



CIMH Policy & Advocacy

Workgroup Update

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In 2023, our workgroup will transition to creating infographics that focus on systemic policy issues and recommendations for collective advocacy and action.
Thank you for your continued support!



Action Alerts

ILLINOIS

- Illinois continues to welcome migrants who have been displaced from Central and South America and bused by Texas and Florida (approximately 4,000 in total).
- We urge CIMH members to support these efforts using the [Welcome To IL](#) website.

FEDERAL

- New Public Charge rule goes into effect on Dec 23 (see more below).
- TPS redesignated for Haiti & [extensions announced](#) (see more below).
- Urge Congress to protect DACA. See the [Coalition on Human Needs](#) and [NILC](#).

Policies we are tracking

U.S. Asylum Policies

- On Nov 15th, U.S. District Court Judge Sullivan blocked Title 42, stating that the policy is unlawful under the Administrative Procedures Act.
- DHS filed for a delay on the order, which Judge Sullivan approved. This gives the federal government 5 weeks to prepare before Title 42 is lifted on Dec 21. See [CNN](#) and [NYT](#) and the [Guardian](#) and the full opinion on the case [here](#).
- The Biden Administration is considering screening/processing in a third country for Haitians arriving to the U.S. border. If the third country was unable to do so, asylum seekers would be held at Guantanamo Bay, which has been used to detain Haitians in the past (1991-93). Interceptions at sea have also been proposed, which is a practice that SCOTUS previously ruled does NOT violate the Immigration and Nationality Act or the 1967 Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees. See this [Borderlines summary](#).
- On Dec 15, U.S. District Judge Kacsmaryk ruled that [MPP can stay in place](#).

Temporary Protected Status

- [TPS negotiations](#) fell apart in late Oct and litigation continues in the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. On Dec 5th, Biden Administration redesignated Haiti and extended until Aug 2024.
- Then, on Nov 10th, DHS/USCIS announced an [18-month extension of TPS](#) for El Salvador, Honduras, Haiti, Nicaragua, Nepal, and Sudan through June 30, 2024 while injunctions are in place. See [here](#) for more on the history of TPS litigation.

Public Charge

- Public charge section 212(a)(4) was revised to resemble the original definition for noncitizens seeking admission to the U.S. on the basis of age, health, family status, assets, resources, financial status, education, and skills.
- The [new definition](#) removed the use of supplemental non-cash public benefits as a determinant for public charge. The use of short-term home- and community-based mental and physical health services *will not* be considered. However, public cash assistance for income maintenance and *long-term* institutionalization at government expense (e.g., nursing home, residential facility) will be considered. No factor will be more heavily weighted more than others.
- This new rule also is an attempt to decrease duplicative information collection and address documented chilling effects. See [Public Charge | Carga Pública — PIF-IL](#)

DACA

- Judge Hanen stopped the new DACA rule from taking effect on Oct 31 while he makes his final decision, but renewals continue as before.
- See [this guide](#) for tips on coping with DACA uncertainty.

Immigration Enforcement

- [CBS news](#) reported that CBP and ICE are reviewing policies and procedures after reports that items/documents confiscated from migrants are not being returned.
- DHS announced that the Real ID program has been postponed to May 2025.
- [ICE data leak](#) exposes personal information of close to 6,000 asylum seekers.
- Results of an 18-month investigation [confirmed accounts of human rights abuses](#) against women at the Irwin County Detention Center in Georgia.



Research and Data Corner

Define American report: [Change the Narrative, Change the World: The Power of Immigrant Representation on Television](#)

Migration Policy Institute report: [Four Strategies to Improve Community Services for Unaccompanied Children in the United States](#)

Alianza Americas, Centro Presente, Green Roots, Lawyers for Civil Rights report: [Fleeing, Not Migrating: Crisis in Central America](#). You can also find a recorded webinar [here](#).

Local Spotlight ✨

Rivera, C.S., Salusky, I., Sánchez, B., & Torres, S. A. ([Advance online publication](#)). The structural violence of DACA and youth resistance. *Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology*.



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