

## Stand by Immigrants: News, Resources, and Actions - Week Ending June 20, 2026



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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!**

## ACTION ITEMS

### Cleveland Heights Immigration Legal Aid Clinics



Citizenship & Naturalization  
Monday, June 22, 6-7 pm

Family Preparedness  
& Power of Attorney  
Monday, July 6, 6-7 pm

DACA  
Monday, July 20, 6-7 pm



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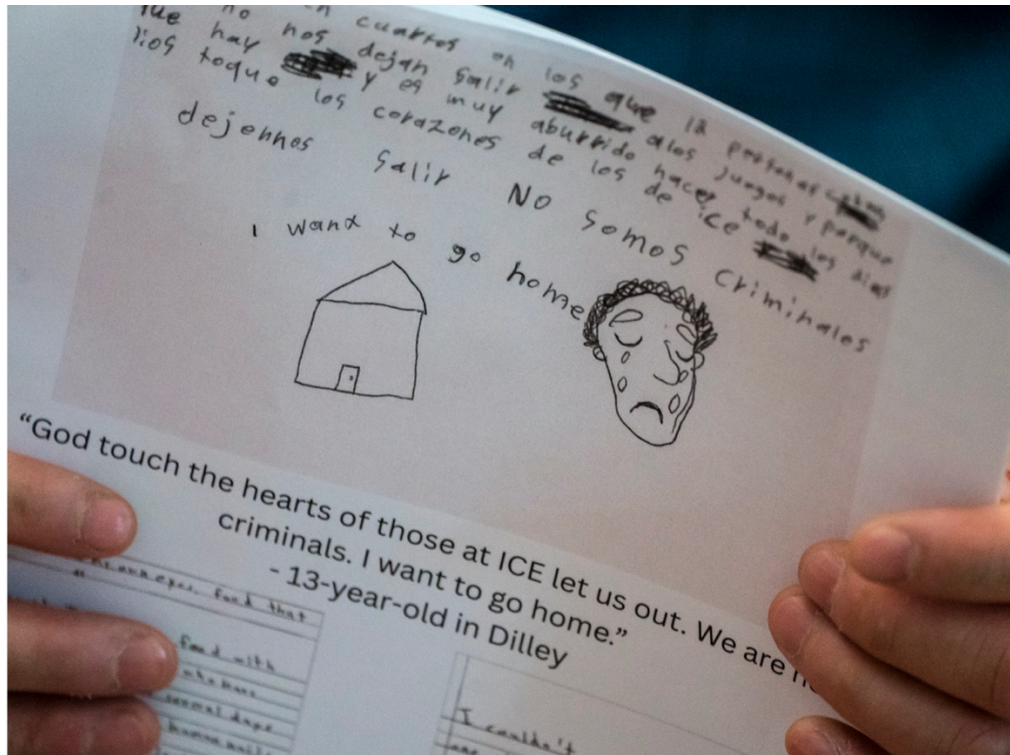
**PICK THREE (No time for all the reporting? Here are three important stories from the past week that you might have overlooked):**

[Memo by Rubio Approved Detention of Immigrant Who Criticized Trump Ally](#) (New York Times, June 19, 2026): Secretary of State Marco Rubio said Beto Coral’s criticism of Abelardo De La Espriella, a far-right presidential candidate in his home country of Colombia, undermined U.S. foreign policy.

[ICE Removed Detainee Protections after Private Outreach from Top Contractor](#) (Washington Post, June 16, 2026): In new federal standards released Monday, the agency appeared to make changes that could benefit Geo Group’s legal defense.

[The Alligator Alcatraz Boondoggle](#) (Eric Schlosser, The Atlantic, June 4, 2026): A conservative estimate of how much it costs to hold a single immigrant at Alligator Alcatraz for a year is about \$500,000. By comparison, Florida spends \$30,000 a year to house a convicted criminal in a state prison.

## PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Sen. Andy Kim (D-New Jersey) holds the letter of a child detained at the Dilley Immigration Processing Center in southern Texas.

## RESISTING, PROTESTING, AND ORGANIZING FOR CHANGE

[On the Front Lines of Delaney Hall, ICE's Newark Prison](#) (Ian Frazier, New Yorker, June 15, 2026): The detention center was the first new facility to open under the second Trump Administration. Protesters won't stop until it is shut down.

[Delaney Hall Is Named after Their Family. They Want It to Close](#) (New York Times, June 13, 2026): Members of the Delaney family say that if the center continues to be used as an ICE facility, its name needs to be changed.

