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

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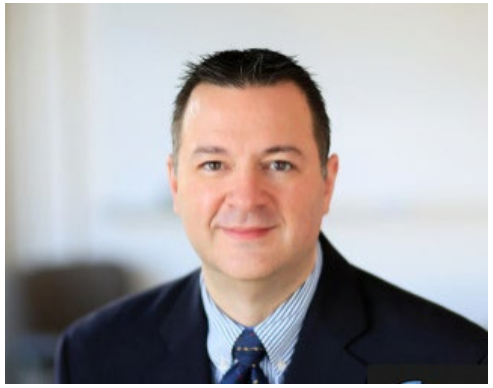

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learning objectives

- 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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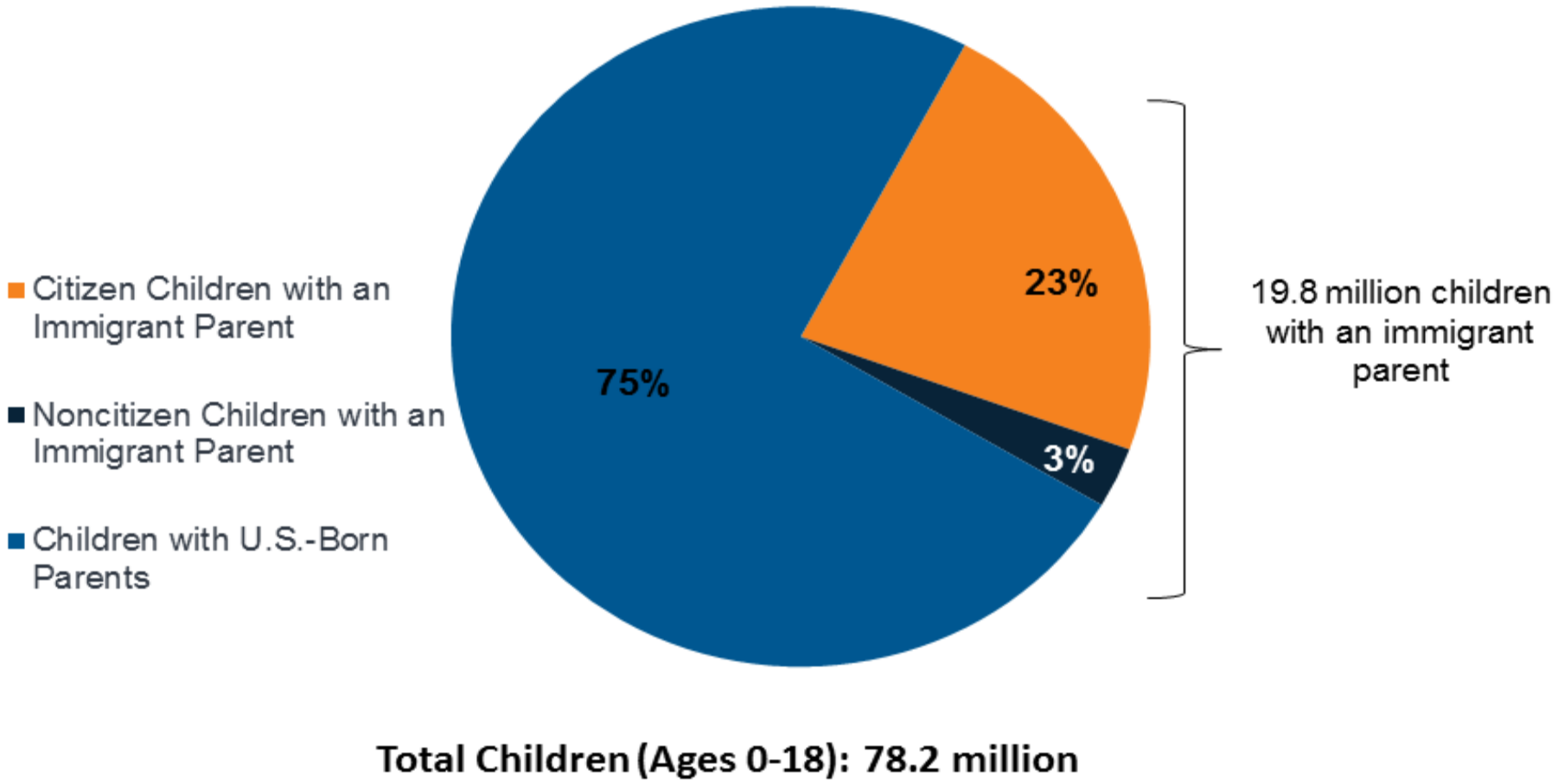
immigration affects children

- 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

Zong J et al; Migration Policy Institute. Migrationpolicy.org. Feb 2018. 2017 Current Population Survey (CPS). Urban Institute. Migrationpolicy.org Dec 2018. UNRefugees.org Dec 2018.

Figure 1

Children by Parental Immigration Status, 2016



Note: Percentages do not sum to 100% due to rounding.
Source: Kaiser Family Foundation analysis of March 2017 Current Population Survey, Annual Social and Economic Supplement.

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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 1º care)
- ACA excludes undocumented immigrants; select states have expanded coverage to them

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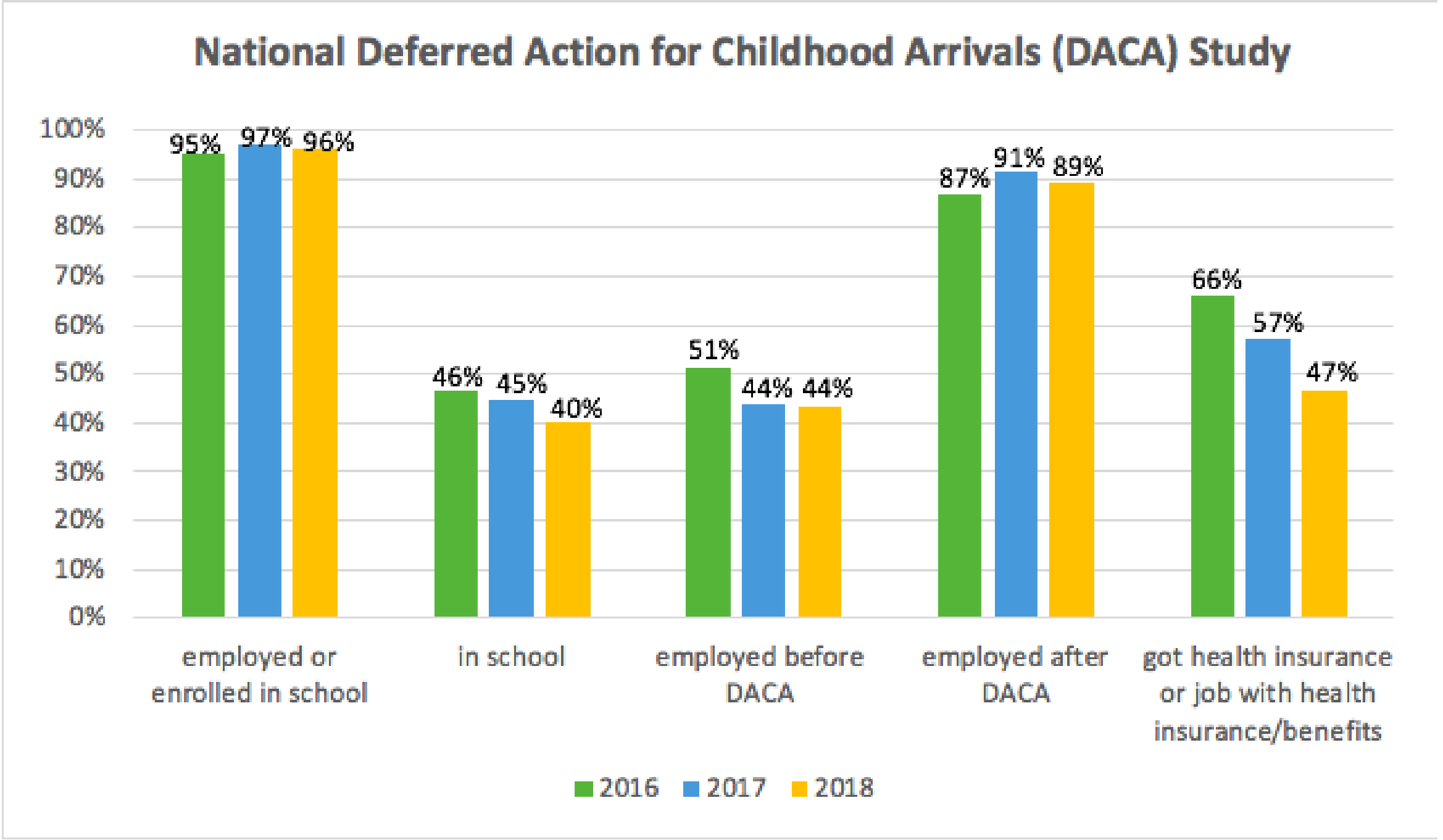

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immigration status impacts child health

- 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%

New Yorker. July 22, 2017.

Yoshikawa, 2011. Potochnick SR et al. J Nerv Ment Dis. 2010. Patler et al. Social Science & Med. 2018. Hainmueller J et al. Science. 2017.

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

Migrationpolicy.org Nov 2018. NILC.org, Jun 2018. Fu L. ProPublica Illinois. Sept 2, 2018.

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

Deferred Action for Children Arrivals (DACA) renewal instructions
https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/deferred-action-childhood-arrivals-response-january-2018-preliminary-injunction

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.
https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Humanitarian/Deferred%20Action%20for%20Childhood%20Arrivals/DACA_Toolkit_CP_072914.pdf

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://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarship-directory/special-attributes/refugee-immigrant
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.
https://www.jdsupra.com/legalnews/nios-a-guide-to-help-you-protect-your-64376/

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/0B0meYPOwZ9lmLWFoWkxxQS1yZ0k/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.
https://www.dropbox.com/s/yceinhuugiajql7/Returning%20Home_2019_English.pdf?dl=0

