

Stand by Immigrants: News, Resources, and Actions - Week Ending July 25, 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!

[‘Sanctuary People’ Redefine What It Means to Protect Immigrants in Uncertain Times](#) (Gina Perez, The Conversation, July 21, 2026): OCSI Board member Gina Perez discusses how faith-based advocates’ sense of sanctuary has expanded in recent work on behalf of immigrants.

ACTION ITEMS

ICE deportation flights have begun at the Akron Canton Regional Airport. Join the demonstration against ICE flights on Saturday, August 1 at the airport’s entrance.



Saturday, August 1, 2026

10:00am – 12:00pm

At the entrance to the Akron Canton Regional Airport

Join the voices speaking out against ICE deportation flights
currently leaving from Akron Canton Regional Airport

Our message to them is

NOT HERE, NOT ANYWHERE!

You can park in the airport short term parking for \$3 per hour
or turn right on Lauby road and park near 5377 Lauby Rd.

There will be a poster party on Wednesday July 29th at 6:30pm at The Unitarian Universalist Church of
Akron, 3300 Morewood Rd in Fairlawn to make signs for the event.
Together there is so much more we can do

Since Trump took office, ICE has shot and killed 11 people. At least 52 people have died in ICE detention. And you can draw a direct line from this violence to the billions Congress and this administration are spending to supercharge ICE and CBP’s operations – flooding our streets with poorly trained agents in military gear operating as if they are above the law. Congress must rein in ICE and CBP immediately. And that starts with beginning to claw back the \$240 billion they

handed to the agencies over the past year. Tell Congress: [Stop ICE violence. Take back OUR money.](#)

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

[Of 59 Criminal ICE and Border Patrol Agents, 85% Committed Sex Offenses, Nearly 2/3 Against Children](#) (Ohio Immigrant Alliance, July 22, 2026): A new report by the Ohio Immigrant Alliance offers a list of 59 sexually and physically abusive ICE and Border Agents.

[Civil Suits Don't Stop a Coup. So What Does? \(Christopher Armitage Substack, July 20, 2026\)](#): The Supreme Court has ruled, three separate times, that the federal government cannot order state or local officials to carry out federal programs, which is why an ICE detainer is, legally, a request. There are about 135,000 federal officers with arrest authority and about 700,000 state and local police, which means federal enforcement happens where local government agrees to help. Cities and counties adopt those policies by council and commission vote, and once you are in office, you cast one of those votes.

[‘The Most Unsafe Place for an Immigrant...Is Inside of an Evangelical Church’](#) (Nathan Paulus, Wichita Eagle, July 17, 2026): “A woman said that to me, and as a pastor, it was a major wake up call. Because the church is meant to be the place where the fearful are welcomed, where the love of Jesus Christ is made visible to the world. That’s what we’re called to be — and it’s what we can be.”

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Albert Salgado, left, is comforted by his girlfriend at the site where his uncle Lorenzo Salgado Araujo was shot by an ICE officer in Houston, Texas, on 10 July. Photograph: Annie Mulligan/AP ([Story here](#))

MORE ON ICE-CAUSED DEATHS

Rabbi Morris Panitz, of IKAR congregation in Los Angeles, offers a prayer for our country in memory of Johan Sebastián Guerrero and Lorenzo Salgado Araujo. Watch it [here](#).

Johan Sebastián Guerrero

[ICE Officer Linked to Maine Shooting Was Deemed Not Credible in Court Last Year](#) (Washington Post, July 24, 2026): State and local officials are rebutting David Brouillette's claims in court about losing his driver's license and being employed as a local officer.

[ICE Officer's Troubled Past Renews Questions About Vetting](#) (Washington Post, July 18, 2026): Ashley Brouillette said her former spouse, David Brouillette, told her he is the ICE officer who shot and killed an immigrant in Maine. She and others said Brouillette has a volatile history.

[What Johan Sebastian Guerrero's Work Permit Tells Us about His Immigration Status](#) (WMTW, July 17, 2026): Guerrero had a Social Security Number and a work permit before he was shot and killed by ICE agents in Biddeford.)

Lorenzo Salgado Araujo

[Substance Found in Work Van of Mexican Man Killed by ICE Tested Negative for Drugs, Prosecutor Says](#) (CBS News, July 24, 2026): Tests refute claims by federal officials that the vehicle likely contained meth.

[Brennan to Homan on ICE Shooting Claims: 'Hard to Substantiate Some of What You Are Saying'](#) (The Hill, July 20, 2026): CBS News host Margaret Brennan said videos of the ICE van chasing Lorenzo Salgado Araujo do not provide any indication that the vehicle is from a law enforcement agency.

