



# CIMH Policy & Advocacy Workgroup Update JANUARY 2022



## Action Alert

Dept of Homeland Security sought public comments on recommendations for Biden's Interagency Task Force on the Reunifications of Families

- Comments were due Jan 25th
- We sent an email to the listserv with details & resources to guide submission of public comments



<https://www.regulations.gov/document/DHS-2021-0051-0001>

## Policies we are tracking



**Migrant Protection Protocols**  
See American Immigration Lawyers Association [summary here](#)



**Title 42 expulsions**  
See CBP FY22 data [here](#)



**Build Back Better failed immigration plans**  
(Borderlines update [here](#))



**Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Public Charge** expected in March

### ILLINOIS UPDATES

Dec 2021 Federal Judge upheld IL Way Forward Act

7th Circuit Court of Appeals pushed enforcement deadline in McHenry & Kankakee counties to Jan 13th



<https://www.icirr.org/2022stateplatform>



55%

Increase in ICE detentions under Biden Administration-- numbers not yet at Aug 2019 peak under Trump Administration

<https://www.newsweek.com/migrants-detention-centers-have-increased-more-than-55-percent-since-biden-took-office-1655433>

70,000

Afghan nationals received parole in the U.S. for a period of 2 years.

Chicago welcomes Afghan SIV and parolees

See [Refugee One](#) for more local information

<https://www.uscis.gov/newsroom/news-releases/dhs-announces-fee-exemptions-streamlined-processing-for-afghan-nationals-as-they-resettle-in-the-us>



60%

American voters polled (n=2,013) endorsed support for an 8-year pathway to citizenship

<https://thehill.com/homenews/administration/540415-60-percent-of-americans-support-eight-year-path-to-citizenship-for-undocumented>



## Research and Data Corner

- [Migration Policy Institute](#) report on Biden Administration's first year
- [Protecting Immigrant Families](#) data on continued chilling effect of public charge during Covid-19 pandemic

### Local Spotlight



- Dr. Ford-Paz and several CIMH colleagues publish "Acceptability and initial promise of trainings for community stakeholders serving refugee and immigrant families" in *Psychological Services*. [Find it here!](#)



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## Action Alerts

### ILLINOIS

- Expand earned income credit to include young adults 18-24, adults 65+, and ITIN filers
- Increased credit amount
- \$600 Child Tax Credit to families with dependents under 17 who earn \$0 income

[Individuals can sign-on here](#)

### FEDERAL

- Feb 9th: Senators Feinstein (D-CA), Ernst (R-IA), Durbin (D-IL), and Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) introduce the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2022
- See more [here](#)

[CIMH added to sign-on letter](#)

## Policies we are tracking



Title 42 maintained due to Omicron variant (See [here](#))



8 Republican State Attorneys file lawsuit related the Central American Minors (CAM) Refugee and Parole program (See [here](#))



Biden Administration proposes "home curfew" alternative to detention (ATD) pilot program (See [here](#))



Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Public Charge is currently at Office of Management & Budget



75%

of ICE detainees are housed in facilities run by five private companies

## What is an ATD Program?

Alternatives to detention (ATD) programs might be other forms of "custody" or models that focus on community support services and supervision

Data Sources:  
[2017 report](#)  
[Human Rights Watch](#)  
[Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service](#)



14%

of individuals in detention acquire legal counsel

## Research and Data Corner



- [NIJC 2019 Report](#) featuring Chicago's Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants
- [UNHCR 2020 Report](#) on global strategies beyond detention

### 🌟 Local Spotlight

- Settlement reached in a lawsuit filed by advocacy groups including ICIRR, OCAD, ACLU- Illinois, NIJC!! Federal agents can no longer make traffic stops or arrests without warrants. See [here](#).
- Cook County Public Defenders Immigration Unit hired 2 immigration attorneys to start taking immigration cases at the Chicago Immigration Court as part of the universal representation pilot program
- Mental Health Early Action on Campus Appropriations allocates \$19M in FY23 to public colleges & universities for campus mental health education



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