



September 18 – 24, 2023

What's Happening

Chicago 'Migrant Camps' will be modeled after NYC's tent shelters - Block Club Chicago
US reopened troubled facility for migrant children in TX amid spike in border arrivals - CBS
US agents are separating migrant children from their parents to avoid overcrowding- CBS
Federal immigration ruling is a setback for Cubans who come over the border - wlrn.org
US BP is putting migrants in outdoor encampments without bathroom again - kpbs.org
US has no plans to expand TPS for Nicaraguans - Miami Herald
TX, Denver using federal funds to send migrants to Chicago - Axios
Federal judge declares DACA immigration pgm unlawful for second time - The Hill
TX Gov. criticizes report that US may force some migrants to stay in TX - LA Times
DHS has track of 177,000 migrants inside of US - NBC News
Lawmakers ask Biden to expedite work permits - The Hill
A fedl doc, I-220A, will keep Cubans from getting green cards to stay in US - Miami Herald

Action One: Prayer

Spirit of life, immigrant adults and children have traveled far from home with faith, hope and courage. Many have had terrifying and abusive experiences. We ask that they be comforted and blessed with healing and wholeness. May all levels of government, faith communities and organizations work with a spirit of compassion and cooperation so that they may receive the best care possible. Allow resources to be released through generous donations for their food, shelter, healthcare and personal needs. May it be so. (Interfaith Comm. for Detained Immigrants)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to Enact a Permanent Solution for Dreamers -
<https://p2a.co/zF29IYq>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to do everything in their power to pass a pathway to citizenship now for DACA.

https://act.nilc.org/page/56847/action/1?supporter.appealCode=20230914_EG_Hanan_NILC&ea.url.id=1984100&forwarded=true

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to protect abused, abandoned, and neglected immigrant children. <https://cwsglobal.org/action-alerts/take-action-urge-congress-to-protect-abused-abandoned-and-neglected-immigrant-children/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to support policies that welcome asylum seekers and reject further militarization of the border - <https://cwsglobal.org/action-alerts/take-action-tell-congress-to-support-policies-that-welcome-asylum-seekers-and-reject-the-further-militarization-of-the-border/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell DHS Mayorkas to fast track work permits for noncitizens.

https://secure.everyaction.com/i/APXBA-j_kGpcM1_fKLWZw2?emci=dc9b1342-ad51-ee11-9937-00224832e811&emdi=11684080-4052-ee11-9937-00224832e811&ceid=10679

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to support asylum seeker work authorization act -

https://act.hias.org/page/54296/action/1?en_txn6=MR-EM-FY23-07-asylum_ban_2023-advo-full_file-1&utm_medium=email&utm_source=EngagingNetworks&utm_campaign=230707_Asylum-Seeker-Work-Authorization_Action_Remainder&utm_content=230707+Asylum-Seeker-Work-Authorization+Action+Remainder&ea.url.id=1865401&forwarded=true

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to safeguard children in need and ensure communities have access to religious workers - <https://www.voterve.com/campaigns/106758/Respond>

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

NATIONAL LEVEL - Contact your MOC to co-sign the Lift Your Bar Act.

https://act.nilc.org/page/51422/action/1?supporter.appealCode=20230420_LTBA_NILC&ea.url.id=1730645&forwarded=true

NATIONAL LEVEL – Tell Congress to pass permanent protections for immigrant youth:

<https://act.nilc.org/page/46080/action/1?ea.tracking.id=web>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge the Biden admin and legislators to formally end family detention.

<https://lutheranimmigrationrefugeeservice.quorum.us/campaign/46496/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Take action - oppose proposed cuts to refugee funding. https://www.irsusa.org/take-action-to-oppose-proposed-cuts-to-refugee-funding/?utm_source=pardot&utm_medium=action-alert&utm_campaign=oppose-proposed-budget-cuts-2023

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell your Senators to support meaningful, bipartisan immigration reform -

<https://p2a.co/R7DD4en>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell President Biden to reunite refugee families now.

<https://refugeerights.quorum.us/campaign/47496/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to pass the Afghan Adjustment Act to protect Afghans at risk -

<https://cwsqglobal.org/action-alerts/take-action-urge-congress-to-pass-the-afghan-adjustment-act-to-protect-afghans-at-risk/>

Action Three: Education

US Mexico border is world's deadliest land migration route - <https://www.reuters.com/world/us-mexico-border-is-worlds-deadliest-land-migration-route-iom-finds-2023-09-12/>

Immigrant parents long to reunite with the kids they left behind - <https://www.eltimpano.org/reporting/family-youth/immigrant-parents-long-to-reunite-with-their-kids/>

'You can always start again': the LA restaurant helping refugees resettle - one dish at a time.

<https://www.theguardian.com/food/2023/sep/09/los-angeles-restaurant-flavors-from-afar-asylum-seekers>

The immigrant population in the US is growing again - <https://www.npr.org/2023/09/14/1199417599/immigrant-population-us-foreign-born-census-bureau>

US agents are separating migrant children from their parents to avoid overcrowding, inspector finds -

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/migrant-children-separated-parents-u-s-border-agents-overcrowding/?s=03>

Action Four: Action

ONGOING: BROADVIEW ONLINE FRIDAY ROSARY: The Rosary prayer is conducted every Friday at 715 am 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 anyone want to connect in Zoom or participate in person, they can contact Sr. JoAnn Persch at 773-597-5394 or jpmrsm2@gmail.com

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/tZwsde2spjotHtJBQ97mO9XQRns5BwjnisiJ>

Action Five: Social Media: (@Rep/Sen) Congress must get off the sidelines and provide a permanent, legislative solution to DACA recipients and those waiting to sign up. There seems to be bipartisan agreement to help, so let's pass legislation. **Thank you for your efforts!**