



April 17 - 23, 2023

What's Happening

US to test expedited asylum screenings at Mexico border - AP

More Chinese asylum seekers arriving at US Mexico border - VOA

US/Cuba discuss new migrant parole program - Miami Herald

Biden admin to widen Medicaid and ACA health coverage to DACA immigrants - Wash Post

Signature Biden asylum reform policy is now on hold - LA Times

Bill targeting the smuggling of girls gets bipartisan support as Congress deadlocks over broader immigration reform - NBC News

US, Panama and Columbia aim to stop Darien Gap migration - AP

DHS proposes fee increases for immigration applicants - Spectrum News

FL Gov. DeSantis pushes immigration crackdown - Capital Gazette/NY Times

Bill for DACA recipients to become cops in IL gains momentum in Springfield - Chicago Trib

ACLU appeals county judge ruling allowing fedl immigration pgm in county jail - Denver Post

US and Cuba to hold fresh round of migration talks this week - Reuters

Action One: Prayer

Give us the strength it takes to listen rather than to judge, to trust rather than to fear, to try again and again to make peace even when peace eludes us. We ask, O God, for the grace to be our best selves. We ask for the vision to be builders of the human community rather than its destroyers. We ask for humility as a people to understand the fears and hopes of other peoples. We ask for the love it takes to bequeath to the children of the world more than the failures of our own making. Amen. (Author Unknown)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Let the Biden Admin know that it's wrong to support family detention.

https://actionnetwork.org/forms/sign-the-petition-to-president-biden-no-family-detention?source=2023FamilyDetention_MPC&referrer=group-mpower-change&redirect=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.mpowerchange.org.

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Joe Biden: Do not reinstate family detention.

https://actionnetwork.org/forms/tell-joe-biden-do-not-reinstate-family-detention?source=group-mijente&referrer=group-mijente&redirect=https%3A%2F%2Fsecure.actblue.com%2Fdonate%2Fmijente-em-20230412&ms=20230412_email_actives&refcode=20230412_email_actives&utm_source=20230412_email_actives&sourceid=1003803&emci=af4af5b5-2cda-ed11-8e8b-00224832eb73&emdi=58a200bc-2cda-ed11-8e8b-00224832eb73&ceid=264787

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress - undocumented youth need protection from deportation.

https://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-congress-undocumented-immigrant-youth-need-protection-from-deportations/?source=group-coalition-on-human-needs&redirect=https://secure.actblue.com/donate/protections_for_dreamers&link_id=1&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&ema

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to pass the Dream Act of 2023 and provide permanent legal protections for Dreamers. <https://p2a.co/69W1yUH>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell President Biden: No family detention. <https://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-president-biden-no-family-detention>

NATIONAL LEVEL - End child labor. Expand asylum for unaccompanied migrant children. https://actionnetwork.org/forms/sign-the-petition-end-child-labor-in-america-expand-asylum-for-unaccompanied-migrant-children?source=2023EndChildLabor_ATV&referrer=group-actv&redirect=https://secure.actblue.com/donate/actpatron-thankyou&link_id=2&can_id=9c91c4ee3a39a576c5260775feb6a9bc&email_referrer=email_1867205&email_subject=stop-child-labor&refcodeEmailReferrer=email_1867205

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign the petition to President Biden - No transit asylum ban. https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/forms/sign-the-petition-to-president-biden-no-transit-asylum-ban?detail=emailaction%22&link_id=2&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-take-action-the-biden-admin-will-rush-through-the-comment-period-for-this-asylum-policy-7&email_referrer=email_1826270&email_subject=take-action-the-biden-admin-will-rush-through-the-comment-period-for-this-asylum-policy

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Biden: allow entry to families denied by Trump's Muslim and African bans - <https://actionnetwork.org/forms/sign-the-petition-to-president-biden-allow-entry-to-families-denied-by-trumps-muslim-and-african-bans/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Biden admin to put the safety of migrant children at the forefront. <https://p2a.co/d0HUxXB>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Roll back the asylum ban - protect the right to asylum. <https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/roll-back-the-asylum-ban-protect-the-right-to-asylum/?emci=3cd69ded-32bc-ed11-a8e0-00224832e811&emdi=9546c253-d0c4-ed11-a8e0-00224832e811&ceid=6321161>

Action Three: Education

Safety net barriers add to child poverty in immigrant families -

https://www.nytimes.com/2023/04/06/us/politics/child-poverty-immigrants.html?unlocked_article_code=b5-kHHZ-fFvbsLu71AvksyQCmQYTZU0PCxpOp5dJIZGYfRdDAYSXKIDIZYnN9vgxVQiaj3jy6Jizs0T3AiV6HRGnWMxrn9law7Nbihm5MUZqzZI75lGvlkr0Uqo9sJ_mW_60iyNEhK015G70y4A0_egGUVQ5tvZE_FUy5TaNTWQ_uOS2wq5pgUJzz7Ks4PovRmqgdp4LS3l7D8aKg8Dr3H36Q9gpBGodBcTxSyL8YSrMYgPg3dHsd7WDXygl92DCgoLzBz_vR1WLtzqk_LmHRFEwezy5Bie_6dsdUtjP6wOfzjrMzlg5Wn-C0oOakpdDS_3ERGLWfoNu4QxwQBO7wYfYgHuF0A&smid=url-share

US born children, too, were separated from parents at the border

https://www.nytimes.com/2023/04/11/us/migrant-family-separations-citizens.html?unlocked_article_code=TJMh2Rw0ZQoMQ4J_rbzjD1Lq0a59NyUcWQkeEm6chRAPrFHdYtYk1s5w6cMEf1Tly-Nwc1zZ2xICyZjNUj2zeAXXTuqMhB6eJOGG7NnULUSMilmjFCnPPHjYeQEI_eL5Nh0JWGs2cnkJumEF-ONJwMtp5NA6-41lZr9QHxM5bHoVdemUOUZdRIHsqKeL_XPkJeZ8uuy2l1luXQnCd51rXFD3cJPhq8syjego_X_Qwok_cPTIUB3AA6D_TqYew1PMD6rCYRy6gVKOKRyQ3YHZN-1i-ek9sw354HJ9aJHero97Hp_Fb28hhisH4JKkxZeolbAPKc4onnFg1rfypde7wlvHcYXl&smid=url-share

Leadership training program for immigrants has transformed parish communities -

<https://www.ncronline.org/news/bishop-supported-leadership-training-immigrants-transforms-parish-communities>

Backlogged and political: How asylum works in America - <https://www.newsnationnow.com/us-news/immigration/backlogged-political-how-asylum-works/>

Biden admin to widen Medicaid and ACA health coverage to DACA immigrants

<https://wapo.st/41yiVFr>

Action Four: Action

ONGOING: BROADVIEW ONLINE FRIDAY ROSARY: The Rosary prayer is conducted every Friday at 7:15 a.m. CT for our immigrant sisters and brothers in detention, deportation and their families. The prayer is led by Sr JoAnn Persch, RSM and Pat Murphy, RSM. If you are interested in participating, email kdonayre@icdichicago.org to be added to the emailing list.

ICDI Monthly meetings: Monthly meetings-first Thursday of every month at 12:00pm CT. These meetings begin with a small interfaith reflection and continue with our ICDI staff giving program updates. Register here: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwsde2spjotHtJBQ97mO9XQRns5BwjnisjJ>

Action Five: Social Media: (@POTUS) All workers — regardless of immigration status — deserve fair wages, safe working conditions, and access to benefits like paid time off & health care. There are no workers' rights without immigrants' rights. **Thank you for your efforts!**