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If you care about immigrant justice, you should care about reproductive justice





Justice

Planning for Next Year





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What is reproductive justice?

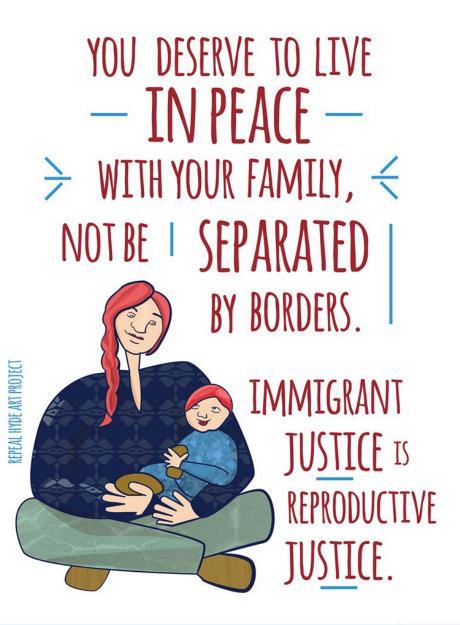
NOTHING IS BEYOND MY REACH.
WE MADE THESE SYSTEMS,

AND WE HAVE THE POWER



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YOU DESERVE HEALTH CARE FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS.



IMMIGRANT JUSTICE IS REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE.



Brief overview of:

DACA / Dream Act

TPS

Funding for ICE and CBP

Asylum Ban





DACA / TPS

DACA (Defered Action for Childhood Arrivals): Last year, Trump administration decided to end DACA. Due to three court orders — in various U.S. district courts — USCIS is accepting DACA renewal applications.

TPS (Temporary Protective Status): The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has announced the termination of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) designations for nationals of Sudan, Nicaragua, Haiti, El Salvador, Nepal, and Honduras.





Funding for ICE and CBP

Immigration and Customs Enforcement and U.S. Customs and Border Protection keeps getting millions of dollars, over \$2 Billion for FY18, and we know immigrant youth and TPS holders will become vulnerable at the hands of ICE and CBP as soon as their protections expire.

Our communities need Congress to reject increased funding to this Deportation Force and to cut funds for ICE and CBP.

For those DACA recepients and TPS holders, a permament solution is needed soon. We need to make sure they are protected from deportation.

Organizations to look for:

- National Immigration Law Center
- United We Dream
- Undocublack
- Catholic Legal Immigration Network (CLINIC)
- The Southern Border Communities Coalition
- American Civil Liberties Union

Asylum Ban

Last Friday, Trump signed a presidential proclamation, immediately blocking asylum access for all migrants that cross the southern border between ports of entry. The ban will last 90 days and will likely be lidigated.

The proclamation **explicitly** refers to the caravan of Central American families thousands of miles away as a "crisis" posing a threat to the United States.

Important points:

- President Trump continues to undermine our rule of law. The new rule is unlawful, effectively undermining America's immigration laws. It recklessly shuts the door on children, parents and other individuals who are fleeing unspeakable violence and persecution.
- Asylum Seekers are Being Turned Back at Ports of Entry. Even if an asylum-seeker goes to a port of entry to
 present their case, it's likely they'll be turned away and forced to wait in potentially dangerous situations in
 Mexico. Under U.S. law, CBP must allow all asylum seekers to be processed but for several years CBP
 officers across the border have turned back asylum seekers into Mexico, resulting in many crossing
 between ports of entry.

Public Charge

Public charge is a term used in immigration law and by officials to refer to an individual that might depend on public programs (government programs) to meet basic needs.

- This rule has been used by immigration officials for a 100 years.
- Dramatically expands the types of assistance considered
 - SNAP
 - Non-emergency Medicaid
 - Housing assistance
 - Medicare Part D
- Adds characteristics that would be considered negatively
 - Age (under 18 or above 60)
 - Disability
 - English proficiency
 - Household size

Public Charge

- Chilling effect has already harmed access
- Millions live in household w/family member on public benefits
 - 3.8 million AAPI immigrants
 - 10.1 Latinx immigrants
- Scare them away from seeking access to health care, nutrition, and housing programs.

Right now:

- It is still *only a proposal*.
- The changes proposed in this rule do not apply to all immigrants.
 - Asylum seekers, refugees, certain visas, those applying to citizenship
 - Each case is different, cannot generalize
- Comment Period: <u>December 10th.</u>
 - <u>www.ProtectingImmigrantFamilies.org</u>

Questions?



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