



CIMH Policy & Advocacy Workgroup Update March 16, 2022



Action Alerts

ILLINOIS

- [HB4437](#) is pending with house human services appropriations committee; has support from Latino, Black, Progressive & Asian Caucuses
- NAMI-Chicago [advocacy efforts](#) for FY23 funding for the Mental Health Early Action on Campus Act
- Latino Policy Forum advocates for more funding for IL Welcoming Centers to support mental health

FEDERAL

- Public Charge rule posted to federal registrar on Feb 24. Our workgroup is preparing a CIMH sign-on letter for public comment deadline Apr 25
- Final [letter](#) in support of Violence Against Women Act of 2022 signed by 740 local, state, territorial, national, international & tribal organizations
- [Expand protections](#) for Afghan SIV holders, halt deportations, and provide international aid for humanitarian response

Policies we are tracking

→ TPS

- March 3 DHS announced 18-month [TPS designation for Ukraine; ICE halts deportations to Ukraine, Russia, & 7 other European countries](#)
- March 16 DHS announced 18-month [TPS designation for Afghanistan](#)

→ Title 42

- March 12 Biden Administration [upholds exclusion for UAMs](#) (in response to March 4 [TX ruling](#))
- March 4 [Federal appeals court](#) barred expulsions of families with children to any country where they could be harmed

→ Federal Spending Bill

- [\\$26 billion](#) to ICE, CBP, Alternative to Detention programs
- [\\$212 million](#) for children and youth mental health resources
- [\\$13.6 billion](#) in Ukrainian aid

→ Immigration Enforcement

- DHS released new ICE & CBP enforcement guidelines, Protected Areas memo, with more protections. See [CLASP Webinar](#)



61%



of those fleeing Ukraine seek safety in neighboring Poland

<https://data2.unhcr.org/en/situations/ukraine/location?secret=unhcrrestricted>

Ukrainian Refugees

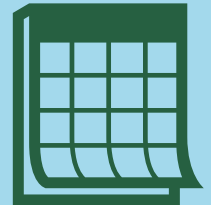


3 million

people have been forced to flee Ukraine due to the ongoing conflict

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U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants Resources for [Afghan](#) and [Ukrainian](#) Allies



3 years



The E.U. offers temporary protections for up to 3 years for Ukrainian citizens

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2022/mar/02/ukraine-refugees-right-to-live-in-eu-plan>
<https://www.newsweek.com/eu-nations-set-give-ukrainian-refugees-asylum-three-years-1684179>



Research and Data Corner

- [American Immigration Council](#) published the report "Rising Border Encounters in 2021: An Overview and Analysis"
- [National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum](#) report on the State of Safety for AAPI Women in the U.S.

Local Spotlights ✨

- Dr. Stephanie Torres received funding from [UIC CCTS Pilot Grant Program](#): "Pilot Testing of a Structural Racism Intervention for Latinx Immigrant Families: Blending of Implementation Science and Community-Engaged Research"
- Sarah Cartagena from the [Latino Policy Forum](#) created a [two-page summary](#) on the need for mental health support within the IL Welcoming Centers
- [Immigrant and Refugee-Led Capacity Development Network of Illinois](#) initiative funded by IL Dept. of Human Services Office of Welcoming Centers for Refugee & Immigrant Services
- DC Attorney General Racine and 16 other state attorney generals file [amicus brief](#) to support Illinois Way Forward Act



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