

The Protecting Immigrant Families, Advancing our Future Campaign

The Trump Administration has made clear its intent to make life more difficult for low-income immigrant families by restricting their ability to access basic programs that safeguard their health care, nutrition, housing, and economic security. The Protecting Immigrant Families, Advancing Our Future (“PIF”) campaign, co-chaired by the Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP) and the National Immigration Law Center (NILC) brings together leading advocates for immigrants, children, education, health, anti-hunger and anti-poverty groups, and faith leaders, not only to defend against these threats, but also to lay the foundation for a more productive national dialogue about our immigrant tradition and our country’s future.

Vision: A nation where all are truly equal, immigration is recognized as a strength, and no one in America is denied the essentials of life because of where they were born.

Purpose: Unite to protect and defend access to health care, nutrition programs, public services, and economic supports for immigrants and their families at the local, state, and federal level.

The Campaign began in May 2017 with a meeting of two dozen national, state, and local organizations committed to protecting immigrants and their families’ access to health care, nutrition programs, public services and economic supports. Now more than a year since that formal launch, the PIF Campaign has grown to more than 300 “active member” partner groups across the immigrant rights, civil rights, health, nutrition, anti-poverty, early childhood, education, faith-based, and other worlds. We’ve fought back against multiple threats —such as the tax bill, budget debate, the proposed Flores regulations, and the harmful impact of the administration’s rhetoric and policy priorities—and organized a massive effort to delay and derail the proposed public charge regulation.

A pattern of attack on low-income immigrant families

Several legislative proposals in 2017 included provisions seeking to bar immigrant families from accessing basic health care and nutrition assistance. For example, Affordable Care Act “repeal and replace” legislation included provisions to bar additional classes of immigrants from purchasing insurance in the marketplace. Later in the year, the RAISE Act attempted to bar immigrant families from basic health care and nutrition assistance and created new barriers to naturalization simply for needing this help. The enacted tax bill included restrictions on children without Social Security numbers receiving the child tax credit.

Fighting an expanded “public charge” test

In 2018, a major goal of the campaign was to generate opposition to the proposed Department of Homeland Security (DHS) regulation regarding “public charge.” Current law authorizes a bar to entry or permanent legal status if an immigrant is likely to become dependent on cash “welfare” or long-term institutional care at government expense. But current policy does not consider an immigrant’s use of non-cash supports that help so

many working families climb the economic ladder. The campaign was effective in our advocacy efforts to delay DHS from publishing a proposed rule, but in October 2018, the Administration issued a proposed rule to formally redefine public charge so that even modest receipt of programs including non-emergency Medicaid, SNAP, help paying for prescription drugs under Medicare Part D, and several housing programs can be counted against immigrants seeking a green card. It weighs a range of factors in deciding whether a person is likely to use certain public benefits in the future, and would make it much more difficult for low and moderate-income immigrants to get a green card, or extend or change their temporary status in the US.

The proposal would make—and has already made—immigrant families afraid to seek programs that support basic needs. This fear would extend far beyond people who may be subject to the “public charge” test. It would harm entire communities as well as the infrastructure that serves all of us. The proposed regulation would also mark a fundamental change from our nation's historic commitment to welcoming immigrants. It would radically reshape our legal immigration system, putting the wealthy at the front of the line, ahead of hardworking families who have waited years to reunite.

The public comment period ended on December 10, 2018 with more than 216,000 public comments submitted - the vast majority in opposition. Thousands of organizations from more than 40 different sectors--immigrant rights, civil rights, health, nutrition, anti-poverty, early childhood, education, faith-based, elected officials, and many more - submitted deep, thoughtful comments that illustrate the harm the rule would cause. These comments are valuable both for delaying publication of the final rule and for creating an administrative record for future litigation. After DHS considers public comments received on the proposed rule, the agency will likely issue a final public charge rule. Any changes cannot take effect until at least 60 days after the date the final rule is published. In the meantime, and until a final rule is in effect, USCIS will continue to apply the current public charge policy.