[On Corpus Christi, US Parishes Show Solidarity with Migrants, Refugees and Urge Their Protection](#) (OSV News, June 11, 2026): The June 7 events were part of the Season of Faithful Witness across the country rooted in prayer and Eucharistic devotion to show solidarity with immigrants amid the Trump administration's hardline immigration enforcement and mass deportations.

[Ms. Rachel Goes to Washington, Carrying Letters from Children in ICE Custody](#) (Washington Post, June 11, 2026): Rachel Griffin Accurso — Ms. Rachel, to her millions of followers — made her first visit to Capitol Hill wheeling a black suitcase

filled with stapled packets of handwritten letters and drawings, words and artwork of children, all of whom have been — or remain — in ICE custody.

## THE COURTS AND LEGAL ACTIONS

[Immigration Judges Are Denying ICE Detainees Release. Federal Judges Are Stepping in](#) (Politico, June 17, 2026): District court judges across the country are increasingly investigating immigration court hearings for constitutional deficiencies.

[Haitian Immigrants Ask Supreme Court to Toss Case in Light of New Evidence](#) (NPR, June 16, 2026): The motion argues that "career staff" recommended against ending the designation, but they were overruled by a "political appointee," among other departures from standard practice.

[Supreme Court to Decide if Migrants Detained for Months Must Receive Bond Hearings](#) (CNN, June 15, 2026): The ACLU, representing the two men at the center of the case, argued the court should decline to hear the case since one of those charged had already left the country and the other had been released.

[The Supreme Court's Pending Decision on Haitians' Humanitarian Status Is a Matter of 'Life and Death'](#) (Sarah Szilagy, Mother Jones, June 12, 2026): "They are trying to push people into the shadows and encourage people to just give up and leave."

[ICE's Detention Policy Won at the 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit. Then Judges Found Another Way to Reject It](#) (Politico, June 13, 2026): District court judges have ordered bond hearings or the release of ICE detainees more than 1,200 times since the appeals court's ruling, a POLITICO analysis shows.

## DETENTION WAREHOUSES AND CONCENTRATION CAMPS

[DHS Scraps Plans to Turn Georgia Warehouse into Detention Mega Center, City Says](#) (CNN, June 19, 2026): The federal government paid \$128.5 million for the property, the deed shows. That was more than four times the \$29.3 million it previously sold for in 2023.

[Proposed Immigrant Detention Center Site in Salt Lake City to Be Offloaded, Newspaper Reports](#) (KSL.com, June 18, 2026): ICE spent \$145.44 million to purchase the warehouse.

[ICE Spent \\$700 Million on 7 Warehouses. Now It Wants to Get Rid of Them](#) (New York Times, June 18, 2026): Immigration and Customs Enforcement plans to sell or give away most of the 11 warehouses it bought to detain migrants, reversing course on a signature initiative.

[All Detainees from Immigration Facility ‘Alligator Alcatraz’ Have Been Transferred](#) (NPR, June 18, 2026): Detainees at the facility have talked about their difficulty accessing lawyers, and have described poor physical conditions, including worms in the food, toilets that don't flush, flooding floors with fecal waste, and mosquitoes and other insects everywhere.

## **ICE BUCKET**

[ICE Arrests Shift to Courthouses and Immigration Check-ins as Enforcement Intensifies in Chicago Area](#) (Chicago Tribune, June 19, 2026): Immigrant attorneys and advocates report a recent uptick of arrests at routine check-ins and criminal courthouses.

[ICE Took Mom and Dad. Now the Perez Kids Are Home Alone](#) (Samantha Michaels, Mother Jones, July-August 2026): Four American siblings left to fend for themselves—and they're not the only ones.

[ICE Appears to Be Buying Immigrants' Tax Identifiers from a Data Broker](#) (404Media, June 17, 2026): The contract, worth nearly \$10 million, is related to ITINs, or Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers, which is the identifier many undocumented people use to file their taxes rather than a Social Security number (SSN), and potentially skirts a court order that bans ICE from doing this.

## **WORLD CUP**

[Sports Fans Don't Complain Their Championship-Winning Team Employs Too Many Immigrants](#) (Reason Magazine, June 16, 2026): The Knicks forward OG Anunoby, US striker Folarin Balogun, Dodger's Shohei Otani, Spurs center Victor Wembanyama, etc. are OK as Trump, Greg Abbot and Ken Paxton rail against H-1B visas for non-sports figures.

