about the subject’s self-reported anxiety/stress levels regarding his/her immigration status pre and post connection to legal resources

Funding: Clinical Translational Science Award
Order free immi “know your rights” cards in English and Spanish at www.immi.org/order.
Get Involved: Stand With Immigrants

www.standwithimmigrants.org
Get Involved: Stand With Immigrants

Take the pledge to help protect the rights of immigrants and ensure fair treatment and due process for all.

“I STAND WITH IMMIGRANTS”

First Name* Last Name*

Email* Mobile phone

Zip code*

I'm interested in volunteering my time to help protect and promote the rights of immigrants in the United States.

Please check all that apply:
- I am a licensed attorney in good standing
- I am a paralegal or pro bono accredited representative
- I am a translator or interpreter
- I am a licensed social worker or mental health professional
- I am a health care provider
- I am an educator
- I work with immigrants and want to help
- I have other skills and expertise that I think would be valuable (please include more info in the comments field below)

Comments, ideas or other notes:

I am a member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA)

IMMIGRATION AND HEALTH CARE

INTRODUCTION

Many immigrant patients confuse their health care providers about their legal, medical, and financial concerns. This FAQ addresses some of the key questions that many patients often have about their medical providers, including providers' rights, patients' rights, and HIPAA and the Fourth Amendment. Note: this resource is free, but you must register and be approved by NLC to have access to this website.

RESOURCES

Health Care Toolkit
By: National Immigration Law Center (NILC) This toolkit provides information on the wide range of immigration issues relevant to health care providers, including providers' rights, patients' rights, and HIPAA and the Fourth Amendment. Note: this resource is free, but you must register and be approved by NILC to have access to this website.

FAQ: Services to Immigrant Patients
By: California Health Advocates
This FAQ addresses some key questions that many patients often have about their health care providers, including providers' rights, patients' rights, and HIPAA and the Fourth Amendment. Note: this resource is free, but you must register and be approved by NILC to have access to this website.

Sample Immigration & Health Care Policies and Procedures
By: California Health Advocates
This document provides six sample policies and procedures on topics ranging from protected Health Information (PHI) to an Internal Protocol for interacting with immigration officials.
Additional Resources

Get the right tools today.

National Immigration Law Center’s Health Toolkit
healthtoolkit.nilc.org
(free with registration & approval)
Additional Resources

Know Your Rights as a Provider

1. Health Care Providers and Immigration Enforcement: Know Your Rights, Know Your Patients’ Rights
2. Quick guide to HIPAA, Fourth Amendment Law, and the Sensitive Locations Memos
3. Guide to Protecting your Patients from Immigration Enforcement Actions
5. Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) Sensitive Locations Memo (2013)
8. Q&A: DHS Implementation of the Executive Order on Border Security and Immigration Enforcement (Q28)
9. Confirmation that Sensitive Locations Memo Remain in Place
10. When Does the Privacy Rule Allow Covered Entities to Disclose Protected Health Information to Law Enforcement Officials?

Know Your Patients’ Rights

1. Trump’s Executive Orders and Immigrants’ Access to Health, Food, and Other Public Programs
2. Know Your Rights: Is It Safe to Apply for Health Insurance or Seek Health Care?
3. Checklist for Creating a Health-conscious Personal Safety Plan
4. KYR: Everyone has Certain Basic Rights No Matter Who is President
5. Know Your Rights Card
6. Locating Legal Help
7. Samples of Judicial and Administrative Warrants
8. ILRC Family Preparedness Plan

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CaliforniaHealth+ Advocates: Immigrant Resources

capca.nationbuilder.com
New York Lawyers for the Public Interest
Guidance to Nonprofits Regarding Immigration Enforcement

What are sensitive locations?

Immigration enforcement actions generally are not to occur at sensitive locations, such as:

- Hospitals
- Schools (all levels from preschool through college, also vocational and trade schools)
- Places of Worship
- Funerals
- Weddings
- Demonstrations

Public religious ceremonies, such as funerals
Public religious ceremonies, such as weddings
During a march, rally, parade or other public demonstration

CLINIC Legal
Contact Us

For questions, training requests, and other support contact us at info@immi.org
Join Us!

