



# CIMH Policy & Advocacy Workgroup Update OCTOBER 2022



## Action Alerts

### ILLINOIS

- 3,500 migrants arrived in Chicago since the end of August, and Texas-chartered buses continue to arrive.
- On Oct 25th, Dr. Hilado sent an e-mail to the listserv with details on CIMH efforts to support a three-tiered mental health response. The call for mental health providers can be found [here](#).
- You can donate essential items from the city's [Amazon Wishlist](#).

### FEDERAL

- Biden Administration set [FY23 refugee admissions](#) at 125,000 with allocations per region.
- On Oct 6, President Biden released a proclamation to pardon simple offenses of marijuana possession. This applies to those with LPR status, but excludes all other immigrants ([see ILRC statement](#)).
- Urge Congress to protect DACA using this [Coalition on Human Needs](#) tool.

## Policies we are tracking



### Title 42 & MPP

- [News reports](#) indicated that the Biden administration is quietly expanding the COVID-19 expulsions by pressuring Mexico to accept migrants from Cuba, Nicaragua, & Venezuela, rather than ending this order.
- On Oct 12th, DHS announced changes to processing Venezuelan arrivals at the border who can now be subjected to Title 42 expulsions to Mexico.



### Humanitarian Parole: update on Venezuela

- [Venezuelan Parole Program](#) was modeled after Ukrainian program, but differs in important ways, including:
  - 24,000 parolees is one-fourth the size of the Ukraine Program
  - Excludes those who arrive without authorization between U.S. land border ports of entry
  - Applicants must have a sponsor already residing in the U.S.
- For more commentary, see this [MPI report](#).



### DACA: update on TX Court ruling

- On Oct 5th the Texas 5th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in agreement with the District Court ruling.
- This ruling upholds the lower court decision that the 2012 DACA program was unlawful and bounces the case back to Judge Hanen.
- Now that DACA has gone through the formal federal rulemaking & regulation process, Judge Hanen must review his July 2021 ruling.
- The DACA final rule goes into effect Oct 31. For now, renewals continue and advanced parole applications can be submitted, but no new applications are being accepted. The 80,000 pending new applications will still not be processed.
- On Oct 14, a [60-day public comment period](#) was posted by USCIS/DHS to the Federal Registrar on how the agencies collect information for DACA.



### Immigration Enforcement

- Immigrant advocacy groups [sue ICE](#) on behalf of those detained at four different centers in FL, AZ, TX, LA due to failure to provide access to legal counsel.



## Research and Data Corner

- [Define American](#) released a report about the challenges journalists face in portraying immigrant communities in the media.
- [MPI](#) released a report on how the Covid-19 pandemic led to the digitization of asylum processing and what this means moving forward.

## Local Spotlight ✨

- [Dr. Daysi Diaz-Strong](#) from UIC published "[A Matter of Time: The Life Course Implications of Deferred Action for Undocumented Latin American Immigrants in the United States.](#)"

Let us know about any local research to spotlight in upcoming infographics.



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