

## Stand by Immigrants: News, Resources, and Actions - Week Ending June 6, 2026



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**Know Your Rights:** You can't protect your rights unless you know what they are. Here's a [2-page handout](#) prepared by OCSI. If you want a comprehensive resource library of KYR information, updated for 2026, Austin Kocher provides one [here](#).

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## OCSI Corner

**Do you need a speaker on immigration of “know your rights” for your local church, synagogue, or community group?** Contact us at the email below. We can help!

The Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library is sponsoring a three-part series of discussions on immigration issues. The first is on Saturday, June 13 at 1:00 pm. at the Lee Road Branch, 2345 Lee Road, Cleveland Heights. OCSI's Steve Volk will open the series addressing why immigrants come to the U.S. and the legal barriers that block their way.

## ACTION ITEMS

The Greater Cleveland Congregations (GCC) and other congregations around the country have embarked on a campaign to pressure Citizens Bank to stop funding the building and renovations of ICE Detention Centers. If you bank at Citizens Bank, join this effort by writing to your local bank demanding they stop funding concentration camps. All of us can join the effort by clicking on the link below to sign up for the De-ICE Citizens Bank National Day of Action on Saturday, June 6, from 10:00 to 11:30 am: <https://www.mobilize.us/mobilize/event/954956/>

**PICK THREE (No time for all the reporting? Here are three important stories from the past week that you might have overlooked):**

[A Former GEO Group Executive Now Runs ICE. The Company's Government Ties Run Deep](#) (NPR, June 4, 2026): About a third of people in immigration detention are in facilities run by GEO Group, and this week, former GEO Group executive David Venturella begins his tenure as acting director of ICE.

[ICE Arrests Were Just the Beginning for These Families](#) (Catherine E. Shocichet, photographs by Carol Guzy, CNN, June 1, 2026): A photographer followed what came next. (Warning: the photographs are truly disturbing.)

[Trump Squeezes Immigrants by Cutting Them Off from Jobs, Health Care and Housing](#) (New York Times, May 30, 2026): The methodically planned strategy is intended to pressure noncitizens, including many with legal status, to leave the United States.

## PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Sen. Andy Kim (New Jersey) attempts (unsuccessfully) to deescalate tensions between protesters and federal agents at Delaney Hall on May 25 (Photo by Dakota Santiago, New York Times)

## LOCAL AND OHIO NEWS

[Federal Judge Hearing Testimony on Warrantless ICE Immigration Arrests in Ohio](#) (Columbus Dispatch, June 4, 2026): The hearing is part of a lawsuit from people who say they were arrested by ICE and Border Patrol without a valid warrant.

[Columbus Has Been Ohio's Epicenter of Trump's ICE Enforcement Surge](#) (Columbus Dispatch, June 4, 2026): 552 people were arrested in Columbus between Jan. 25, 2025, and May 26, 2026.

[Ohio City Workers Are Covering Automated License Plate Readers with Trash Bags as Officials Sound the Alarm on 'Egregious Violations' of Privacy](#) (Fortune, June 3, 2026): Across Dayton, Ohio, city workers are covering Flock Safety cameras after city officials suspended their use over concerns that the system's data was being used for immigration enforcement.

[New Investigation Says Group Linked to Jim Jordan got \\$250k from Private Prison Company](#) (Ohio Capital Journal, June 2, 2026): Contribution from the GeoGroup came 11 days after Ohio Republican U.S. Rep. Jordan voted for billions more to house more ICE detainees.

[Residents Push Cleveland Schools to Remove 200 Flock Cameras, Citing High Costs and Immigration Concerns](#) (Cleveland.com, June 1, 2026): A group of residents is demanding that Cleveland Metropolitan School District end their relationship with Flock Safety and remove about 200 cameras installed at schools across the district.

## **RESISTING, PROTESTING, AND ORGANIZING FOR CHANGE**

[What Happened When a Tiny School District Refused to ‘Bend the Knee’ to Trump and ICE](#) (Guardian, June 3, 2026): In Winooski, Vermont, where more than a third of children are English learners, a school superintendent is taking a stand to protect immigrant students.

[A Movement Is Growing to Close the Largest ICE Jail on the East Coast](#) (Truthout, June 2, 2026): An ICE jail in rural Pennsylvania has been accused of medical neglect, providing unsafe water, and serving spoiled food.

[Migrants Detained at ICE Facilities Launch Hunger Strikes to Protest Conditions](#) (Ohio Capital Journal, June 2, 2026): In at least four states, migrants detained in ICE facilities have launched hunger strikes in recent weeks to protest the conditions in which they are being held.

