



## April 25... Alert on Immigration

### **What's Happening?**

Last week the All Kids Act passed in the Illinois House of Representatives. HB 5736 extends the Covering All Kids program until October 1, 2019, providing health coverage to more than 41,000 children. The bill passed on a bipartisan vote of 77-38, with 16 House Republicans joining most House Democrats. The All Kids program provides Illinois children with comprehensive health care, including immunizations, well-child visits, necessary medication, vision and dental care. Access to health insurance during childhood is cost-effective because it reduces mortality rates and results in fewer expensive adult emergency room visits and hospitalizations. Many families enrolled in All Kids do not have available and affordable health insurance through an employer. All Kids improves access to preventive and primary care and protects against communicable diseases, making our communities healthier. The bill now moves to the Senate and needs to pass before the end of the General Assembly session on May 31, 2016. (Adapted from ICIRR)

The Supreme Court heard arguments last Monday on the controversy over the Obama administration's Deferred Action for Parents of Americans (DAPA) and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) policies. The outcome of the case will impact millions of immigrant families and is being watched closely by organizations working with immigrant communities. (Adapted from Catholic Charities)

### **Action One: Prayer**

Dear God, our journey through life is long and hard. We cannot make this trip alone; we must walk together on the journey. In the refugee family, seeking safety from violence, Let us see your Spirit. In the migrant worker, bringing food to our tables, Let us see your Spirit. In the asylum-seeker, seeking justice for himself and his family, Let us see your Spirit. In the unaccompanied child, traveling in a dangerous world, Let us see your Spirit. Teach us to welcome not only the strangers in our midst but the gifts they bring us as well. We are not alone. We are together on the journey, and for this we give you thanks. Amen. (Adapted from: Rev. Enock De Assis)

### **Action Two: Calls/Letters**

#### **Sign: Solidarity with Immigrants in US v. Texas:**

[https://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/51184//p/dia/action3/common/public/index.sjs?action\\_KEY=17840](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/](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.U5fCe](http://act.credoaction.com/sign/Fair_Day?t=2&akid=17499.8488121.U5fCe)

## Urge Speaker Ryan to Reject Anti-Refugee Bill:

<https://secure2.convio.net/lirs/site/Advocacy?alertId=223&pg=makeACall#.Vvr3uHq4abh>

**Tell DHS No One Should Be Deported to their Death:** <http://act.mpowerchange.org/sign/tell-dhs-no-one-should-be-deported2death/?t=1&akid=17.14070.3uFADd>

**Tell your Lawmaker to Pass HR922, Responsible Budget Resolution:** <http://www.responsiblebudget.org/takeaction>

**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

From Nightmare to Dream: Syrian Refugees Thank Pope for Safety: <https://cnstopstories.com/2016/04/18/from-nightmare-to-dream-syrian-refugees-thank-pope-for-safety/>

Overview of U.S. v. Texas DACA/DAPA Challenge: <http://blog.endisolation.org/archives/1100>

CA State Measure Calls for End to For-Profit Detention Contracts: <http://www.scp.org/news/2016/04/13/59550/state-measure-calls-for-end-to-profit-making-immig/>

Cardinal Dolan Notes History of Anti-Immigrant Sentiment in US: <http://religionandpolitics.org/2016/04/12/american-catholicism-in-public-life-an-interview-with-cardinal-timothy-dolan/>

## Action Four: Events/Resources

**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](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!**