Juan Jairo Coronilla Duran

[Man Killed by Truck after ICE Encounter in Florida Was Visiting from Mexico](#) (New York Times, July 19, 2026): The man fatally hit by a truck in Florida while running from an encounter with immigration agents had planned to return home to Mexico on Saturday, supporters said.

[Federal Agents Were Told FBI Will No Longer Investigate ICE Confrontations](#) (New York Times, July 19, 2026): Under the change, responsibility for investigating cases involving federal immigration officers would likely fall to Homeland Security Investigations, an arm of ICE, effectively leaving the agency to investigate itself.

[My Son Was Killed by ICE. I Want Accountability](#) (Rachel Reyes, New York Times, July 18, 2026): Ms. Reyes's son, Ruben Ray Martinez, was fatally shot by an ICE agent in March 2025.

LOCAL AND OHIO NEWS

[Columbus Police Used Flock to Watch ICE as It Arrested Hundreds in Ohio](#) (Columbus Dispatch, July 23, 2026): During Operation Buckeye, a leader in the Columbus Division of Police used Flock data to keep tabs on plain clothes ICE officers.

[In Ohio Case, Federal Judge Says Warrantless ICE Arrests Are Illegal, but Denies Motion to Stop Them](#) (Ohio Capital Journal, July 22, 2026): U.S. District Judge Sarah D. Morrison, a 2018 Trump appointee, ruled that ICE agents had made many arrests in Ohio that "deeply trouble the Court." They were illegal, she said. Then she dismissed the case because she said the plaintiffs didn't do an adequate job of showing the Trump administration is likely to keep making such arrests. She made the ruling even as ICE insists it doesn't need warrants.

[In a Small Western Ohio City, Haitian Residents Prepare for an Uncertain Future](#) (WKSU, July 21, 2026): For years, immigration support groups in Lima have focused on helping the city's estimated 5,000 Haitian residents connect to jobs, ESL classes

and financial literacy courses. The focus now is helping Haitians get by during these uncertain times.

RESISTING, PROTESTING, AND ORGANIZING FOR CHANGE

[\[NY\] State Says Law Enforcement Agencies Must Terminate ICE Agreements by August](#) (Spectrum News, July 24, 2026): Twelve law enforcement agencies in New York currently have 287(g) agreements, in place, which now violate state law.

[Inside an Immigration Arrest that Sparked a Neighborhood Protest](#) (Bill Morrison, New Yorker, July 23, 2026): In the documentary short “Sawyer Avenue, Sunday Afternoon,” body-cam and bystander footage examine a confrontation between residents and federal agents.

[Biddeford, Maine Leaders Call for Justice after ICE Shooting. Residents Are Demanding Action](#) (Ohio Capital Journal, July 23, 2026): In the first city council meeting since the shooting of Johan Sebastián Guerrero, Biddeford Mayor Liam LaFountain read a proclamation into the public record calling for a thorough, transparent investigation into the shooting, and for the federal government to cease its “reckless and deadly” enforcement activities as well as reform the nation’s “broken and inhumane” immigration system.

[Anti-ICE Protesters Tell NC Lawmakers ‘We Will Not Go Back’](#) (WRAL News, July 22, 2026): Latino advocates and other activists say they oppose plans to build a new immigrant detention camp in North Carolina as Republican leaders at the state and federal level push to ramp up deportations.

[Texas Faith Leaders Condemn ICE-Related Deaths, Demand End to “Terror Campaign” Against Migrants](#) (Texas Tribune, July 22, 2026): Christian and Jewish leaders urged limits on using force as well as accountability for immigration agents who go too far.

As reported by the National Immigration Law Center: Across the country, states and cities are fighting back by:

Protecting community spaces: Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Maine, Illinois, Colorado, and Connecticut passed laws requiring facilities to bar immigration agents from entering non-public areas of schools, hospitals, shelters, courthouses, and other vital community spaces — unless they present a signed judicial warrant.

Banning immigration officers from hiding their identities: California, Connecticut, Maryland, New Jersey, Oregon, and Washington passed laws

that ban law enforcement and ICE agents from wearing masks and require officers to identify themselves.

Ending ICE cooperation: Since Trump took office, 1,255 new 287(g) agreements have been signed — these agreements deputize local police departments and sheriff's offices as ICE agents, further embedding immigration enforcement into everyday life. But New Mexico, Maryland, and New York fought back, passing laws that void existing agreements and prohibit any future participation.