Join a community of over 7,000 advocates dedicated to protecting and promoting the rights of immigrants in the United States.

To learn more, visit

www.immigrationadvocates.org

twitter.com/immadvocates

facebook.com/immigrationadvocates
practice changes

- Review immigration toolkits and electronic medical record templates to improve your knowledge and efficiency in immigration clinics.

- Develop a clinic policy on how and when to ask about immigration status in a patient-centered manner that addresses privacy and confidentiality concerns.

- For those with language, education, immigration status, or deportation concerns, consider providing resources for use in the clinic, school, or home in the form of:
  - paper handouts with resource links
  - podcasts
  - software programs like immi.org

- Where available, offer referral for legal support for at-risk individuals.
Questions from participants?
upcoming presentations in our webinar series

March 13, 2019 noon CST
Understanding the Back Story: A Trauma-Informed Approach to Immigrant Families
Brad Berman MD and Minal Giri MD

June 20, 2019 (World Refugee Day)
Pediatric Medical Forensic Evaluations for Immigrant & Refugee Children
Minal Giri MD, Sarah Messmer-Kurdziel MD, and Sural Shah MD, MPH
works cited


NILC.org 2018 Nov 19.


Medical-Legal Partnership Resources

- National Center for Medical-Legal Partnership, www.medical-legalpartnership.org
Organizations that Help Immigrants in the U.S.

List of organizations providing legal and humanitarian help to U.S. immigrants and refugees
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1-pF0L3MGnZUATTcVzs6UDhiYtXz-Kvqx2i6JRxbc1Q/edit - gid=0

Informed Immigrant is a resource for undocumented immigrants in the United States. It's updated regularly with information from other organizations like the National Immigration Law Center and the American Civil Liberties Union. Informed Immigrant also helps connect undocumented immigrants with professionals like lawyers and social workers eager to help.

FWD.US is dedicated to fixing America’s broken immigration system through a grassroots movement dedicated to legislative reform. FWD has local chapters in cities across America, helps match you with your legislators, and provides scripts to make your phone calls less daunting. Twitter: @FWD_us

National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (NNIRR) has been working with diverse immigrant and refugee communities since 1986 to secure human rights for all people. Advocating, building coalitions with other organizations that help immigrants, providing safe spaces and education, and organizing in defense of immigrants are just some of the actions NNIRR has taken in pursuit of protecting the human rights of all immigrants, regardless of their immigration status. Twitter: @NNIRRnetwork

Women’s Refugee Commission (WRC) Since 1989, the WRC has been providing solutions to the plight of women and youth caught in the cross-fire of conflict and crisis. Twitter: @WRCommission

Black Alliance for Just Immigration (BAJI) BAJI works to correct injustice through coalition building with other organizations that help immigrants, campaigns, and training partner org nationwide. BAJI also connects black-led organizations nationwide through its Black Immigration Network (BIN) to promote the policies and cultural changes necessary for America to adequately serve its black immigrants. Twitter: @BAJItweet

National Immigration Law Center (NILC) The NILC has been exclusively championing the rights of low-income immigrants since 1979. NILC has been fighting this fight for decades and is a significant provider of policies that directly help low-income immigrants flourish and succeed in the United States. NILC accomplishes all this through a combination of litigation, pushing for policy changes, and messaging. Twitter: @NILC_org

No More Deaths (NMD) Since 2004, NMD has been using direct action to intervene in the lives of migrants crossing the border into the US from Mexico in Southern Arizona. Twitter: @NoMoreDeaths

Asylum Seeker Advocacy Project (ASAP) ASAP has been providing rapid action in defense of refugee families at risk of deportation wrongfully. ASAP has helped refugees in over 25 states, maintains a private online community that’s provided aid to thousands, and has over 500 volunteers at its disposal nationwide. Twitter: @AsylumAdvocacy