WHAT'S NEXT

With the ending of the public comment period on the public charge proposed rule, the Protecting Immigrant Families Campaign is shifting into a new stage. In 2019, our priorities are:

- **Combat the chilling effect of Trump's anti-immigrant agenda through community education, partnerships with government agencies, and shared messaging with immigration attorneys.**
- **Block and/or delay public charge proposed changes and other related policies from taking effect through continued advocacy, Congressional oversight and litigation.**
- **Build support for an affirmative vision of a nation where all are truly equal, immigration is recognized as a strength, and no one in America is denied the essentials of life because of where they were born.**



THE PIF CAMPAIGN

STATE and LOCAL Active Members

Arizona Mountain Park Health Center	Illinois Alianza Americas Asian Human Services Community Organizing and Family Issues Greater Chicago Food Depository Healthy Illinois Campaign Illinois Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics Illinois Coalition for Immigrant & Refugee Rights Illinois Hunger Coalition Lake County Immigrant Advocacy Latino Policy Forum Legal Council for Health Justice PODER Northwestern Law Student Group Sargent Shriver Center on National Poverty Law United African Organization	New York continued Coalition for Asian American Children and Families Columbia Population Research Center Committee for Hispanic Children and Families Community College Consortium for Immigrant Education Community Healthcare Network Emerald Isle Immigration Center Empire Justice Center Fiscal Policy Institute Grace Immigrant Outreach (GIO) Make the Road New York Mobilization For Justice, Inc. National Association of Social Workers (NYC) New York Immigration Coalition (NYIC) New York Lawyers for the Public Interest Queens Library The Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies The Legal Aid Society
California ACLU of Northern California Advancing Justice Alameda County Community Food Bank Asian Health Services Association of Regional Center Agencies Bay Area Regional Health Inequities Initiative (BARHII) Bet Tzedek Legal Services California Association of Food Banks California Food Policy Advocates California Immigrant Policy Center (CIPC) California LULAC California Pan-Ethnic Health Network California Primary Care Association California WIC Association CaliforniaHealth+ Advocates Casa San Jose Child Care Law Center Children Now Children's Defense Fund - California Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA) Community Action Board of Santa Cruz County Community Action Marin Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles County Community Clinic Consortium Community Health Initiative Napa County Council of American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) County Welfare Directors Association of California Dignity Health First 5 Marin Children and Families Commission Healthy House Within A MATCH Coalition Jewish Family Services of Los Angeles Latino Coalition for a Healthy California Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County March and Rally LA Marin Community Foundation Northern California Grantmakers Redwood Community Health Coalition San Francisco Poster Syndicate SEIU State Council Californus Services, Immigrant Rights, and Education Network The California Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems The Children's Partnership TODEC Legal Center United Cambodian Community Western Center on Law and Poverty (WCLP)	Kansas Advocates for Immigrant Rights and Reconciliation Kansas Action for Children (KAC) Kansas Appleseed Kansas Center for Economic Growth Tonantzin Society	North Carolina Carolina Jews for Justice Charlotte Center for Legal Advocacy North Carolina Justice Center ParentsTogether Pisgah Legal Services
Colorado Center for Health Progress Colorado Center on Law and Policy Colorado Children's Campaign Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition Colorado People's Alliance Mountain Family Health Centers	Kentucky Kentucky Equal Justice Center	Ohio Asian Services In Action, Inc. (ASIA, Inc.) Community Peace Builders El Centro De Servicios Sociales INC.
Connecticut CT Shoreline Indivisible	Maine Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project Maine Equal Justice Maine Immigrants' Rights Coalition (MIRC)	Oregon Causa Oregon Oregon Food Bank
District of Columbia D.C. Action for Children D.C. Fiscal Policy Institute D.C. Immigration Hub Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia	Louisiana Louisiana Budget Project	Pennsylvania Community Legal Services of Philadelphia Pennsylvania Immigration and Citizenship Coalition Philadelphia Women's Center
Florida Americans for Immigrant Justice Community Justice Project, Inc. Florida Health Justice Project Florida Immigrant Coalition Florida Legal Services, Inc. Florida Policy Institute Sant La Haitian Neighborhood Center WeCount!	Maryland CASA Women's Equity Center and Action Network Violence Intervention Program	Rhode Island The Economic Progress Institute
Hawaii Hawaii Appleseed	Massachusetts Children's HealthWatch Greater Boston Legal Services Health Care For All Health Law Advocates, Inc. Justice Center of Southeast Massachusetts Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition Massachusetts Law Reform Institute MetroWest Legal Services The Welcome Project	South Carolina PASOS South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center
Idaho Centro de Comunidad y Justicia (CCJ) Idaho Voices for Children (Voices) The Interfaith Alliance of Idaho	Michigan Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation Michigan Advocacy Program Michigan Immigrant Rights Center (MIRC) Michigan Immigrant Rights Coalition Michigan League for Public Policy (the League) Southwest Solutions	Tennessee Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition Tennessee Justice Center
	Minnesota Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota Mid Minnesota Legal Aid Minnesota Budget Project Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services	Texas Center for Public Policy Priorities Children at Risk Children's Defense Fund - Texas Houston Immigration Legal Services Collaborative Workers Defense Project
	Missouri KC Metro Immigration Alliance Missouri Immigrant and Refugee Advocates	Utah Utahns Against Hunger Voices for Utah Children
	Mississippi Mississippi Center for Justice	Virginia Legal Aid Justice Center Safe Passage Project Virginia Coalition of Latino Organizations Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy Virginia Poverty Law Center
	Nebraska Nebraska Appleseed Voices for Children in Nebraska	Washington Asian Counseling and Referral Service Children's Alliance (WA) Columbia Legal Services Entre Hermanos Innovation Law Lab Latinos Promoting Good Health Northwest Health Law Advocates (NoHLA) Odyssey World International Education Services OneAmerica Refugee Connections Spokane
	New Mexico New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty New Mexico Voices for Children	Wisconsin End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin Kids Forward Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice