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

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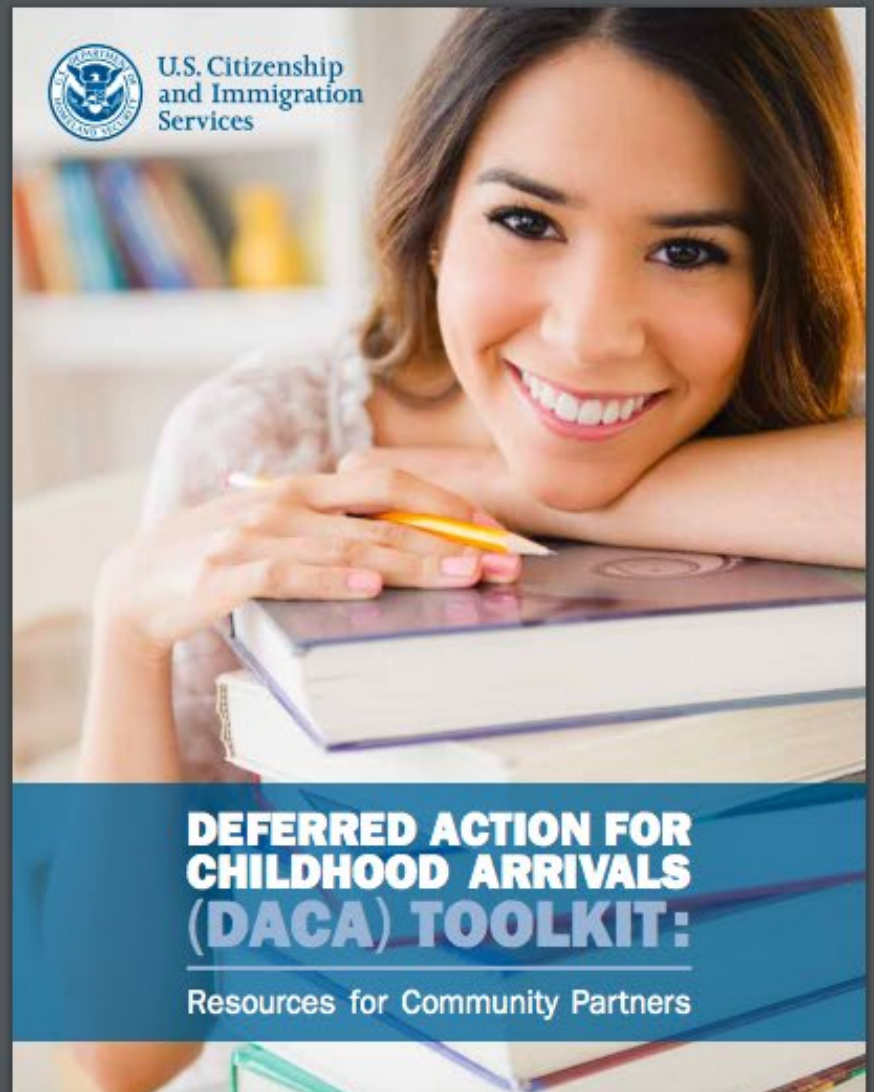

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https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarship-directory/special-attributes/refugee-immigrant

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Jeff Sein Kwan Yang Memorial Scholarship	$500	05/31/2019
Levin-Goffe Scholarship Fund	$25,000	05/31/2019
MALDEF Law School Scholarship Program	$5,000	01/17/2019
Red Thread Foundation Scholarship	$1,000	04/15/2019
The Esperanza Education Fund Scholarship	$20,000	04/01/2019
The Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowship For New Americans	$20,000	11/01/2019
The Western Union Foundation Family Scholarship Program	$5,000	05/25/2019

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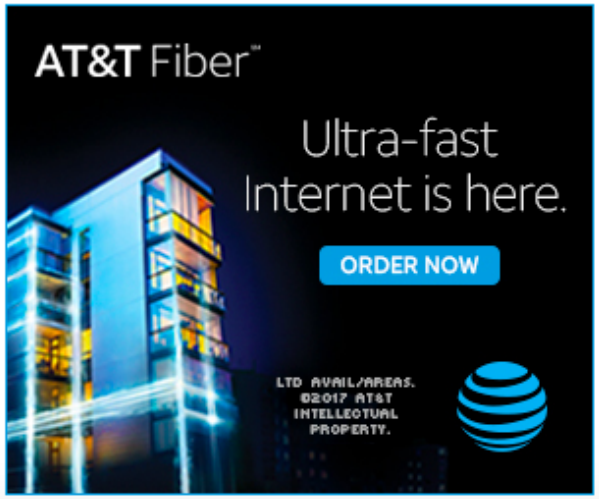

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A guide to help protect US-born children in the event their parents are detained or deported

Prepared by
J. Brent Helms
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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.

Things I like about living in the U.S.	Things I do not like about living in the U.S.
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.

These are three things that I am not sure yet if I like or do not like about living in the U.S.:

1._____

2._____

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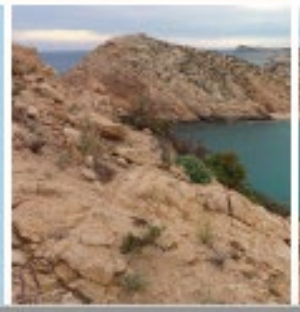
A Guide to the Challenges and Opportunities after Deportation



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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 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

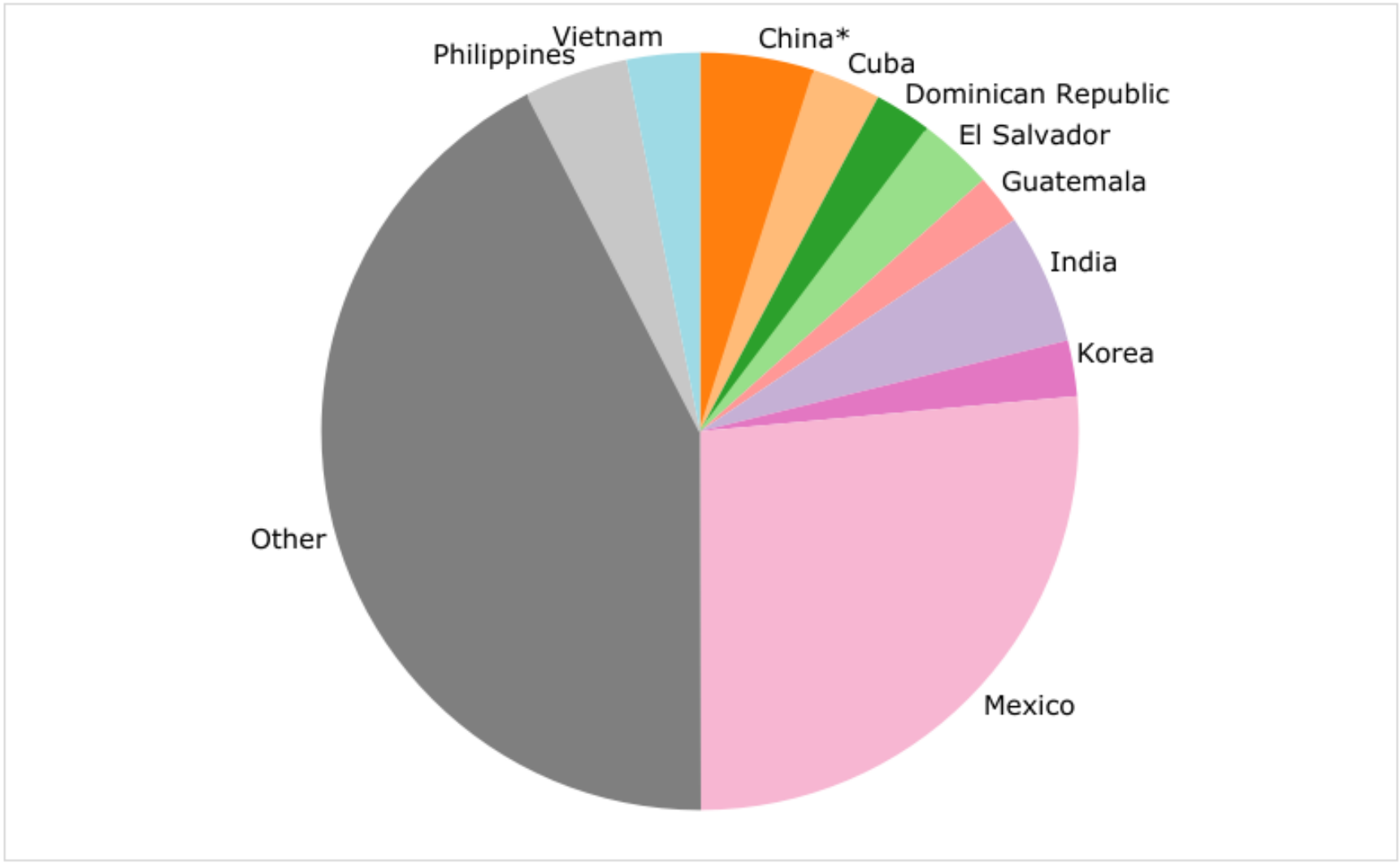
No More Deaths (NMD) Since 2004, NMD has been using direct action to intervene in the lives of migrants crossing the border into the US from Mexico in Southern Arizona. Twitter: @NoMoreDeaths

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



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

Migrationpolicy.org Nov 2018. Flores G, et al. Archives of Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine. 1998

language and health education tool

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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

UNHCR 2017. UNICEF 2016. Zong J et al; Migration Policy Institute. Feb 2018. Jacob Lawrence, "Migration Series", 1940-41.

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

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@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}.

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Refugee History

Overseas Medical Exam & Pre-departure Treatment:
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Pre-Arrival History:
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{Refugee Medical History (Add to Problem List as Applicable):23848::"Routine medical care"}

Mental Health History:
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Accidents/Injuries:
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Surgical History:
{Refugee Surgical History:23849::"None"}

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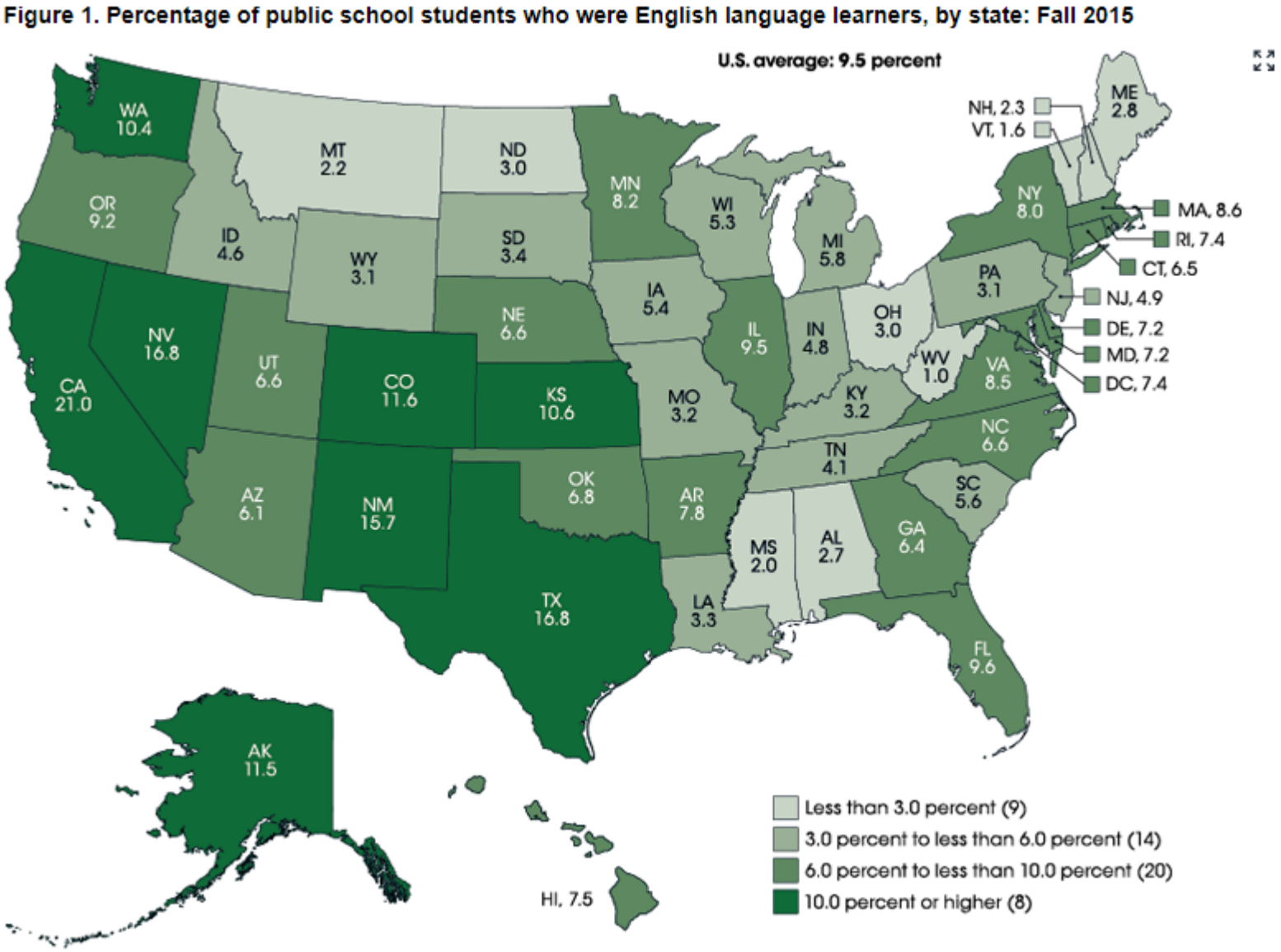
Education Access

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



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

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Office for Civil Rights

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?

