



May 9... Alert on Immigration

What's Happening?

Last Tuesday, the Senate Human Services Committee voted on the All-Kids Act. With 6 to 1 (Bi-Partisan Support), HB 5736 moves to the full IL Senate for approval and then signed by Gov. Rauner.

“Today's passage of HB5736 in the Senate Human Services Committee, extending the Covering All Kids Health Insurance Act, continues Illinois's longstanding and important bi-partisan commitment to protecting the health of children in this state regardless of immigration status. It is also a smart investment in prevention and early diagnosis, which promote good health while saving money.” says JOHN BOUMAN, President at Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law & Healthy Illinois Board Member.

(Adapted from Healthy IL Campaign)

Action One: Prayer

God of love, God of mercy and God of liberation, bless this movement to gain immigrants the dignity that all people deserve. We lift over 2 million families up, who have already faced deportation and separation over the several years. Today we pray for relief from deportation for more than 5 million immigrants through DACA+ and DAPA. We pray that our Supreme Court Justices make the moral and just decision to implement this much needed program. We know they are the highest court in the land, but we look to a higher court and a higher law, one where we understand that loving one another and welcoming one another into one family is of the utmost importance and we ask that higher power to bless us and keep these families together. Amen.

(Adapted from IIC Prayer Vigil Toolkit)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

Support the Justice is Not for Sale Act: http://justiceisnotforsale.com/take-action-1/?SQF_ORGANIZATION=pfaw

Sign: Solidarity with Immigrants in US v. Texas:

https://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/51184//p/dia/action3/common/public/index.sjs?action_KEY=17840

Support Jose Juan in Asking for Sanctuary: <http://www.notonemoredeportation.com/portfolio/josejuan/>

Show Your Support for the Fair Day in Court for Kids Act: <http://cqcengage.com/jesuit/app/take-action?engagementId=194173#.Vw-13Prq5q8.twitter>

Congress: Protect the World's Most Vulnerable: http://act.one.org/sign/us_refugees/

Tell Congress: Migrant Children Need Legal Counsel:

http://act.credoaction.com/sign/Fair_Day?t=2&akid=17499.8488121.U5fICe

Call your Senators & Representatives (202-224-3121) – Urge them to cosponsor and support S.2540 &

H.R.4646. Sample Script: “I'm a constituent from [City, State] and I urge all Senators and Representatives to co-sponsor and support *The Fair Day in Court for Kids Act*. Children from El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras are fleeing traumatizing violence and should not have to stand before an immigration judge alone. *The Fair Day in Court for Kids Act* would increase legal orientation programs, ensure children have access to lawyers, and increase court appearance rates.”

Action Three: Education

Gary, IN Rejects Proposed For-Profit Immigrant Prison: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/suburbs/post-tribune/news/ct-ptb-gary-geo-vote-st-0506-20160505-story.html>

Migrant Children Kept from Enrolling in School: <http://bigstory.ap.org/article/b7f933ef6e054c2ca8e32bd9b477e9ab/ap-exclusive-migrant-children-kept-enrolling-school>

Immigrant Families Sue to Stop Detention Child Care Licenses: <https://www.texasobserver.org/immigrant-families-sue-to-stop-detention-child-care-licenses/>

Actress Tells Her Story of Parents Deported As Teen: <http://www.people.com/article/diane-guerrero-in-the-country-we-love-memoir>

Action Four: Events/Resources

On the Table/ Lunch & Learn Event – Tuesday, May 10, 12:00pm at 8th Day Center for Justice

Let's gather, share a bite to eat, and talk about how we can improve our community! 8th Day and the Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters are committed to continuing the conversation about finding sustainable solutions to the social justice issues of our time. Please bring your own lunch, and come eager to share your own perspective on the role of faith in community. Address: 205 W Monroe. RSVP or for more info: <https://www.facebook.com/events/231905550514261/>

Refugees Welcome – contains resources for communities to register, organize, promote, and host their own Refugees Welcome events: <http://www.refugeesarewelcome.org/>

Toolkit for Action to Support DACA/DAPA: IICDAPADACAPrayerServiceVigilToolkit_4.18.16.docx

Administrative Relief Regional Collaboration Toolkit: http://www.adminrelief.org/resources/item.596504-Regional_Collaboration_Toolkit_10

CLINIC Refugee Resettlement Toolkit: <https://cliniclegal.org/resources/clinic-refugee-resettlement-toolkit>

Share any info you have on reports of raids on Central Americans in your community here: <http://www.aila.org/advo-media/agency-liaison/case-examples/reports-of-raids-against-central-american-families>

Immigration Raids Alert: <http://www.nilc.org/raidsalert2016.html>

Know Your Rights Resources: <https://afsc.org/category/topic/know-your-rights>

Action Five: Social Media

Twitter: Access your member of Congress' twitter handle at <http://stuffthought.com/blog/113th-congress-twitter-handles/>

Sample Tweet: Our country welcomes #refugees. @SpeakerRyan - reject HR 4731, the so-called "Refugee Program Integrity Restoration Act" #StandForWelcome

Thank you for your efforts!