Kids in Need of Defense (KIND) KIND connects children fleeing violence with lawyers, advocates for legislative changes to immigration laws that benefit these children, and helps reintegrate these kids in their home countries if it proves to be impossible for them to stay in the US. Most recently, KIND has launched The Voices That Matter Most project (VMM). VMM helps children put their experiences into words for the purpose of strengthening their ability to communicate, improve their self-esteem and sense of confidence, and so that these children may educate Americans at large about the importance of immigration reform. Twitter: @supportKIND

Detention Watch Network (DWN) DWN was founded in 1997 by the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc, The Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project, and Lutherans Immigration and Refugee Service for the explicit purpose of challenging America’s growing immigration detention complex. DWN works hard to document the human rights violations perpetrated by the US immigration detention and deportation apparatus. DWN champions the cause of human rights for all people regardless of immigration status. Twitter: @DetentionWatch
Organizations that Help Immigrants in the U.S. - cont.

American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) AILA has over 15,000 attorneys and law professors who operate in the arena of immigration law. AILA affiliates represent US citizens hoping to gain permanent residence for their close family members as well as U.S. businesses trying to hire potential immigrants. Members of AILA often provide pro-bono work. AILA also provides an immigration lawyer search. Twitter: @AILANational

Heartland Alliance’s National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC) For over three decades, NIJC has been growing nationwide chapters that provide policy advocacy, litigation, and public education in service of protecting the human rights of immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers. In conjunction with hundreds of lawyers who work pro bono. NIJC provides over 10,000 people with legal assistance every year. NIJC has successfully provided asylum for over 90% of those it’s helped. Twitter: @NIJC

Immigration Advocates Network (IAN) IAN hopes to streamline the efforts of those who defend the human rights of immigrants. This is done by facilitating discourse, collaboration, and services across different organizations that help immigrants in the US using free tools and resources that are found on the IAN website. IAN’s website is a resource-rich destination for anyone interested in immigration policy reform. Twitter: @ImmAdvocates

Catholic Legal Immigration Network (CLINIC) CLINIC advocates for the human rights of immigrants in conjunction with other Catholic and local organizations that help immigrants. One of the services CLINIC offers is pro bono legal representation for immigrants who are faced with the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA). Since 2001, BIA has reviewed over 7,200 appeals cases. CLINIC found that cases that made use of their representation were 4 times more likely to get a favorable outcome before the BIA. Twitter: @CLINIClegal

National Domestic Workers Alliance (NDWA) The NDWA is working tirelessly to maintain the human rights of many of domestic workers. Toward this end, the NDWA has contributed workshops, legal advocacy, coalitions at all levels of government, and pushed for a cultural shift that will acknowledge the true worth of one of America’s most historically undervalued occupations. Twitter: @NDWA

Define American Define American seeks to use media to challenge outdated conceptions of US citizenship. In its place, Define American provides a more inclusive and humane model of US identity. One of Define Americans recurring campaigns comes during graduation season when the organization amplifies the stories of undocumented immigrants who’ve recently graduated. Twitter: @DefineAmerican

The National Coalition for Latinxs with Disabilities (CNLD) CNLD was formed in 2016 to provide a space where the intersection of LatinX and Disabled can physically meet just as they do when embodied in the lives of Disabled Latinxs. The organization provides scholarship, community, resources, and advocacy for Latinxs with disabilities. Twitter: @disabledlatinx

Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS) Since its inceptions over 130 years ago, HIAS has provided assistance to over 4.5 million people displaced by war, persecution, or violence. The organization has offices around the world. HIAS provides assistance to refugees and immigrants of all backgrounds. Twitter: @HIASrefugees

The Florence Project The Florence Project provides free legal services to people in immigration custody in Arizona. The US government doesn’t give people in immigration removal proceedings attorneys, which means that roughly 86% of detainees go unrepresented because of poverty. The Florence Project strives to correct this injustice. This is accomplished through direct service, community partnership, and advocacy. Twitter: @FlorenceProject

Puente Arizona Puente Movement, based in Phoenix, Arizona, is a grassroots movement dedicated to protecting the human rights of migrants. This is accomplished by strengthening migrant communities through development and education. Twitter: @PuenteAZ