Services

- Provides orientation and information to linguistically and culturally diverse families new to DCPS.
- Provides screening test to determine ESL eligibility and placement.
- Recommends age-appropriate grade placement.
- Evaluates foreign transcript for the purpose of awarding high school credits.
- Provides referrals to community-based resources.

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

Family Reunification

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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.

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Section on International Child Health Program

Implementation and Evaluation of the FUERTE (Family Reunification and Resiliency Training) Program for Recently-Immigrated Latino Adolescents

Holly Vo, John Luttrell, Peter Cooch, Heyman Oo, Eleana Coll, Amy Beck, Eleanor Chung

- 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

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Internationals Network Schools

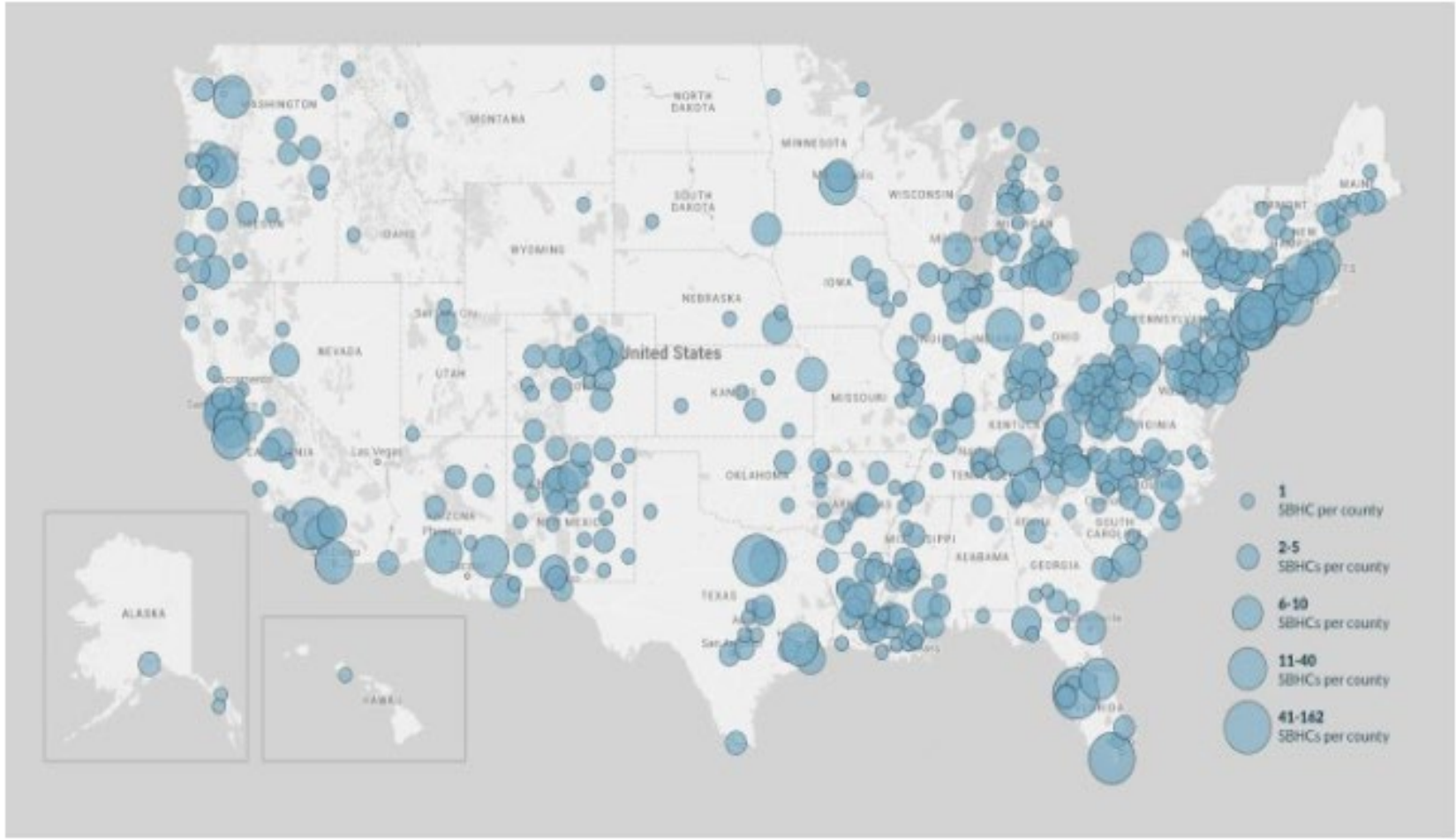
Source: http://internationalsnps.org/schools/

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



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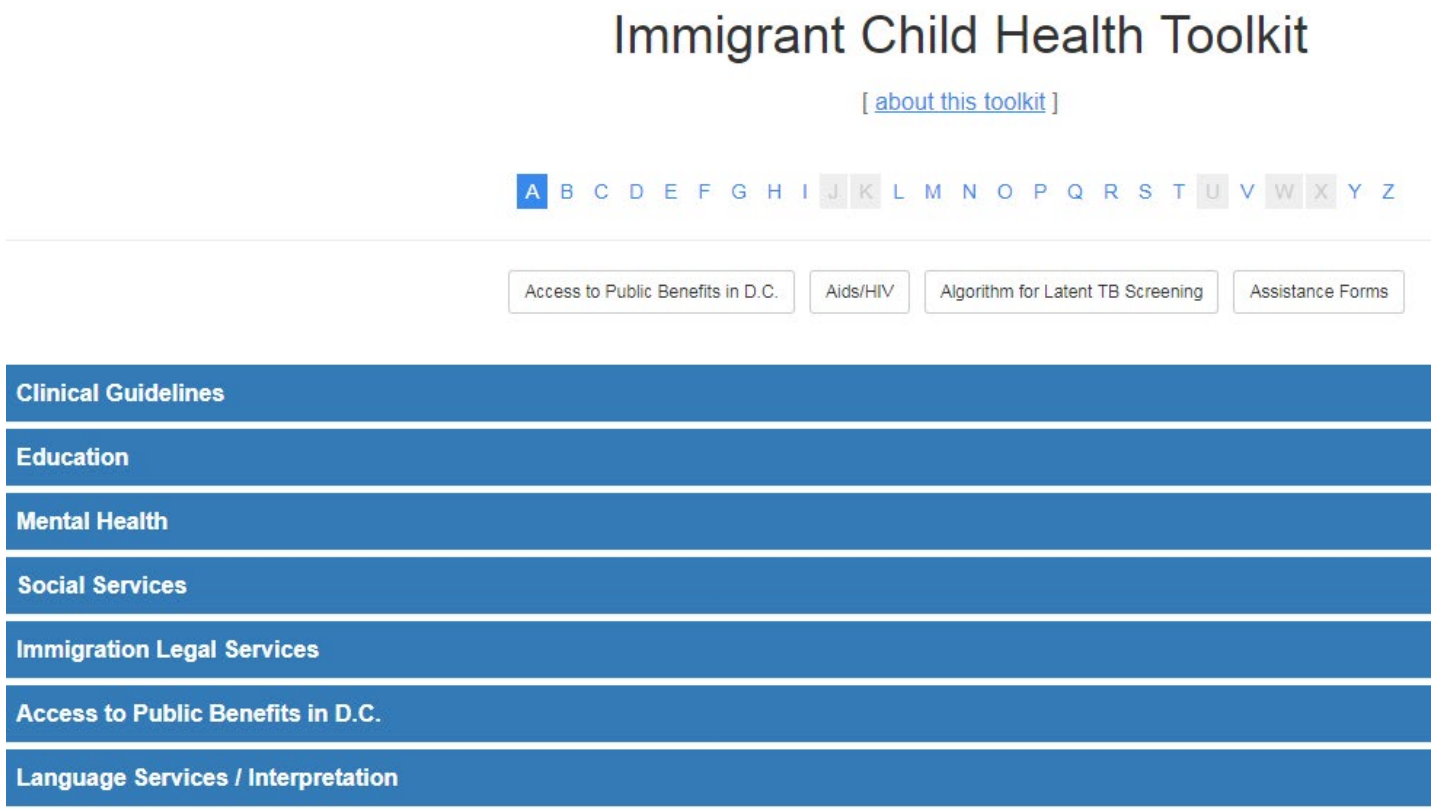
Putting It All Together for Educational Success



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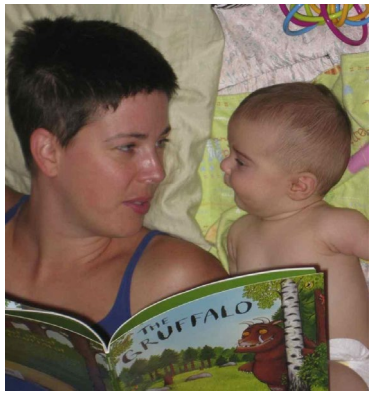