[Delaney Hall Protesters Arrested as Riot Police Storm Streets. Chaos Continues as Curfew Begins](#) (NJ.com, June 1, 2026): Hundreds of cops in riot gear led by the New Jersey State Police detained several people after the curfew went into effect at 9 p.m. Sunday.

[Georgia Town’s Novel Strategy to Fight ICE Jail Plan Impresses Legal Experts](#) (Guardian, May 31, 2026): Town of Social Circle’s complaint invokes ‘public nuisance’ law that scholars say could have impact for other localities.

## **THE COURTS AND LEGAL ACTIONS**

[Judge Says Government Must Restart Asylum and Immigration Processing](#) (New York Times, June 5, 2026): A slate of the Trump administration’s immigration policies were struck down on Friday by a federal judge, who rejected the government’s indefinite holds on asylum applications globally and on immigration

applications from people from 39 countries who had been unable to obtain green cards and citizenship.

[Dead but Deportable: US Immigration Judge Signed Order to Eject Teen Murder Victim](#) (Guardian, June 3, 2026): North Carolina judge said Levi Mendez-Maldonado failed to show up in court – even after being told he had died in 2024.

[Suit Filed against ICE over ‘Dire’ Conditions at Largest US Immigration Detention Facility](#) (Guardian, May 30, 2026): In first suit over conditions at Texas’s Camp East Montana, plaintiffs allege ‘dangerous and abusive’ environment with ‘abhorrent’ medical care.

## **DETENTION WAREHOUSES AND CONCENTRATION CAMPS**

[‘Out of Control’: When Troopers and Protesters Clash, Questions Follow](#) (New York Times, June 5, 2026): Gov. Mikie Sherrill had hoped that replacing federal agents outside the Delaney Hall detention center with the state police would bring peace. It didn’t work out that way.

[Louisiana ICE Facility Mistreated Immigrants, Federal Investigators Say](#) (New York Times, June 3, 2026): A report by the Department of Homeland Security’s internal watchdog described officers putting one man in a chokehold and stabbing another with a pen.

[Life Inside the Delaney Hall ICE Detention Camp Is a Tragedy](#) (Guardian, June 2, 2026): The immigrants’ courage is matched only by the severity of their limited options. Ultimately, the pressure for change will have to come from the outside.

[A New Jersey Immigration Detention Center on Edge. What Comes Next?](#) (NPR, June 1, 2026): An 8-minute podcast on the Delaney Hall detention facility.

[Hunger Strike at New Jersey ICE Facility Enters Ninth Day as Protesters Face Off with Trump Supporters](#) (Guardian, May 30, 2026): A Newark detention center has been at the forefront of anti-ICE protests – and now counterprotests.

[ICE Eyes Selling Mega-Warehouses Purchased for Mass Detention](#) (NBC News, May 29, 2026): The agency is also considering selling several planes ICE purchased for deportations under former Secretary Kristi Noem, but no decisions have been made.

[New Jersey Says State Police Will Replace Federal Agents Outside ICE Facility](#) (Guardian, May 29, 2026): Announcement coincides with reports of influx of federal agents to Delaney Hall, site of protests and hunger strike.

## ICE BUCKET

[Senate Republicans Pass Immigration Funding after Overnight Vote](#) (NPR, June 5, 2026): \$70 billion to fund immigration enforcement agencies for the remainder of Trump's time in the White House.

[ICE to Stop Reporting Deaths of Newly Released Detainees, internal Memo Says](#) (Washington Post, June 4, 2026): The agency is facing pressure to improve medical care in its facilities after reporting the deaths of 18 detainees in the first five months of this year.

[‘We Want Fans to Know the Risks’: US Immigrant Rights Group Mobilize Across World Cup Host Cities amid ICE Fears](#) (Guardian, June 1, 2026): More than 120 groups issued warning to 10 million visitors about ‘serious rights violations’ under Trump.

[They Were Detained by ICE. Then They Vanished](#) (Aala Abdullahi and Geoff Hing, Mother Jones, May 31, 2026): Immigrants are frequently being sent all over the country, and often families and attorneys don't know where they are.

[ICE Is Detaining People Who Show the “Know Your Rights” Red Cards](#) (La Taco, May 29, 2026): It appears that ICE sees "Know Your Rights" cards and makes the immediate assumption that people trying to use the cards are undocumented. They have essentially become little red targets.

## EMERGING POLICY AND THREATS TO IMMIGRANTS

### ***Targeting Children***

[Children ‘Held Like Criminals’ Inside ICE Detention Center](#) (CBS News, May 31, 2026): "In Dilley was very hard, very hard," said Joel. "Especially to kids, right? The food, the water you drink, even the water you shower, is the worst."

