

San Mateo County Immigrant Forum

July 17, 2025

Meeting Summary

Immigrant Legal Resource Center Updates:

Birthright Citizenship

- Legal challenges continuing. At this point, the law has not changed. People born in the U.S. are still U.S. citizens.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS)

- TPS for Nicaragua and Honduras expired as of 7/5. 60 days transition period during which employment authorization still valid – until 9/8.
- Efforts to terminate TPS for Haiti have been blocked by a Federal Judge. Litigation continues. It is currently still set to expire 2/3/26.
- TPS for Afghanistan expired on 5/12. 60-day period ended, so has gone into effect.
- Individuals losing TPS should see a legal worker to understand other potential forms of relief that may be available to them.
- Concern was raised regarding social media conversation directing community members to a now-defunct immigration relief program. Alison clarified that this program is not active and has not been for many months.

Immigration Enforcement

- Reminder to call the Faith in Action (FIA) community response line as needed. Important to be specific with details so verifiers can assist.
- At this time immigration enforcement continues to be targeted, no reports of raids.
- Some arrests at courthouses, immigration courts. No apprehensions at USCIS interviews in the Bay Area (SF or SJ).
- Big Bill passed by Congress provides significant funding for enforcement and expanded detention. Specific changes/impacts unclear at this time.
- Immigration applications still getting approved at this time. If eligible for something, should apply.
- Important as ever to KYR, complete Family Preparedness plans.
- Advocates are organizing to require enforcement agents to clearly identify themselves.

DACA:

- No changes at this time. DACA recipients maintain their DACA, but new applications are not being processed. The 9th circuit courts continue to review DACA litigation.

DHS / DHHS Data Sharing:

- unclear what Medicaid data ICE has access to. SMC Human Services Agency (HSA) has shared community partner-facing letter expressing concern and seeking to inform the community of possible breach.
 - Impact is unclear at this time.
 - Those with Medi-Cal coverage remain covered and can continue to use their benefits.

OCA Updates

- E-mail Megan directly to be added to the county communication calendar (mgosch@smcgov.org)
- FIA offers court accompaniment, which can be arranged by calling their hotline.
 - The more advance notice the better, given community need
 - FIA's court accompaniers are trained community volunteers, but not legal staff and cannot provide legal advice.
- OCA has Immigrant Resource Guides and multilingual Red Cards available. Download digital copies of the Resource Guide (or request hard copy guides) for your organization [here](#), and request Red Cards [here](#).

Agency Updates

- Citizenship Classes: offered at all 13 SMC Library branches, as well as online. Find a list of upcoming classes and locations [here](#).
- Clean Slate Clinic: San Mateo County Private Defender Program and Silicon Valley Debug will host on 9/13 (location TBD).
 - SMC Private Defender Program: 650-298-4000 – ask to speak to Attorney of the Day for Clean Slate Intake
- Silicon Valley Debug and Pangea have developed a guide for community members if a loved one detained by ICE. Available in English here:
<https://www.siliconvalleydebug.org>