Protecting data privacy: California, Oregon, New Mexico, Colorado, and New Jersey passed laws limiting how state agencies can collect, share, or disclose information like immigration status, addresses, social security numbers, or ITINs.

THE COURTS AND LEGAL ACTIONS

Trump's Latest Under-the-Radar Mass Deportation Moves Are Truly Creepy (Shirin Ali, Slate, July 23, 2026): Use of the Alien Terrorist Removal Court (ATRC), created in 1996, was meant to create a pathway for the government to obtain meaningful judicial review in deportation cases while keeping its evidence secret.

Trump Administration Ramps Up Pressure on Indefinite Immigrant Detention (Ohio Capital Journal, July 22, 2026): Seeking to stop a “flood” of court cases freeing immigrants from mandatory detention, Trump is asking an appeals court to put three immigrants back in detention. The immigrants were freed by federal judges who ruled against indefinite detention.

US Judge Blocks Trump Administration from Stripping Immigrants of Work Permits (Reuters, July 21, 2026): A federal judge temporarily blocked the Trump administration from stripping tens of thousands of asylum seekers and immigrants with Temporary Protected Status from El Salvador, Sudan, and Ukraine of their ability to work in the United States.

Judge Tosses Out Federal Lawsuit Challenging Minnesota 'Sanctuary' Policies (Minnesota Reformer, July 20, 2026): A Trump-appointed federal judge tossed out a Department of Justice lawsuit that aimed to invalidate state and local “sanctuary” policies, which limit information-sharing and cooperation between local law enforcement agencies and immigration enforcement.

Failed Immigration Cases Leave Chicago Prosecutor's Office Reeling (New York Times, July 19, 2026): Prosecutors have fled the U.S. attorney's office in Chicago, angry about the cases they've been told to bring against protesters and immigrants.

[Trump Administration Activates Never-Before-Used ‘Alien Terrorist’ Deportation Court](#) (Kyle Cheney and Josh Gerstein, Politico, July 18, 2026): The Justice Department submitted the first-ever application to the Alien Terrorist Removal Court — which has lain dormant since it was established by law in 1996 — to quickly deport foreign nationals deemed to be "alien terrorists" or their immediate family members.

ICE BUCKET

[ICE Targets ‘Detention Desert’ with New Facility in North Carolina](#) (New York Times, July 23, 2026): Even as ICE has retreated from its plan to buy warehouses, the new complex near the Virginia border signals that the agency remains determined to increase its detention capacity.

[ICE Keeps Accusing Immigrants of ‘Weaponizing’ Vehicles. Most Claims Fall Apart](#) (Guardian, July 22, 2026): Nearly all car ‘assault’ cases promoted by DHS in press releases have been disproven or dropped, a Guardian analysis of court records reveals.

[ICE Officials Warned of Dangerous Crowding: See How They Kept Packing People In](#) (Washington Post, July 22, 2026): “This is insane...” Carla Calidonio, ICE assistant field office director.

[ICE Considers Expanding Detention Space in 14 Locations – Including Guantanamo Bay and Virgin Islands](#) (Time, July 20, 2026): A request for construction proposals published on Friday shows Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is set to expand a detention facility near the U.S.-Mexico border in Port Isabel, Texas. It also lists more than a dozen other potential targets for new or expanded facilities.

[Immigrants, DHS Agents and Traffic Stops: Violent Outcomes Repeat Across the US](#) (Ariana Figueroa, Ohio Capital Journal, July 20, 2026): Of the 22 incidents of immigrants shot by federal immigration officials during Trump’s second term, 19 involved DHS officers shooting people in their vehicles during traffic stops.

[Trump Blasts ‘Sanctuary’ States, but Many Still Aid Deportations](#) (New York Times, July 19, 2026): A New York Times review of 18 states targeted by the Trump administration for their “sanctuary” policies found that all cooperate significantly with immigration authorities in cases involving violent crimes.

EMERGING POLICY AND THREATS TO IMMIGRANTS

Detention and Deportation and Death

[‘It Wasn’t Right’: Woman Arrested by ICE at SFO Is a San Francisco Photographer, Barista](#) (KQED, July 24, 2026): A Ukrainian woman who has lived in the US for 16 years was detained by ICE agents at San Francisco International Airport after a flight home from Portland.

[British-born Man Living in US Since Age of Nine Held by ICE Under Threat of Deportation](#) (Guardian, July 24, 2026): Connor Read, 29, was taken by ICE agents after he was invited to a green card (residency permit) interview in Tampa, Florida, on 3 June, and separated from his wife, Jaelin, 25, and his three-year-old twin sons Ryder and Ozzie.