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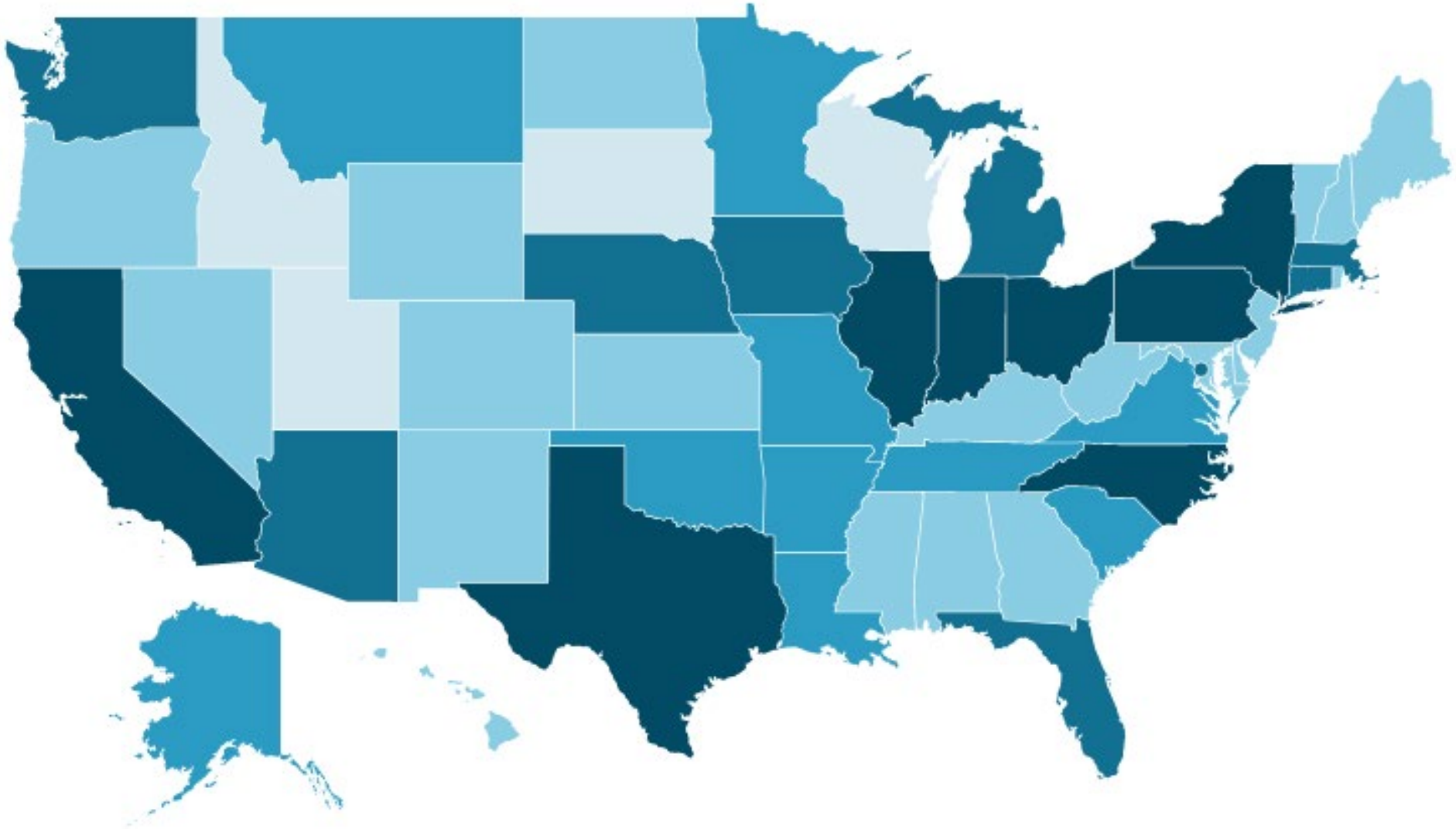

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CAP accepts referrals from Main Campus pediatrics, McCafferty, Broadway family practice, Broadway ReEntry Clinic, Buckeye pediatrics, the School Health Program, and for Medicare ACO patients. MetroHealth providers at other sites may refer patients to Legal Aid at 1-888-817-3777.

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.

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Family Preparedness Plan

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

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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.

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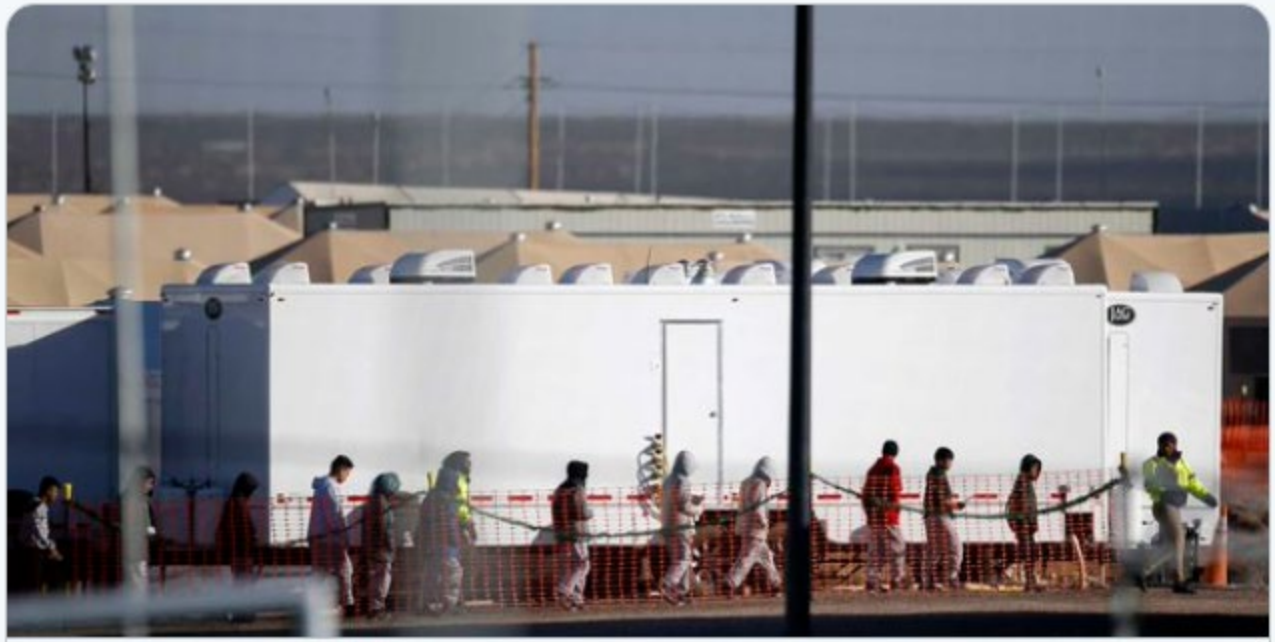
The US is warehousing 14,300 migrant toddlers, children and teens in detention centers and residential facilities, @AP reports. The AAP opposes the detention of children, who can suffer toxic stress and other long-term health impacts.



'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...

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"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
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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

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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

https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/investigations/15081276.html

By **Patrick O'Donnell, The Plain Dealer**, paodonnell@plaind.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 Cleveland school district has agreed to do more to communicate with parents who have limited English skills.

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

Posted Jun 17, 2012

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MetroHealth
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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 implen
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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

Randye Retkin of LegalHealth and Lynelle Bosworth of Greenberg Taurig

(right and left) directly behind Governor Andrew Cuomo

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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

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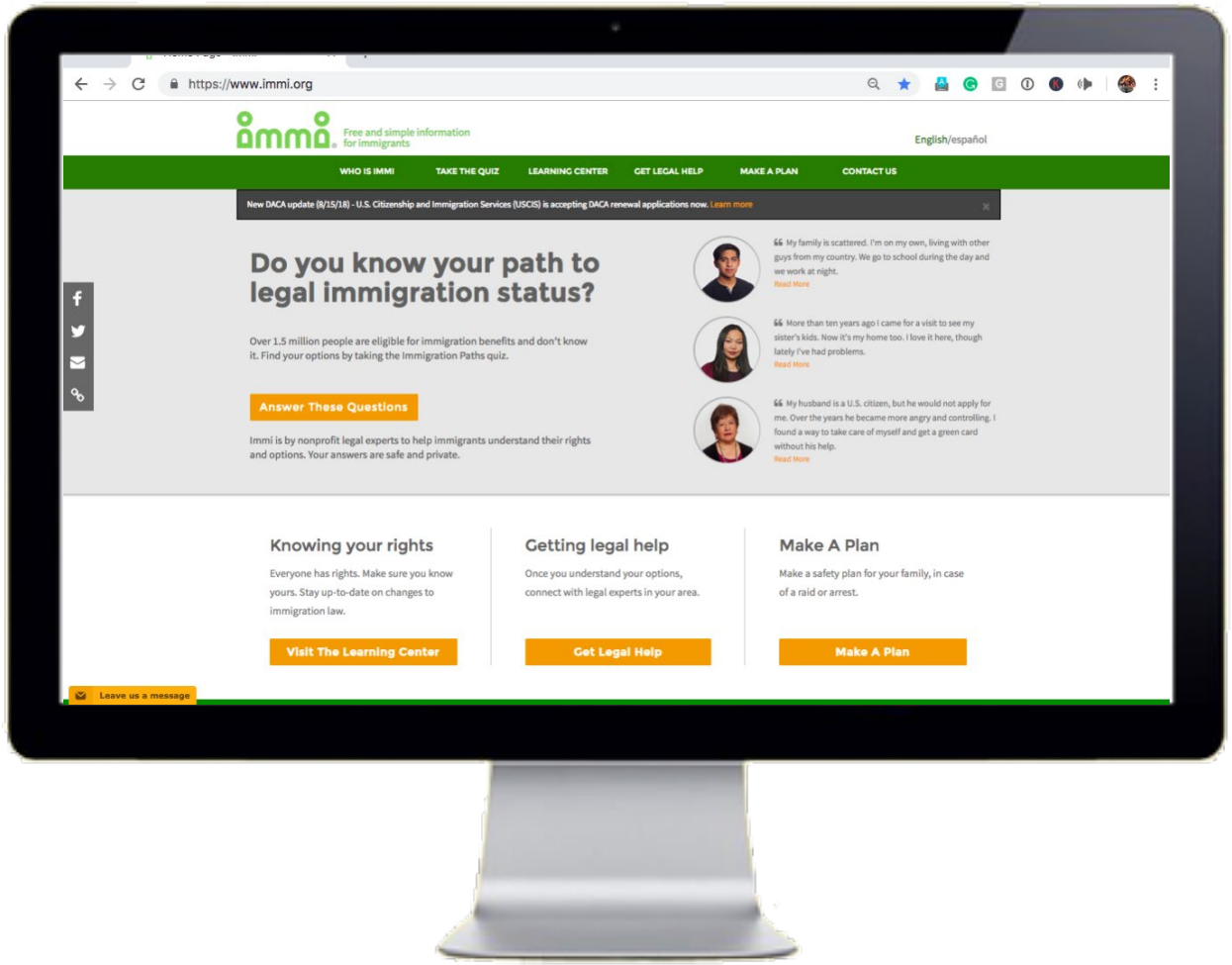
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My family is scattered. I'm on my own, living with other guys from my country. We go to school during the day and we work at night.
Read More
More than ten years ago I came for a visit to see my sister's kids. Now it's my home too. I love it here, though lately I've had problems.
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My husband is a U.S. citizen, but he would not apply for me. Over the years he became more angry and controlling. I found a way to take care of myself and get a green card without his help.
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Knowing your rights
Everyone has rights. Make sure you know yours. Stay up-to-date on changes to immigration law.
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- Mobile Responsive
- Send results to phone or email for easy reference
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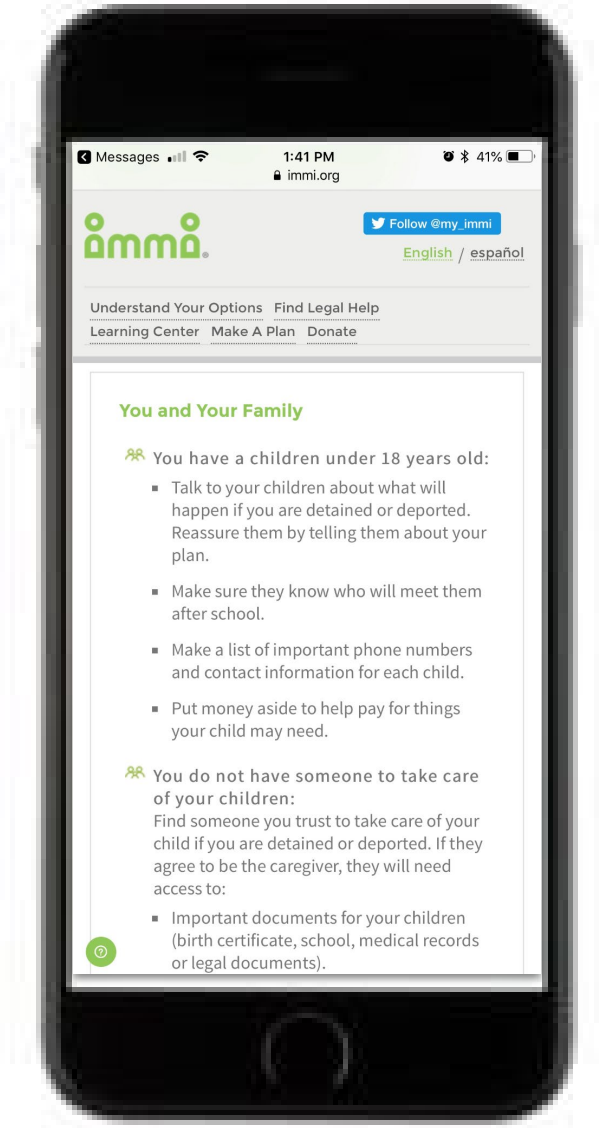
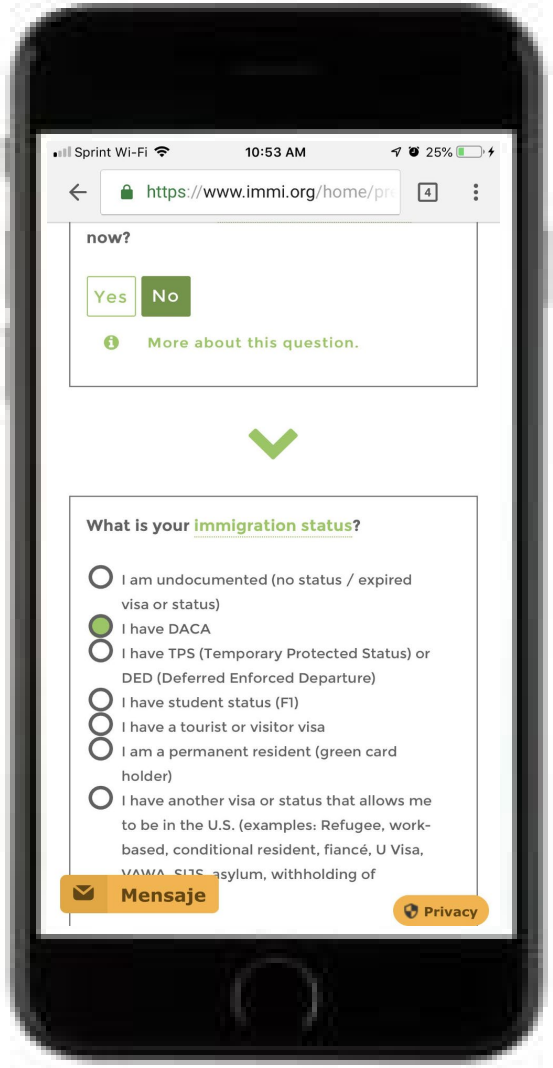


