POST-ELECTION IMMIGRANTS’ RIGHTS ISSUES

12/13/16
AGENDA

I. Welcome – Shiu-Ming Cheer
II. Campus safety/”sanctuary” policies – Jessica Hanson
III. Keeping health care facilities safe – Jenny Rejeske
IV. Developments around DACA – Ignacia Rodriguez
V. Upcoming mobilizations – Sheridan Aguirre, United We Dream
VI. Q&A/Discussion (25 min)
CAMPUS SAFETY POLICIES
CAMPUS SAFETY/“SANCTUARY” POLICIES AND RESOLUTIONS

Banner at Cleveland High School in Portland, Oregon.

The Portland Public Schools System passed a resolution on Nov. 17, 2016, entitled, “Rights of Undocumented Students and Protocols for INS and ICE Access to Schools.”
RECOMMENDED ELEMENTS OF A CAMPUS SAFETY ZONE POLICY

- Limiting the sharing of student and family information with federal immigration authorities
- Restricting immigration agents’ access to campuses
- Prohibiting campus security from collaborating with federal immigration authorities
- Providing resources and information for immigrant students and their families

For a model K-12 campus safe zone resolution, see https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/Model-Campus-Safe-Zones-Language-K12-countrywide-2016-12.docx
KEEPING HEALTH CARE FACILITIES SAFE
KEEPING HEALTH CARE FACILITIES SAFE: CONTEXT

• Longstanding policy of avoidance of health care facilities by immigration enforcement authorities

• We have not seen any evidence of enforcement activity in health care settings

• Be proactive - prepare, plan, reassure, partner
KEEPING HEALTH CARE FACILITIES SAFE

Health care providers have rights (& responsibilities), too:

• Generally have missions to serve and promote health and well-being of all in their communities

• Protections of patient information strong and institutionalized

• Warrant or subpoena needed to enter private areas of health care facility or obtain patient info

• Health care facilities generally not required to disclose patient information to law enforcement
PREPARE, PLAN, REASSURE, PARTNER

• Create written policies and procedures on interactions with law enforcement
• Train your employees
• Reinforce mission, principles, privacy policy
• Issue policy and public statements reassuring immigrant communities/open to all
  • Safe to seek care
  • Privacy and confidentiality of immigration information
  • In languages spoken by communities served
• Reinvigorate relationships with community partners - open up lines of communication now and for future
LOCAl POLICIES

Communities can advocates for systems-level policies and expressions of support:

Alameda County, California has made a statement that its hospitals are safe spaces and is working on a policy

Los Angeles County’s Director of Health Services has put out a message to patients

San Francisco Department of Public Health created a post-election webpage and You’re Safe Here! flyer in multiple languages

New York City Health + Hospitals’ Open Letter to Immigrant New Yorkers, available in 12 languages

Others? Please share with us!
BEST PRACTICES – PATIENT ACCOUNTS

• Tips for helping with public health insurance or financial assistance
  • Provide welcoming messages and reassurances of privacy and confidentiality
  • Share information about immigrant eligibility for programs and help patient identify program that is relevant
  • Avoid asking if patient is “undocumented” or “not lawfully present”
• Policies and procedures should ensure access for mixed-status families and people who lack:
  • SSN
  • proof of income
  • proof of citizenship or immigration status
DEVELOPMENTS AROUND DACA
## CONGRESSIONAL EFFORTS TO PROTECT DACA

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<td><strong>Executive Order</strong></td>
<td>U.S. Representative Judy Chu et al. (111 Congress reps)</td>
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<td>To safeguard the personal identifying information of DACA recipients, including issuing an Executive Order prohibiting the use of DACA recipients information for purposes other than originally intended.</td>
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<td><strong>Pardon/Clemency</strong></td>
<td>U.S. Represenatives Lofgren, Gutierrez, Roybal-Allard</td>
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<td>Provides temporary relief from deportation and work authorization to those who have DACA or meet the DACA 2012 guidelines.</td>
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<td>Securing Active and Fair Enforcement (<em>SAFE Act</em>)</td>
<td>U.S. Senator Jeff Flake (R-Ariz.)</td>
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<td>Provides protections for those qualifying for DACA and ensures the rapid and effective deportation of people convicted of serious and violent crimes.</td>
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RECOMMENDATIONS

