

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

ILLINOIS UPDATES





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

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

Migrant Protection Protocols See American Immigration Lawyers Association summary here



See CBP FY22 data here



Build Back Better failed immigration plans (Borderlines update here)



Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Public Charge expected in March



70,000



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

https://www.newsweek.com/migrantsdetention-centers-have-increased-morerhan-55-percent-since-biden-took-office-1655433

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

Chicago welcomes Afghan SIV and parolees

See <u>Refugee One</u> for more local information

https://www.uscis.gov/newsroom/newsreleases/dhs-announces-fee-exemptionsstreamlined-processing-for-afghannationals-as-they-resettle-in-the-us

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

https://thehill.com/homenews/admi nistration/540415-60-percent-ofamericans-support-eight-year-pathto-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 <u>here</u>

CIMH added to sign-on letter

Policies we are tracking

) Title 42 maintained due to Omicron variant (See <u>here</u>)

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8 Republican State Attorneys file lawsuit related the Central American Minors (CAM) Refugee and Parole program (See <u>here</u>)

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Biden Administration proposes "home curfew" alternative to detention (ATD) pilot program (See <u>here</u>)



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



What is an ATD Program?



75%

of ICE detainees are housed in facilities run by five private companies Alternatives to detention (ATD) programs might be other forms of "custody" or models that focus on community support services and supervision

Data Sources: <u>2017 report</u> <u>Human Rights Watch</u> <u>Lutheran Immigration and Refugee</u>

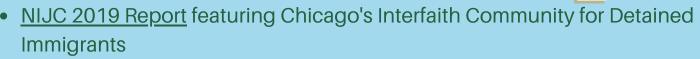
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14%

of individuals in detention acquire legal counsel

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Research and Data Corner



• 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 <u>here</u>.
- 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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