Al Otro Lado Al Otro Lado is one of the Los Angelas based organizations that help immigrants that provides free legal services to deportees, migrants, and refugees in Tijuana, Mexico. While the majority of the services offered are immigration-based, Al Otro Lado also provides a diverse range of legal and non-legal assistance. Al Otro Lado also helps with reunification in those cases where it’s not possible to stay in the United States. Twitter: @alotrolado_org
Immigrant Defenders Law Center (ImmDeff) ImmDeff’s Adult Representation Project (ARP) is dedicated to providing representation and assistance to immigrants with mental disorders. ARP case managers provide assistance that extends beyond the courtroom, providing such services as referring them to social services, tutoring, and even role-playing scenarios so that they’re better equipped to help their attorneys defend them in court. ImmDeff also seeks to provide representation to immigrants who’ve committed low-level crimes such as shoplifting or non-violent drug possession. Twitter: @ImmDeff

Services Immigrant Rights & Education Network (SIREN) SIREN began as the Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights; they fought against anti-immigration initiatives in California. In 1998, they changed its name to SIREN after receiving funding. With those monies, SIREN offered the first multilingual information hotline in the county. SIREN continues to provide community education and organizing, leadership training, policy advocacy, and legal services to low-income immigrants and refugees. Twitter: @Siren_BayArea

Centro Legal de la Raza Since 1969, Centro Legal de la Raza has been a robust legal services agency defending the rights of immigrant, low income, and Latino communities. Centro Legal de la Raza has made justice accessible to thousands in Northern and Central Cali. Centro Legal de la Raza uses a three-pronged approach that combines education, advocacy, and legal services. Centro Legal de la Raza also offers an informational clinic the third Thursday of each month.

Center for Immigrant Advancement (CIMA) CIMA advocates for the rights of immigrants at the state, local, and national level. The organization also offers immigration law counseling, as well as educational seminars in a variety of fields like financial literacy and social services in Florida.

Americans for Immigrant Justice (AIJ) AIJ is a non-profit law firm that advocates on behalf of immigrants in Florida and on the national level. Since its founding in 1996, AIJ has been providing oversight for immigrant detention centers. With its Family Defense Program, which launched in January 2017, AIJ provides immigrants with information sessions about immigration law. AIJ also does one-on-one sessions to determine clients’ legal status eligibility. AIJ is the only non-profit in South Florida providing free legal services to children in immigration centers. Twitter: @Am4ImmJustice

Organized Communities Against Deportations (OCAD) OCAD is a grassroots movement led by undocumented citizens that fight for the rights of people of color and immigrants in Chicago and neighboring areas. Organizing, legal and policy work, civil disobedience, and coalition building are employed by OCAD. Twitter: @OCAD_Chi

Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition (MIRA) MIRA has over 130 organization partners, which makes it the biggest of all the organizations that help immigrants in New England fighting for immigrant rights and integration in New England. MIRA has secured millions to integrate immigrants and refugees and advocates fiercely for progressive policies at all levels of government. Twitter: @MiraCoalition

Michigan Immigrant Rights Center (MIRC) MIRC offers many services as the hub for legal aid for immigrants in Michigan. MIRC trains pro bono attorneys, educates communities, builds coalitions, tracks legislation, and much more. MIRC has offices in Ann Arbor, Grand Rapids, and Kalamazoo. Twitter: @MichImmigrant

Minnesota Immigrant Rights Action Committee (MIRAC) Since its inception in 2006, MIRAC is dedicated to organizing the immigrant population and its allies to defend the human rights of all. MIRAC’s volunteers provide "Know Your Rights" training upon request. MIRAC also campaigns to make Minneapolis into a Sanctuary City, which entails such tenants as free legal representation for all immigrants detained by ICE, municipal IDs, and a survey of Minneapolis data collection practices such that ICE has access to little information as possible. Twitter: @MIRACMN

The New Jersey Alliance for Immigrant Justice (NJAIJ) The NJAIJ is a coalition of organizations that help immigrants bound by membership and the shared goal of helping immigrants achieve economic, political, and social security in New Jersey. The NJAIJ website is an information portal designed to connect immigrants to the services they need. Additionally, NJAIJ advocates advancing immigrant-friendly policies. Twitter: @NJAIJ

RIF Asylum Support RIF offers services for asylum seekers out of New York City. This includes legal consultation, food, general information, and even professional and residential networking opportunities. RIF offers asylum seekers a paid fellowship in urban agriculture, which entails a six-month period of job readiness training, immersion in English, self-care, and community building. Twitter: @RIF_NYC
Organizations that Help Immigrants in the U.S. - cont.