immi.org Tools

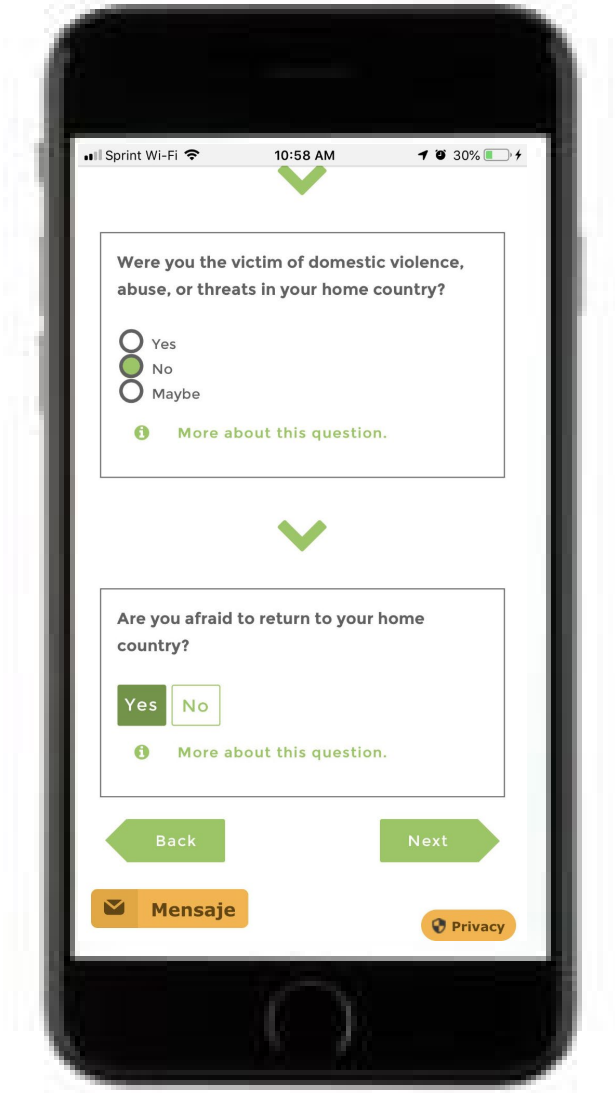
- Screening tool: https://www.immi.org/home/prescreening
- Find Legal Help near you: https://www.immi.org/info/FindLegalHelp
- Learning Center: https://www.immi.org/info/LearningCenter
- Make A Plan: https://www.immi.org/Home/make_a_plan
- Online Support

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

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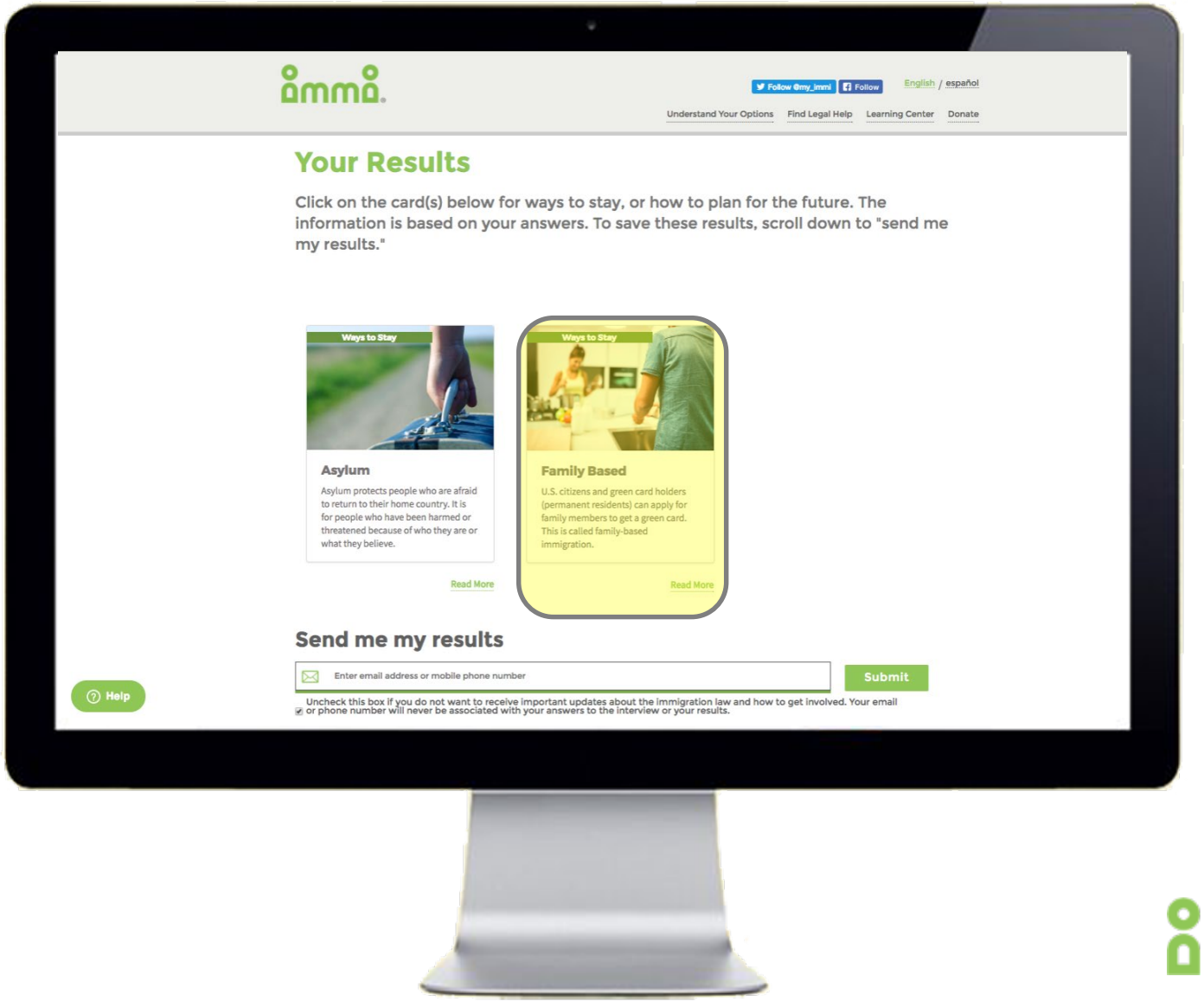

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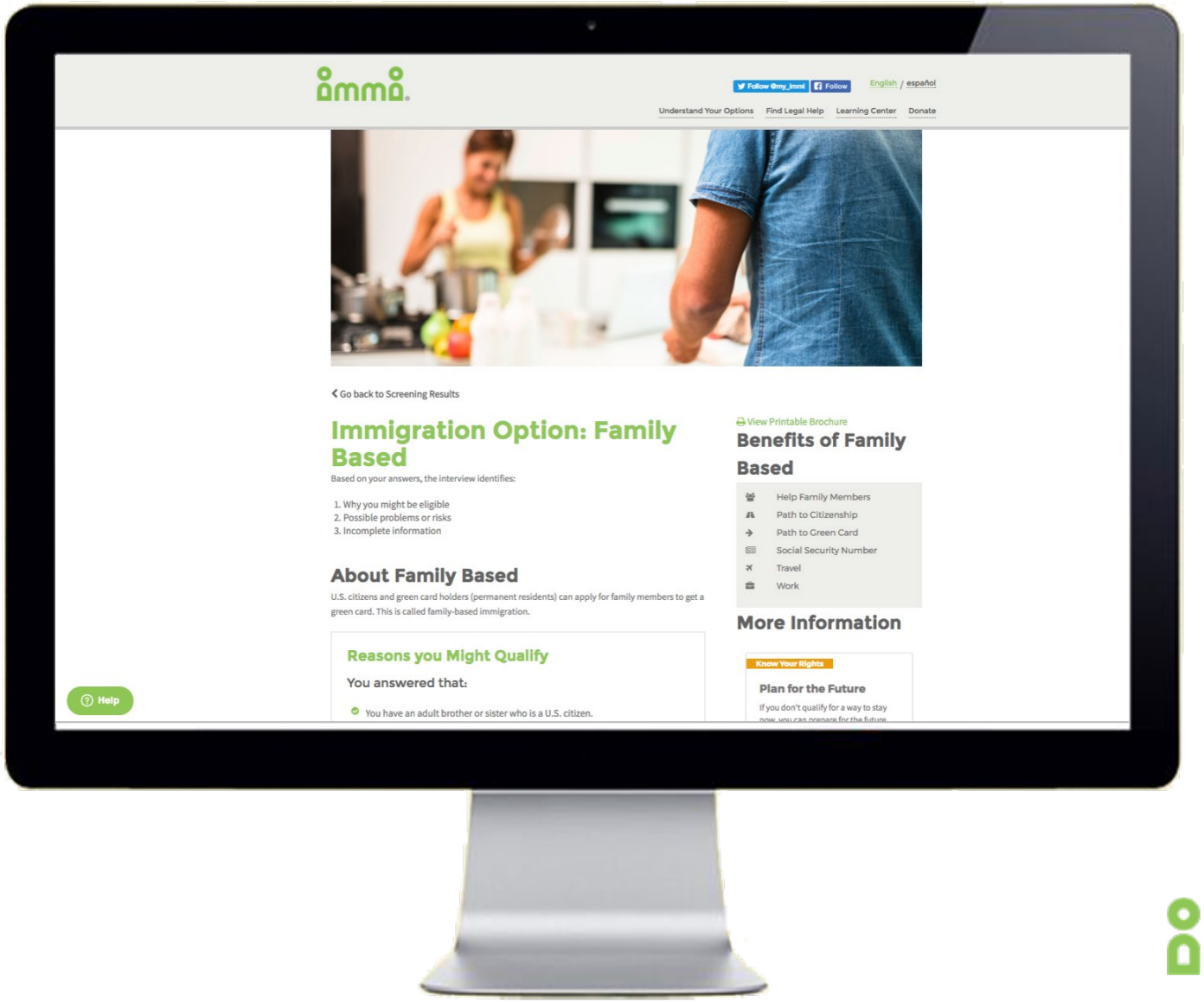