THE PIF CAMPAIGN NATIONAL Active Members

1,000 Days
Advancing Justice
America's Voice
American Academy of Pediatrics
American Federation of Teachers
American Immigration Lawyers Association
American Public Health Association
Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund
Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum
Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence
Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations
Autistic Self Advocacy Network
Berkeley Media Studies Group
Beyond the Bomb
Big Cities Health Coalition
Caring Across Generations
Casa de Esperanza: National Latin@ Network
Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.
Center for American Progress
Center for Community Change
Center for Law and Social Policy
Center for Public Representation
Center for Reproductive Rights
Center for the Study of Social Policy
Center on Budget and Policy Priorities
CenterLink: The Community of LGBT Centers
Children's HealthWatch
Children's Rights, Inc.
Chinese American Planning Council
Coalition on Human Needs
Community Catalyst
Community Health Systems, Inc.
Don't Separate Families
Elevate Energy
Fair Immigration Reform Movement
Families Belong Together / Familias Unidas, No Divididas
Families USA
First Focus
Food Research and Action Center
Friends Committee on National Legislation
Hand in Hand: The Domestic Employers Network
Health Care for America Now Education Fund
Heartland Alliance for Human Needs & Human Rights
Hispanic Federation
Human Impact Partners
Immigrant Legal Resource Center
Immigration Equality
Jobs with Justice
Justice in Aging
Kingdom Mission Society
Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights
MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger
Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund
Migrant Clinicians Network
MomsRising / MamasConPoder
Muslim Public Affairs Council
National Asian Pacific American Families Against Substance Abuse
National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum
National Association for the Education of Young Children
National Association of County and City Health Officials
National Association of County Human Services Administrators
National Association of Social Workers
National Center for Law and Economic Justice
National Center for Lesbian Rights
National Coalition for Latinxs with Disabilities
National Council for Behavioral Health
National Council of Asian Pacific Islander Physicians
National Council on Aging
National Domestic Workers Alliance
National Education Association
National Employment Law Project
National Health Care for the Homeless Council
National Health Law Program
National Housing Law Project
National Human Services Assembly
National Immigrant Justice Center
National Immigration Law Center
National Institute for Reproductive Health
National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health
National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty
National LGBTQ Task Force
National Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Association
National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights
National WIC Association
National Women's Law Center
NETWORK, A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby
Nextgen America
Niskanen Center
Ounce of Prevention Fund
Parents Together
Partnership for America's Children
Planned Parenthood Federation of America & Planned Parenthood Action Fund
Positive Women's Network - USA
Prevention Institute
Religious Action Center
RESULTS
Rooted in Rights
Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law
Service Employees International Union
South Asian Americans Leading Together (SAALT)
Southeast Asia Resource Action Center
Southern Poverty Law Center
The Arc
The Black Alliance for Just Immigration
The Children's Partnership
The Indivisible Project
The Jewish Federations of North America
The Praxis Project
Treatment Action Group
T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights
UndocuBlack Network
UnidosUS
United Church of Christ
United Parent Leaders Action Network
United We Dream
We Belong Together Campaign
Womankind
World Relief
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