### ***Detention and Deportation and Death***

[ICE Deported His Dad. Now He’s Graduating High School Without Him](#) (Guardian, June 6, 2026): Mark, 17, struggled to make it through senior year after his dad was deported to El Salvador. Getting his diploma was bittersweet for the Maryland teen – as his dad watched on a livestream.

[From Festering Infections to Untreated Cancer, ICE Detainees Across the US Describe Medical Neglect](#) (AP, June 2, 2026): Hundreds of detainees across at least 33 states allege in federal lawsuits that immigration detention facilities are failing to

provide adequate medical care.

[After Nearly Two Months in ICE Detention, UCF Student Works to Rebuild Life and Finish Degree](#) (News6-Orlando, June 1, 2026): Alexander Vallejos shares what his life was like in ICE custody.

[ICE Detained Them, and Then They Vanished](#) (Aala Abdullahi and Geoff Hing, The Marshall Project, June 1, 2026): Under Trump, the U.S. increasingly sends immigrants all over the nation with little warning, leaving families and attorneys unsure where they are.

[‘Where Are All the Kids?’: Questions Arise Over Treatment of Pregnant Minors in Texas Immigration Facility](#) (Guardian, June 1, 2026): The Trump administration may be deporting the US citizen infants born to unaccompanied girls formerly held at the San Benito facility.

[University at Buffalo Graduate Detained by ICE in Texas after Engineering Competition](#) (WGRZ News, May 29, 2026): A recent UB grad was detained by ICE agents in Texas after traveling for an engineering competition. His family and the university are searching for answers.

[The U.S. Deported Them to Iran Just Before American Bombs Started Falling](#) (The Marshall Project, May 29, 2026): Trump’s State Department told Americans to avoid Iran, Venezuela, Ukraine, South Sudan and other nations where the U.S. simultaneously deported people.

[ICE Detainees Are Dying by Suicide at an ‘Alarming’ Rate, an AP Investigation Finds](#) (AP, May 27, 2026): Brayan Rayo, detained by ICE in Missouri, April 2025 was the first suicide in a spike among ICE detainees that has alarmed public health officials and jail experts.

### **Authoritarianism, Lawlessness, Racism, Stupidity, and Cruelty**

[Trump Order Reshapes Banking Rules Tied to Immigration Status](#) (Forbes, June 1, 2026): President Trump’s new executive order stops short of requiring banks to verify citizenship, but it opens the door to a far more consequential shift: expanded compliance scrutiny tied to immigration and employment authorization.

[Trump Administration Plan Would Allow for Quick Asylum Rejections without Interviews, Internal Documents Show](#) (CBS News, June 1, 2026): Officers at U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, a branch of DHS, would be empowered to reject asylum applications, without adhering to the traditional practice of interviewing the applicants, if they find the cases were filed a year after their arrival to the U.S.

[Trump's Immigration Enforcers Look into Buying Ad Data. Industry Insiders Fear What Comes Next](#) (Politico, May 30, 2026): Businesses that collect and sell information on Americans face an ethical debate about its potential use in federal immigration probes.

### ***Attacks on All Immigrants***

[Trump Team Wanted to Declare Immigrants Dead to Force Them Out](#) (The New Republic, June 5, 2026): The Trump administration had plans to falsely declare 2.7 million people dead as part of the president's cruel mass deportation efforts, according to a whistleblower.

## **IMMIGRATION AND THE ECONOMY**

['We Are Seeing Really Strong Early-Warning Signs': Trump's Immigration Crackdown Threatens Mass. Economy](#) (Boston Globe, June 4, 2026): Massachusetts will need roughly 64,000 net new immigrants annually through 2030 just to keep its working-age population stable, but is on track for only about 29,000 by the end of this year.

[How Is US Immigration Policy Hurting a Key Louisiana Industry?](#) (NRP, May 28, 2026): Louisiana leads the country in crawfish production, bringing more than \$300 million to the state each year. What happens when there aren't enough employees to get them to buyers?

## **BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS**

[Inside Trump's Suddenly Softened New Green Card Policy](#) (Washington Post, June 5, 2026): Big business, including tech and AI companies, launched a quiet but extensive lobbying effort against the green card policy requiring applicants to apply from abroad.

[Chronicles of a Midwest Mom in the Borderlands: Walls](#) (Lisa Gonzalez Substack, June 5, 2026): A telling visit to the Border Patrol Museum.

[The Seeds of Today's Fascist Threat Lie in Our Own Past](#) (Whitney Curry Wimbish, Portside, May 20, 2026): The seeds of an authoritarian state will still be there unless the United States reckons with its own fascist past and how that relates to Stephen Miller's vision for the future.