Northern Manhattan Coalition for Immigrant Rights (NMCIR) Since 1982, NMCIR has been educating, defending, and protecting the rights of immigrants. NMCIR provides individual legal consultations and help filling out applications. NMCIR also offers a program that sees participants through the naturalization process from beginning to end. Twitter: @NMCIR

The New Sanctuary Coalition (NSC) The NSC is an immigrant-led alliance seeking to dismantle the inhumane immigrant deportation and detention apparatus in America. With over 500 members culled from New York’s various faith and social justice communities, the NSC has built a large accompaniment program that entails attending ICE check-ins and court hearings with immigrants. This provides witnesses, emotional support, and shows communities ties, which judges favor. NSC also provides pro bono legal services and a bond fund. Twitter: @NewSanctuaryNYC

The Bronx Defenders The Bronx Defenders provide legal representation, advocacy, and social work support for many groups including immigrants. The Bronx Defenders pioneered an approach they’ve termed "Holistic Defense," which takes a process-oriented approach to legal services. Instead of just starting and stopping in the courtroom, The Bronx Defenders help navigate everything that happens outside the legal framework. This means viewing each client as a whole person through an interdisciplinary lens. Twitter: @BronxDefenders

Make the Road NY (MTR) MTR has four core strategies. MTR provides legal and survival services, educates to empower community members, leads community organizing to tackle the systemic nature of discrimination, and issues policy prescriptions that provide the restorative justice necessary for lasting change. Twitter: @MakeTheRoadNY

Central Ohio Worker Center (COWC) COWC's goal is to create a coalition with immigrants and workers in Central Ohio. In doing so, COWC hopes to advance the rights of both groups as well as foster a culture of interdependence. Together, COWC believes both groups will more effectively be able to bargain for better wages and benefits, workplace protections, and a general respect for dignity. Twitter: @COWCenter

Immigrant & Refugee Community Organization (IRCO) For over 40 years, IRCO has been promoting the integration of refugees and immigrants. IRCO hopes to connect existing communities and immigrants to foster a greater sense of community. IRCO also provides employment and training, legal services, language services, and much more. Twitter: @IRCOnews

Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition (TIRRC) From its inception in 2003 to the present, TIRRC has become a model for organizations that help immigrants in the US. Its makeup is multiethnic and multigenerational, yielding coalition building, advocacy, and award-winning messaging. Twitter: @TNIimmigrant

Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services (RAICES) RAICES provides free and affordable legal services to immigrants and refugees in Texas since 1986. Twitter: @RAICESTexas

North Texas Dream Team (NTDT) The NTDT works with congressional and lawyer contacts to stop the deportation of undocumented immigrants who have done nothing to merit deportation. The NTDT does this using the END program, which has been used by other organizations that help immigrants in the US. Through social media, press conferences, and other media outlets, awareness is cultivated of particular cases so that communities can come together in opposition to an individual's deportation. This also helps connect individuals with lawyers. Twitter: @NorthTexasDream

Texas Civil Rights Project (TXRP) TXRP has dozens of attorneys and professionals across Texas working civil rights cases to dismantle Texas's systemic inequalities. Austin, Dallas, El Paso, Houston, and the Rio Grande Valley are among the areas from which TXRP culls its network. Twitter: @TXCivilRights

Texas Organizing Project (TOP) TOP brings together black and Latino communities across Dallas, Harris and Bexar counties to advance their rights. In the arena of immigration reform, TOP is one of the organizations that help immigrants that uses direct action to hold elected officials accountable. Twitter: @OrganizeTexas

UNHCR- USA UNHCR, The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, is a United Nations programme with the mandate to protect refugees, forcibly displaced communities and stateless people, and assist in their voluntary repatriation, local integration or resettlement to a third country. Twitter: @Refugees

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