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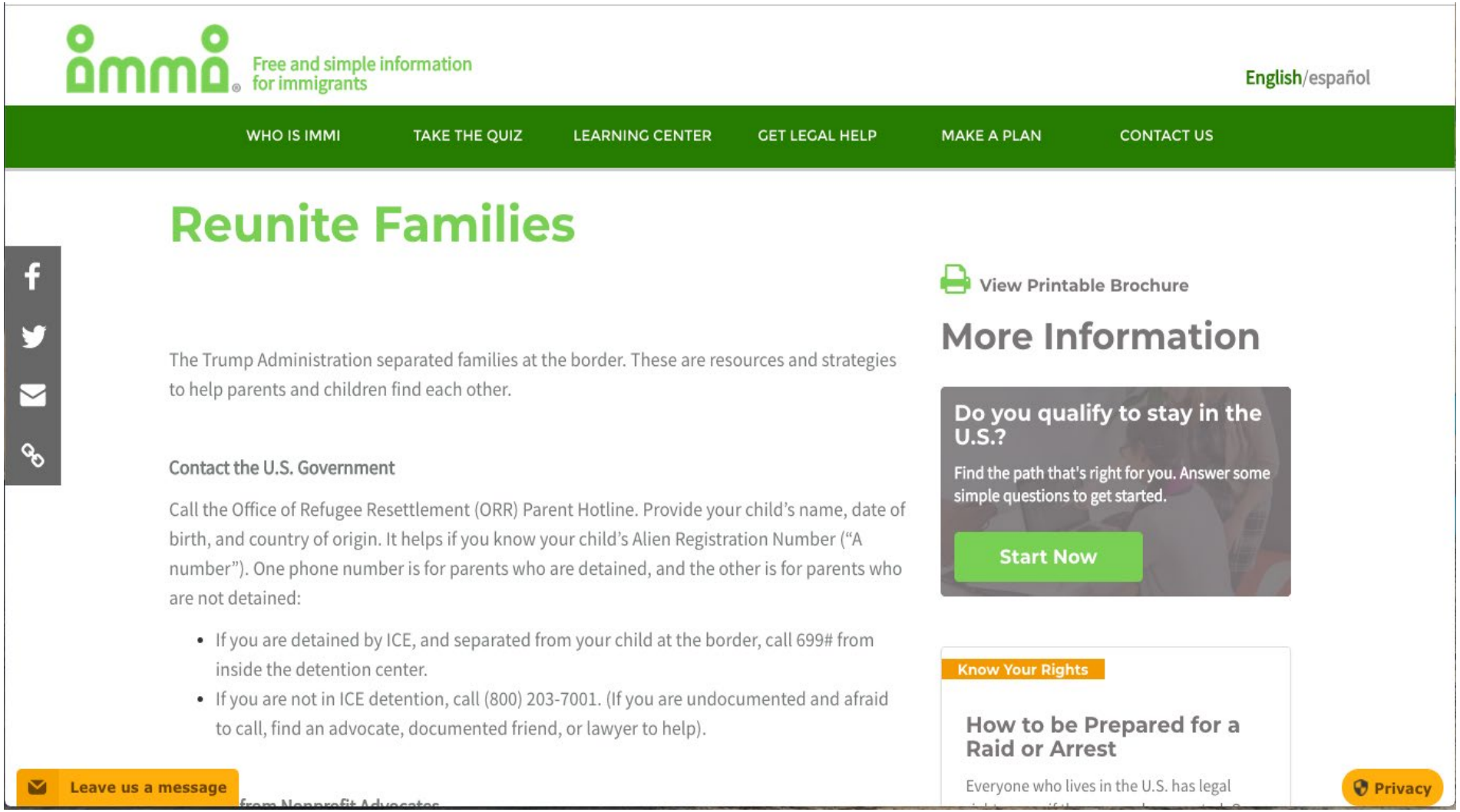
Learning Center

Topics include:

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

Self Help Articles



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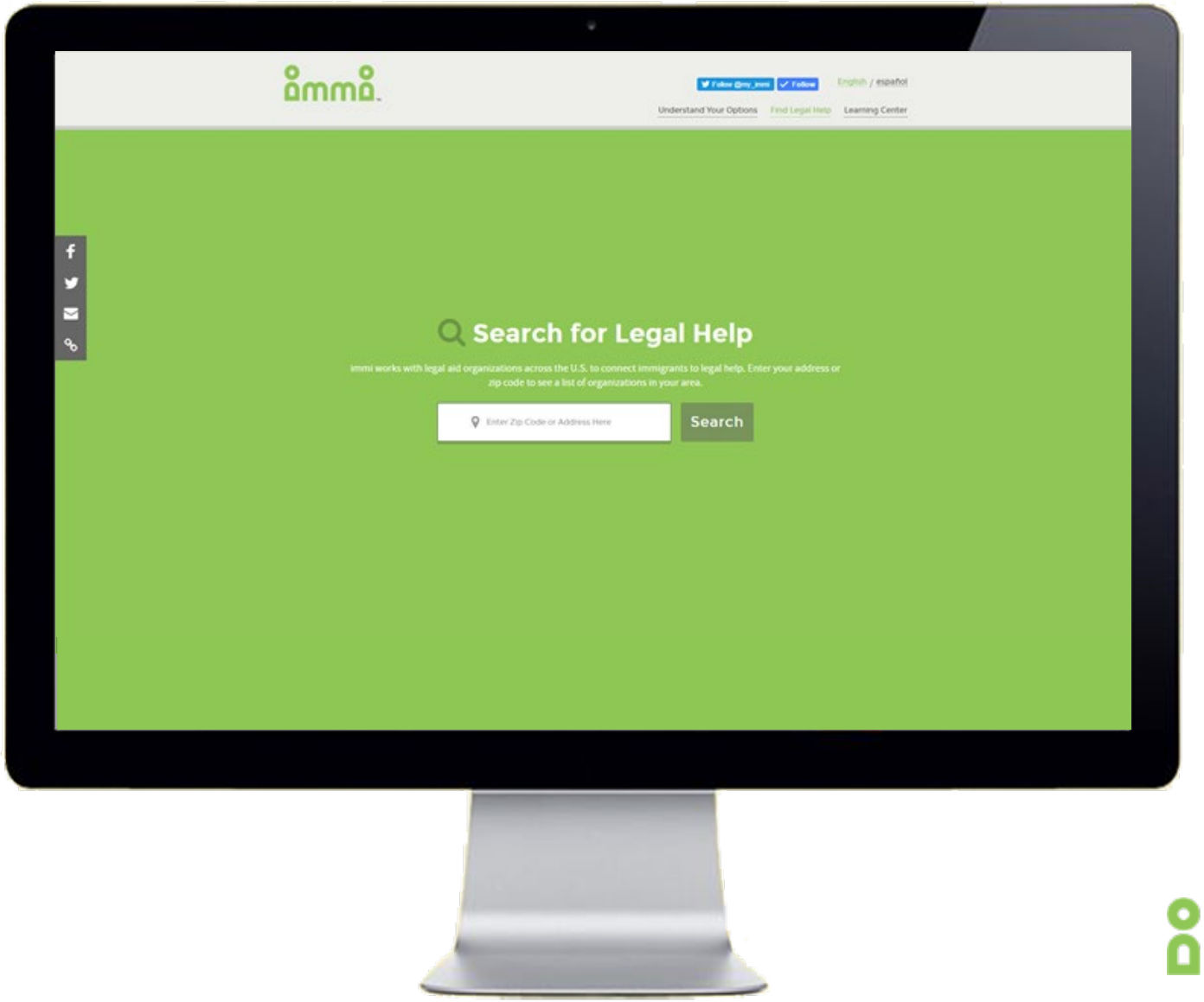

