

Stand by Immigrants: News, Resources, and Actions - Week Ending August 1, 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!

ACTION ITEMS

U.S. HOUSE MEMBERS VOTED YES TO KEEP HAITIANS SAFE WITH T.P.S.

350,000 fled Haiti to save their lives and now face uncertainty

Haitians with TPS are our neighbors, coworkers, parents, and friends. They have built lives, raised families, and become part of our communities. Senators voting YES on S. 4814 is a moral and human issue. One call and letter could help keep thousands of families safe together.

ASK YOUR SENATOR TO VOTE YES ON S. 4814

CALL YOUR SENATOR AT: (202) 224-3121

Ask them to extend TPS for Haiti and keep our hard-working neighbors here!

SEND A LETTER TO YOUR SENATOR

flic.fyi/TPS4HaitiNow

L'UNION FAIT LA FORCE

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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):

[The Trump Administration Has Undercut the U.S. Asylum Program. These 3 Charts Show How](#) (Ximena Bustillo, NPR, July 30, 2026): "It's almost like a war on asylum," said Ruby Powers, an immigration attorney in Texas who represents asylum applicants across the country in immigration court and with USCIS. She has represented people from over 43 different countries.

[How Akron-Canton Airport Is Becoming a Major Hub for Deportations](#) (Akron Beacon Journal, July 28, 2026): The flights are operated by Eastern Air Express for ICE. More than 130 chartered Boeing 737 flights operated by Eastern Air Express have landed at Akron-Canton since April 20, sometimes to pick up people in restraints who have disembarked from a prison bus or unmarked vans.

[He Was Shot at by ICE, then Wrongfully Accused. His Nightmare Had Only Just Begun](#) (Hilary Beaumont, Guardian, July 27, 2026): After masked agents fired on his truck, Francisco Longoria was ambushed, charged and jailed – only for the case against him to fall apart. Now he and his family are seeking justice, and says the harrowing experience is part of a troubling pattern.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Vigils in memory of two men killed in the past weeks by ICE spread throughout the US on July 25. This one is in

Grant Park, Chicago ([Story here](#))

MORE ON ICE-CAUSED DEATHS

[Witness to Houston ICE Shooting Must Be Released from Immigration Detention, Judge Orders](#) (ABC, July 27, 2026): Jose Trinidad Rojas Pliego, who witnessed a federal immigration agent's fatal shooting of Lorenzo Salgado Araujo, must be released from detention within 48 hours of the order, which was issued Monday evening. Authorities must release Rojas Pliego in a public space and give his attorneys notice at least three hours beforehand, according to the order.

[Trump Administration Reviewing ICE Vetting Process after Maine Shooting](#) (Washington Post, July 26, 2026): Border czar Tom Homan said DHS is investigating the procedures after reports that the man who allegedly killed an immigrant in Maine had a history of domestic violence.

[Nurses to Join Protests Demanding Justice for Lorenzo Salgado Araujo and Johan Sebastián Durán Guerrero](#) (National Nurses United, July 24, 2026): National Nurses United (NNU), the largest union and professional association of registered nurses in the United States, announced that RNs will be joining protests on Saturday, July 25 to demand justice for the murders of Lorenzo Salgado Araujo in Texas and Johan Sebastián Durán Guerrero in Maine by Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents.

LOCAL AND OHIO NEWS

[As Ohio Braces for ICE, Akron Airport Continues Deportations](#) (Ohio Capital Journal, July 30, 2026): Haitians in Springfield are still at center of debate, but photos of detainees in shackles being deported from Akron-Canton Airport have surfaced.

TPS ENDS FOR HAITIANS

[Ohio Cities Brace for Possible Uptick of ICE Activity after Protected Status Ends for Haitians](#) (Ohio Capital Journal, July 31, 2026): Haitians in Springfield are reportedly receiving letters asking them to report to Homeland Security and ICE in Cincinnati.