• ALL Applicant
  • Choosing to apply is a personal choice
  • Preferably done with the help of an attorney or BIA Accredited Representative
  • Fewer than 38 days until new administration; no guarantee that application will be processed before January 20th and DACA will still be available. Can take +120 days to process an application.
• First-time applicants?
  • Preferable not to apply
  • Can prepare application
• Renewals?
  • Less risk but weigh pros v. cons.
• Advance Parole?
  • Regular vs. emergency applications
  • RETURN BEFORE JANUARY 20TH.
• What else?
  • If your DACA is delayed: https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/steps-to-take-if-your-daca-renewal-is-delayed.pdf
  • Defend DACA. #heretostay
UPCOMING MOBILIZATIONS

WITH SHERIDAN AGUIRRE (UWD)
#HERETOSTAY – WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

weareheretostay.org

Join Us
TIMELINE OF ACTIONS

HOW YOU CAN FIGHT BACK:

December 19
WEEK OF ACTION

January 14
MARCH FOR IMMIGRANTS & REFUGEES

CREATE LOCAL SANCTUARY FOR IMMIGRANTS & REFUGEES

We can't do this alone. Create local grassroots campaigns to create sanctuary

START YOUR CAMPAIGN
DEC 19TH – COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

17 DEC
Immigrant and Ally Community Gathering
📅 17 December 2016  ⏰ 2:00 PM
📍 Steele Indian School Park, 300 E Indian School Rd, Phoenix, AZ, 85012, United States
👥 1 Attendee

18 DEC
Immigrant and Ally Community Gathering
📅 18 December 2016  ⏰ 1:00 PM
📍 Jose Marti Park, 351 SW 4th Ave, Miami, FL, 33144, United States
👥 1 Attendee

18 DEC
Immigrant and Ally Community Gathering
📅 18 December 2016  ⏰ 2:45 PM
📍 Assembly Of God Church, 2038 Park St, Hartford, CT, 06106, United States
👥 3 Attendees
DEC 19TH – COMMUNITY GATHERINGS (CONT.)

CREATE LOCAL SANCTUARY FOR IMMIGRANTS & REFUGEES
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MIGRAWATCH
REPORT IMMIGRATION AGENTS IN YOUR CITY
United We Dream®
- CALL OUR HOTLINE -
1-844-363-1423

New Campaign
Petition title *
Whom are you petitioning? *
What do you want them to do? *
Why is this important? *

These are rough times.
Check in with friends and family. See how they are doing.

If someone needs help, call the suicide prevention hotline:
1-800-273-8255
A mass-mobilization to build community, celebrate our immigrant heritage and defiantly pledge to protect immigrants, Muslims & refugees from hateful attacks and policies.

Who is organizing for January 14?

United We Dream, the Center for Community Change, the Fair Immigration Reform Movement and the Service Employees International Union have begun organizing January 14 and we invite you to join us.

So far, we have received commitments from the American Federation of Teachers and many more to participate. Can we count on you to mobilize too?
DACA — OUR REACTION TO BRIDGE & FAIR ACT

We are committed not only to the protection of DACA, but also to fighting mass deportation & other atrocious Trump policies that target people of color, womxn and a range of communities.

We will never allow “working something out” for those with DACA to serve as cover for raids, militarization of our border, stop and frisk policies, the Muslim registry and continued use of detention centers.
RESOURCES

• DACA - http://www.nilc.org/issues/daca/

• Know Your Rights - www.nilc.org/knowyourrights (English, Spanish, Korean, Chinese)

• Know Your Rights – Is it Safe to Apply for Health Insurance or Seek Health Care - https://www.nilc.org/health-insurance-and-care-rights/

• Information about Immigrants and Affordable Care Act/Obamacare, Medicaid, CHIP - https://www.nilc.org/issues/health-care/acafacts/

• IN DEVELOPMENT – KYR for Health Care Providers

• www.immi.org
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