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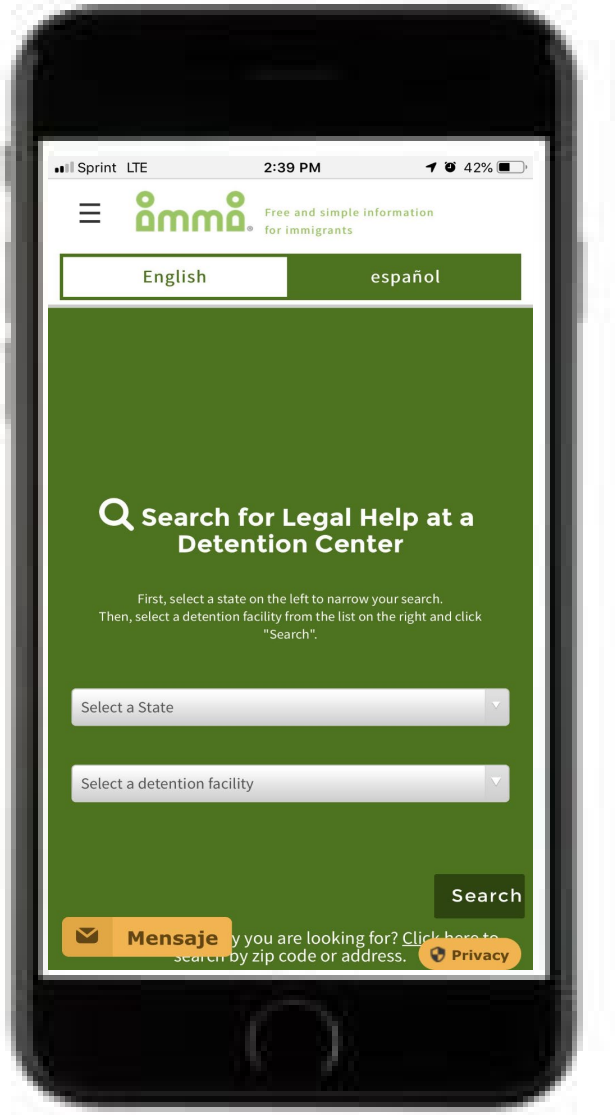
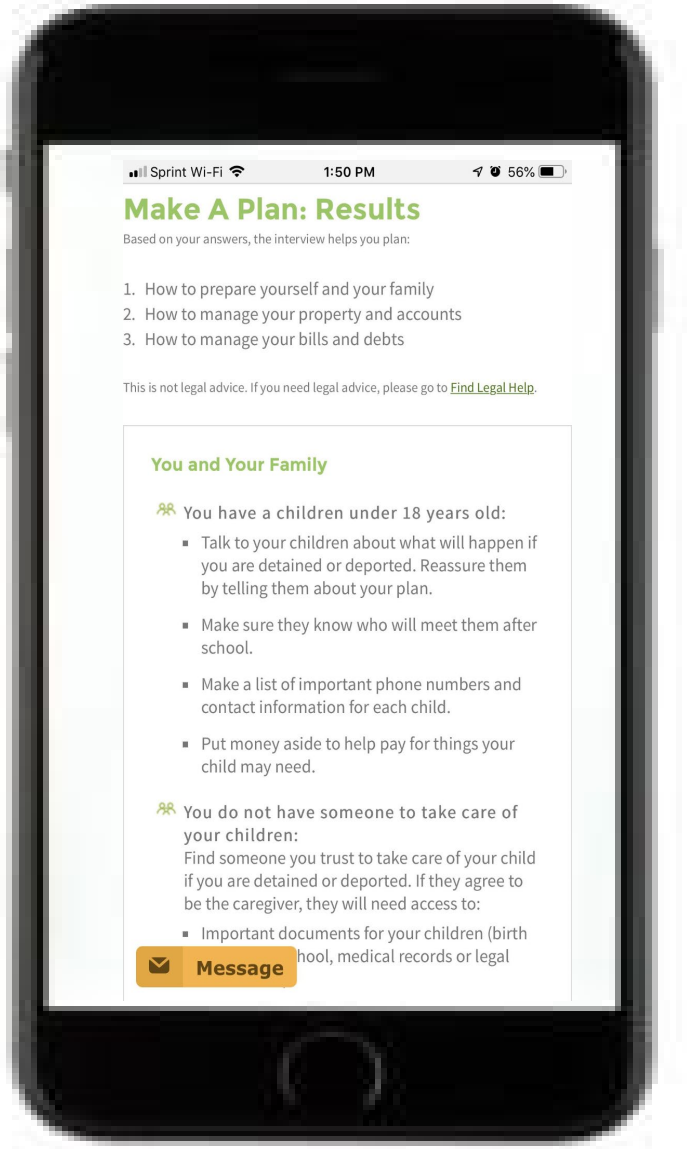


Search by State and location

- 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

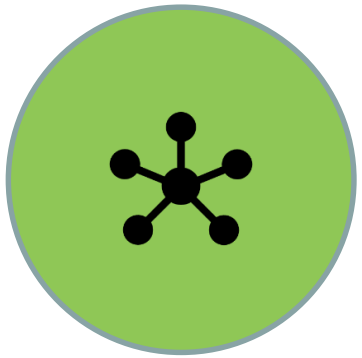
- Simple and easy to use
- Short/does not take too much of your time
- Private
- Bilingual (English/Spanish)
- Results are emailed to you or sent via text
- Helps you stay informed & be prepared in case of detention or removal

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

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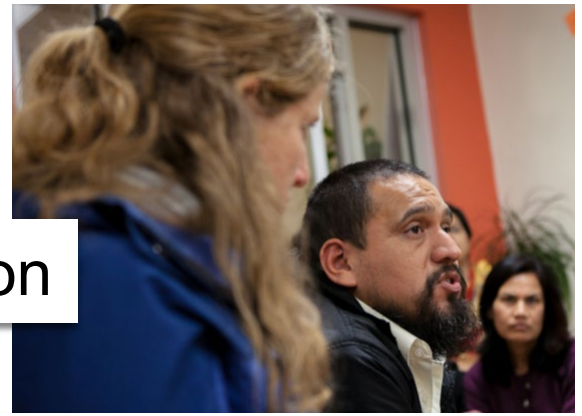
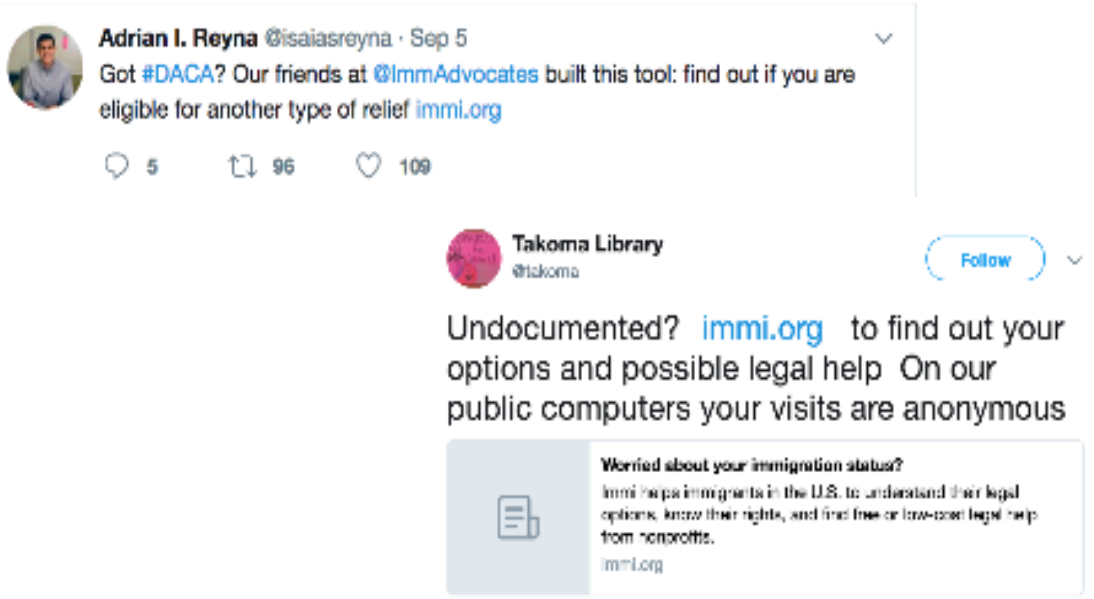


Everyone can make a difference; **no amount of help is too small.**



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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

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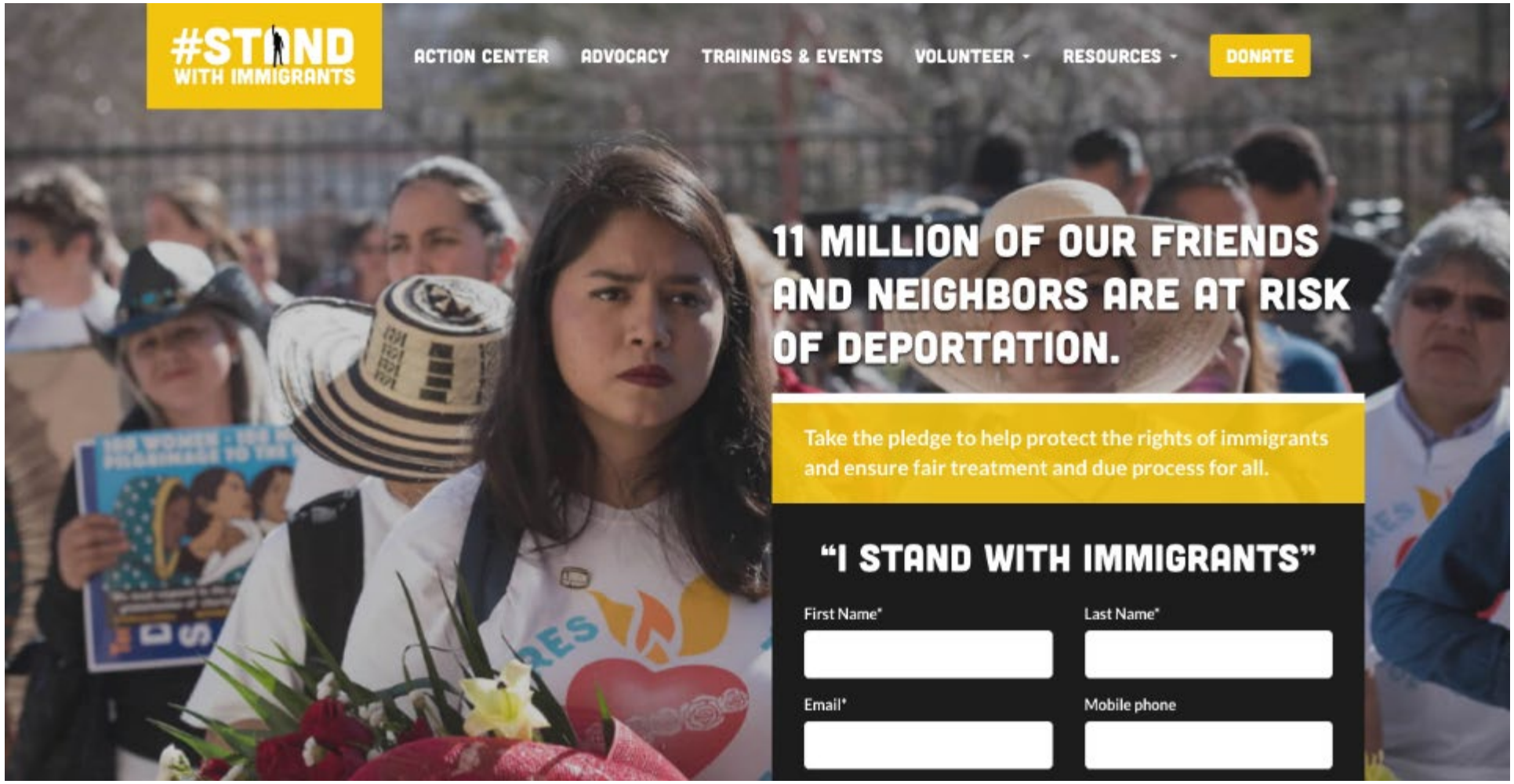

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Take the pledge to help protect the rights of immigrants and ensure fair treatment and due process for all.

"I STAND WITH IMMIGRANTS"

First Name* Last Name*

Email* Mobile phone

Zip code*

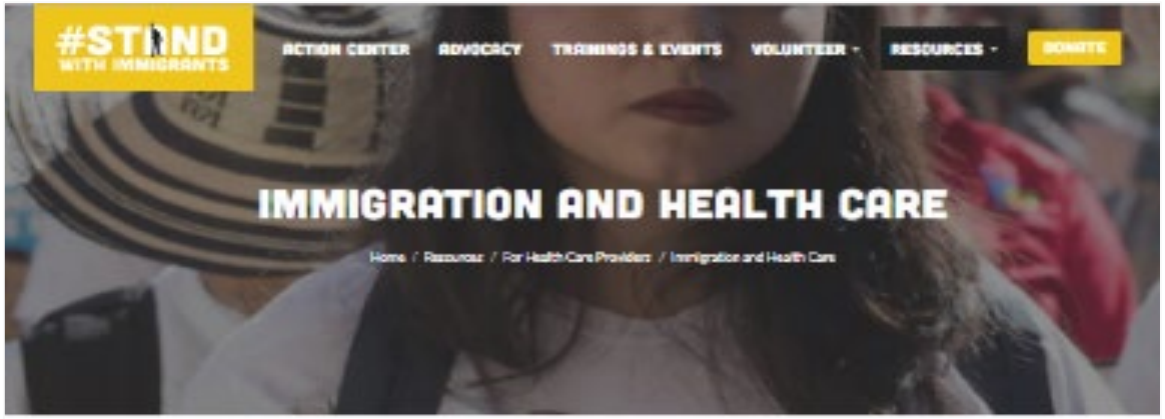
☑ Yes! I'm interested in volunteering my time to help protect and promote the rights of immigrants in the United States.