[The Choice Facing Some Immigrants: Pay \\$1.8 Million in Fines or Leave](#) (New York Times, July 22, 2026): More than 100,000 people have received letters from the Homeland Security Department informing them that they owe \$998 for each day that they have stayed in the United States after an immigration judge has ruled they have no legal right to remain in the country.

[Muslim Leader Speaks Out after More than 80 Days in ICE Detention: ‘It Brought Back Memories from Palestine’](#) (Guardian, July 21, 2026): Salah Sarsour, president of Wisconsin’s largest mosque, said ‘dehumanizing’ treatment reminded him of time spent in Israeli military jail.

[From Sky Harbor to Bangui: How a Turkish Man with U.S. Torture Protections Ended Up Deported](#) (Arizona Mirror, July 20, 2026): Yagiz Doruk Hallac’s deportation was the Trump administration’s first forced third-country removal to the Central African Republic, where he had no ties and no legal status.

[‘Treating Them like Animals’: Migrant Detainees Face Grim Conditions in Miami Federal Jail](#) (Miami Herald, July 18, 2026): In cramped, scorching-hot cells, the men sleep in their underwear to keep cool. They watch vermin scuttling through their cells amid the smell of feces and urine overflowing from broken toilets.

Authoritarianism, Lawlessness, Racism, Stupidity, and Cruelty

[In Indiana, a US Citizen Needed to Prove Her Right to Vote](#) (Ohio Capital Journal, July 20, 2026): Indiana election officials have canceled or rejected the voter registrations for hundreds of immigrant Hoosiers under a recent proof of citizenship law. One analysis found 981 existing voters had registrations canceled, and another

644 prospective voters have been rejected — or about 62% of the 2,602 people processed.

Attacks on ALL Immigration

[U.S. Weighs Bond of \\$100,000 for Some Green-Card Applicants Abroad](#) (Wall Street Journal, July 15, 2026): Move would be part of administration's crackdown on legal immigration, especially on foreigners with limited means.

IMMIGRATION AND THE ECONOMY

[The States that Need Immigration Most? You'd Be Surprised](#) (Washington Post, July 23, 2026): The policy that would help rural states most is one their voters and officials are most likely to resist.

[Immigration Sweeps in L.A. Cost Businesses Millions in Revenue, UCLA Study Finds](#) (Los Angeles Times, July 22, 2026): Researchers found there were 46,000 fewer customer visits among formal businesses within half a mile of the nine sites and an estimated \$3.16 million in accumulated revenue losses during the two weeks after enforcement activity.

[‘No Amnesty!’: Migrant Farmworker Bill Opens Major Rift Within GOP](#) (Politico, July 22, 2026): Prominent immigration hawks are furious over a proposal that would open a path to temporary legal status for undocumented migrants who work in the agriculture industry.

[Senior Living Facility in Distress as Immigrant Caregivers Are Forced Out](#) (New York Times, July 20, 2026): Retirement communities already grappling with labor shortages are being forced to terminate caregivers at a time when more Americans are living longer.

[Trump Immigration Officials Seek to Mend Frayed Ties with Business as Arrests Spike](#) (Washington Post, July 19, 2026): Under new DHS chief Markwayne Mullin, officials met for the first time with trade groups concerned about losing workers to the president's deportation campaign.

BY THE NUMBERS

[ICE Quietly Arresting More People than Ever According to Latest Data](#) (Austin Kocher Substack, July 20, 2026): After months of data silence, ICE's new numbers show 65,765 people in immigration detention, deportations near 1,250 a day, and arrests now at 1,474 a day.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

[The False Claims, Chaos and Coverups Behind the Trump Administration's Killing of Two American Citizens](#) (Jake Tapper, CNN, July 22, 2026): A Homeland Security investigator warned that an immigration enforcement surge would turn violent. Then two Americans — Renee Good and Alex Pretti — were killed in Minnesota. This is the story of the 18 days in between.

[What Trump's New Public Charge Rule Means for Immigrants](#) (Dara Lind, American Immigration Council, July 21, 2026): The Trump administration finalized a new rule changing the federal government's policy on how immigration officials determine when someone is likely to be a "public charge." Federal immigration law says that someone applying for an immigration benefit — such as a green card — can be denied if they are "likely to be a public charge," but doesn't further spell out what that means.

[Trump's New Anti-Legal Immigration Rules Target Students, Spouses of US Citizens](#) (David J. Bier, Cato, July 17, 2026): Trump had already cut legal immigration far more than illegal immigration—2.5 times as much. These two rules will exacerbate that trend. Neither targets anyone who crossed the border illegally. Both target people who did exactly what the law asked of them.