## **EMERGING POLICY AND THREATS TO IMMIGRANTS**

### ***Targeting Children***

[Trump Officials Broaden Investigation into Unaccompanied Migrant Children](#) (Washington Post, June 13, 2026): The effort includes criminal prosecutions, tracking down children, surprise visits to nonprofit groups and an attempt to seek help from the U.S. military.

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

### [Death of Haitian Immigrant Ruled a Homicide. ICE Denies Responsibility](#)

(Pittsburgh's Public Source, June 12, 2026): Daphy Michel, 31, a Haitian immigrant, died March 2 of hypothermia, the medical examiner said, after being released from ICE custody. She was found in a South Shore bus station, where she spent at least 24 hours, largely in sub-freezing temperatures.

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

[Some Local Police Have Access to an ICE Facial Recognition App](#) (NPR, June 19, 2026): The app compares a facial scan against more than 250 million government records, including the State Department's visa records and records from the Traveler Verification Service, used by the Transportation Security Administration at airports to verify identities on international flights.

[Critics Fear New Tennessee Law Could Cut Off Life-Saving Care for Immigrant Children](#) (PBS, June 18, 2026): The state's Republican legislature passed a law requiring state agencies to report undocumented people to ICE if they receive benefits.

[‘An Act of Political Repression’: Minnesota Attorneys, Activists React to Protester Charges](#) (MPR News, June 17, 2026): Fifteen Twin Cities residents are facing charges in connection with anti-ICE protests “for conspiracy to impede or injure federal officers” and for efforts to allegedly “violently oppose immigration law enforcement” during the surge of federal immigration officers in the state earlier this year.

[ICE Obtains Local Voter Files](#) (Axios, June 13, 2026): Agents from Homeland Security Investigations, the investigative unit within ICE, asked county election officials in Texas and North Carolina for specific voter files.

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

[Trump Administration Ramps Up Efforts to Revoke Citizenship from Naturalized Americans](#) (CNN, June 18, 2026): The Trump administration plans to file at least 250 denaturalization cases by October, significantly intensifying its effort to revoke citizenship from people naturalized in the United States.

[Frustrated by Courts, Trump Weighed Suspending a Constitutional Right](#) (New York Times, June 15, 2026): Secret memos show that the White House debated last year, to a greater degree than previously known, whether to limit habeas corpus rights for undocumented immigrants.

[‘Dreamers’ Are Losing Their Jobs Waiting for Renewals under Trump: ‘It Feels Like a Personal Attack’](#) (Guardian, June 15, 2026): The process to renew DACA immigration status used to take a few weeks – now it drags on for months.

## **IMMIGRATION AND THE ECONOMY**

[Florida Colleges Face \\$15M Hit if State Bans Undocumented Students](#) (Palm Beach Post, June 11, 2026): The Board of Education will consider new rules June 30 that would keep undocumented students out of career-focused schools like Palm Beach State.

## **BY THE NUMBERS**

[Most AAPI Adults Say the US Is No Longer a Great Country for Immigrants, New Poll Finds](#) (AP, June 15, 2026): Many Asian American and Pacific Islander adults have experienced or witnessed some degree of upheaval because of the Trump administration’s heightened immigration policies; most say the U.S. is no longer the land of opportunity for immigrants.

[Just 3% of Recent ICE Detainees Had a Violent Felony Conviction, Government Data Shows](#) (ABC News, June 12, 2026): Only 3% of individuals detained by ICE during the first 14 months of the second Trump administration had a violent felony conviction.

## **BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS**

[How Trump’s Immigration Crackdown Puts Americans’ Healthcare at Risk](#) (Guardian, June 17, 2026): ‘Ali’, from Afghanistan, is a ‘stellar’ doctor caring for patients in under-served West Virginia – but like many other foreign medics, his US future is now in peril.

[A Year After ICE Raids Terrorized Los Angeles, a Rattled City Reaches for Resilience: ‘It’s Not the Same’](#) (Guardian, June 14, 2026): Thousand of arrests last summer led to mass protests and some deaths - across the city, communities still bear the scars.

[When Pedro Arrests Juan: Why Latinos Join Border Patrol and ICE](#) (Chelsea Vega, L.A. Taco, June 11, 2026): Many Latino families inherited the same lesson generation after generation: When society views you as foreign, proving your Americanness can become its own form of survival.