Please check all that apply:

- ☐ I am a licensed attorney in good standing
- ☐ I am a paralegal or DOJ 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)



INTRODUCTION

Many immigrant patients confide in their health care providers about their fears, questions, and concerns, and health care providers should understand how immigration status can impact their patients' rights and options. Health care providers should also be aware of the privacy protections and other rights relevant to health care institutions and the patients and providers within them.

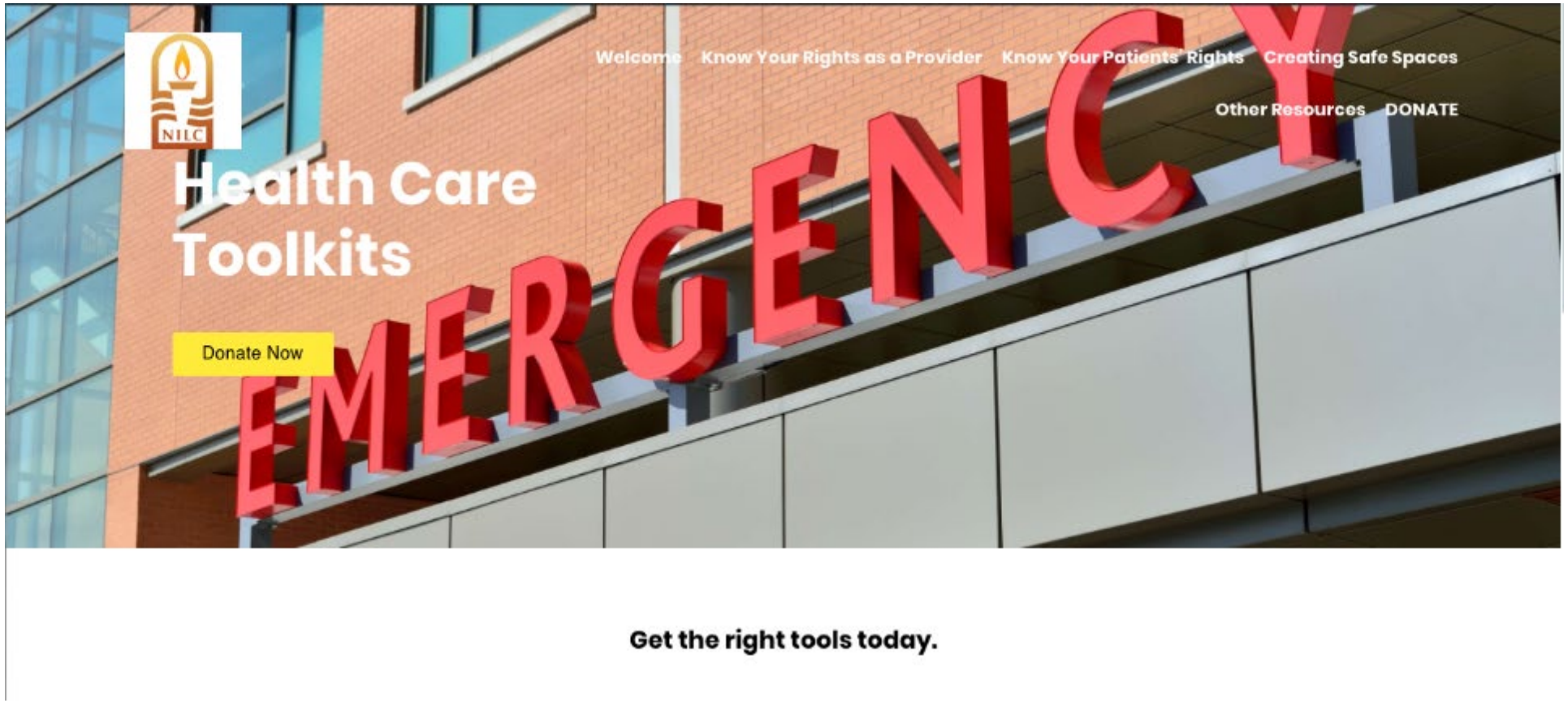
RESOURCES

Health Care Toolkit
By: National Immigration Law Center (NILC)
This toolkit provides information on a wide range of immigration topics 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 be able to access this website.

FAQ: Services to Immigrant Patients
By: CaliforniaHealth+ Advocates
This FAQ addresses ten key questions you may have as a health care provider or administrator, including patient privacy and creating public and private spaces within a clinic.

Sample Immigration & Health Care Policies and Procedures
By: CaliforniaHealth+ 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



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
4. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Sensitive Locations Memo (2011)
5. Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) Sensitive Locations Memo (2013)
6. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Memo, Clarification of Existing Practices (2013)
7. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Fact Sheet, Existing Guidance (2016)
8. Q&A: DHS Implementation of the Executive Order on Border Security and Immigration Enforcement (Q26)
9. Confirmation that Sensitive Locations Memos 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 Local Legal Help
7. Samples of Judicial and Administrative Warrants
8. ILRC Family Preparedness Plan

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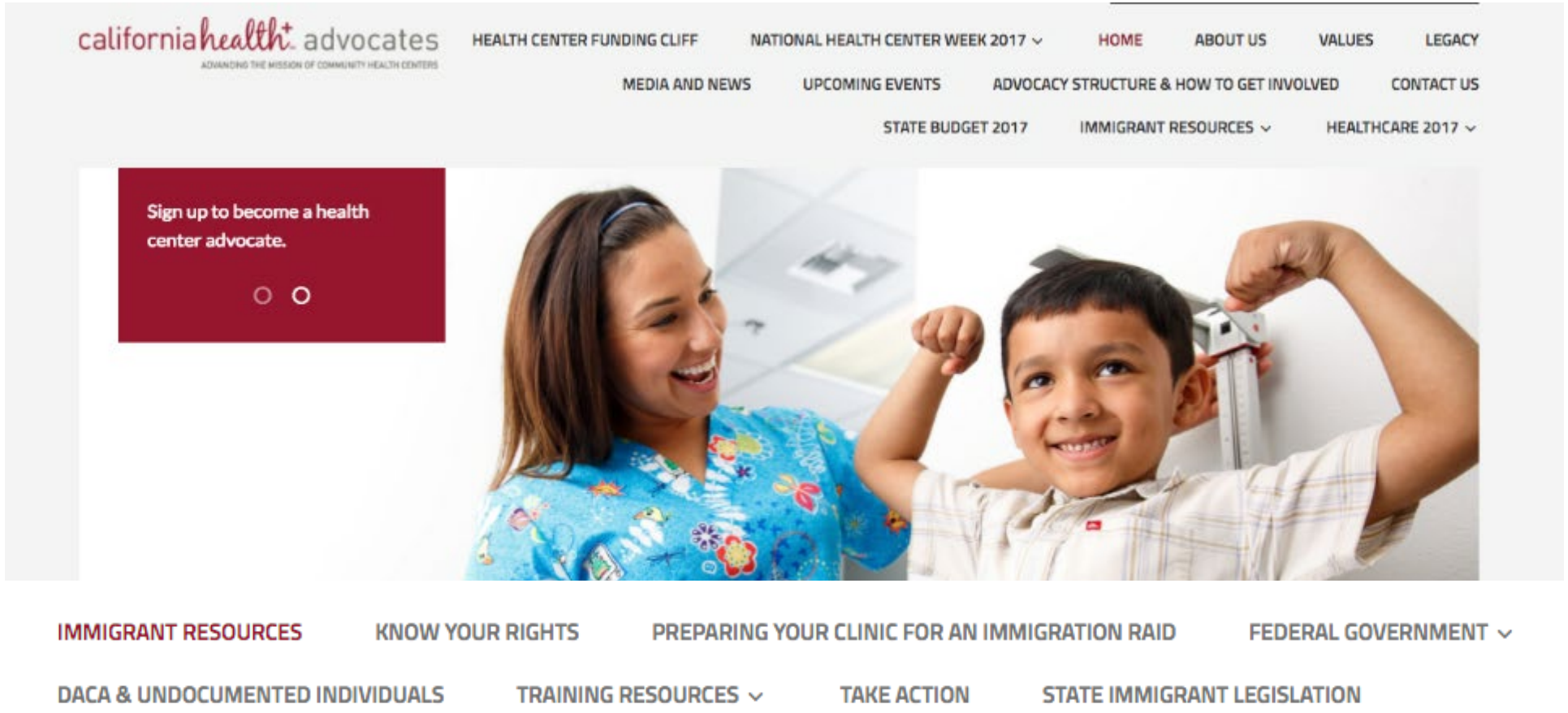


CaliforniaHealth+ Advocates: Immigrant Resources

capca.nationbuilder.com

Additional Resources

New York Lawyers for the Public Interest
Guidance to Nonprofits
Regarding Immigration Enforcement

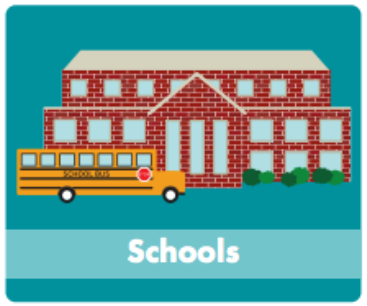
http://www.nylpi.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/FINAL-2017-Nonprofits-Guidance-Regarding-Immigration-Enforcement.pdf

Sensitive Locations Violations Mobile Reporting Tool

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 or buildings rented for religious services

Public religious ceremonies, such as funerals

Public religious ceremonies, such as weddings

During a march, rally, parade or other public demonstration

CLINIC Legal

http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/3824475/Sensitive-Locations-Violations-Mobile-Reporting-Tool

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.

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facebook.com/immigrationadvocates

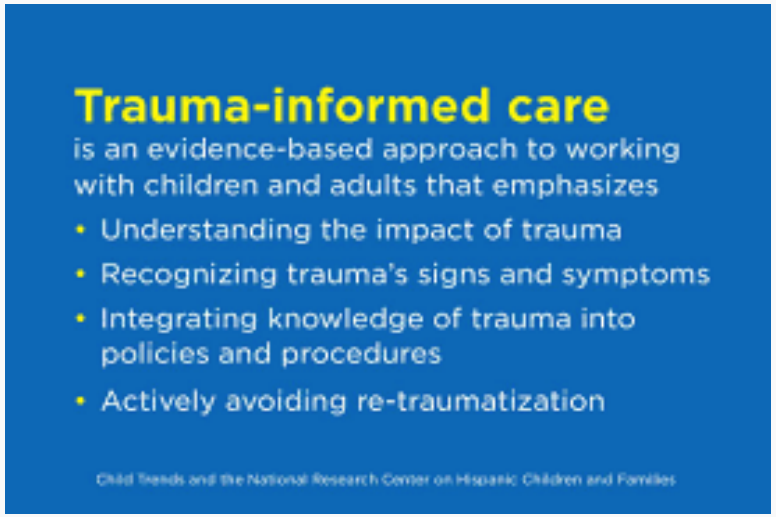
practice changes

- 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



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Minal Giri MD, Sarah Messmer-Kurdziel MD, and Sural Shah MD, MPH

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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 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

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

Organizations that Help Immigrants in the U.S. - cont.

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 approached 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: @TNImmigrant

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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