[ICE Outfits Haitian Immigrants in Ohio with Ankle Bracelets, Advocates Claim](#) (NBC4 News, July 31, 2026): Advocates allege Haitian immigrants in Springfield are being summoned to immigration hearings and fitted with ankle bracelets following the end of their legal residency protections.

[Ohio Haitians Lose Jobs, Face Terror – and Impossible Choices](#) (Ohio Capital Journal, July 30, 2026): With Ohio's Haitian refugees losing their protected status

Monday, Springfield's large population has begun being terminated from their jobs, a pastor who works with the community said on Tuesday.

[Ohio's GOP Governor Calls Trump's Plans to Deport Haitians a 'Mistake': You'd be Sending People...Back to Hell'](#) (CBS, July 27, 2026): "These are people who have helped Springfield really come back," DeWine said,. "The Haitians who are living there and employed there, they came there to work, and they came there because there were jobs that were not being filled by other people."

[ICE Plans to Target Haitians as Temporary Protected Status Is Set to End, Sources Say](#) (CBS News, July 26, 2026): ICE has made plans to ramp up operations against Haitians, including in cities like Springfield that have been targeted by Trump.

RESISTING, PROTESTING, AND ORGANIZING FOR CHANGE

[ACLU Launches Legal Claims in 17 States Against Immigration Detention Conditions, including Texas](#) (The Texas Tribune, July 30, 2026): A \$10 million claim by Elton Purvis, who was held in Texas for seven months before his deportation, is part of the group's allegations that immigrants' medical and other needs were neglected.

[Massachusetts Lawmakers Strike Deal on Bill They Say Will Bolster Protections for Immigrants Amid ICE Crackdown](#) (Boston Globe, July 29, 2026): At the center of the bill is an effort by state lawmakers to block immigration agents from detaining immigrants in certain "sensitive areas." The agreement would ban ICE agents from making warrantless civil immigration arrests at state courthouses, public schools, child care centers, and health care providers.

[DOJ Moves to Drop Case Against California Labor Leader](#) (Politico, July 27, 2026): The Justice Department moved to dismiss its indictment against SEIU-United Service Workers West President David Huerta, who was arrested last summer as he participated in a demonstration against ICE in Los Angeles. The government initially charged Huerta with a felony count of conspiring to impede an officer.

[\[US Senator Rubin\] Gallego Donates Palantir Case to Immigrant Relief Fund, Cuts Ties with ICE's 'Tech Backbone'](#) (AZ Mirror, July 27, 2026): He joins a small group of politicians disavowing donations from the surveillance firm as its government influence grows.

[An Arkansas Community Founded by Italian Immigrants Becomes a Flashpoint over ICE](#) (Arkansas Advocate, July 27, 2026): Immigrant advocacy group boycotting 127th annual Tontitown Grape Festival to protest the town's police department participation in a 287(g) program.

[Central Louisiana Community Members Call on England Authority to Reject Proposal for New ICE Facility in Alexandria](#) (National Immigration Project, July 24, 2026): ICE plans to open a new detention center in Alexandria, LA, on one of the country's most Pfas-contaminated sites. The camp will be used to detain migrant families and unaccompanied children.

THE COURTS AND LEGAL ACTIONS

[Two More Chicago Immigration Judges Fired as Court Becomes Epicenter of Removal Orders](#) (Chicago Tribune, July 31, 2026): Advocates, attorneys and ex-judges all say the changing lineup on the immigration bench, combined with changes to many of the basic elements that define the life of an immigration case, have all helped transform Chicago's court into the national epicenter of removal orders: from issuing 35 a day on average during President Joe Biden's final year in office to more than 125 a day this year.

[Two More Federal Appeals Courts Reject ICE Mass Detention Policy](#) (Politico, July 30, 2026): The 9th and 7th circuits ruled on the same day that the Trump administration misconstrued immigration law.

[DOJ Seeks to Empower Immigration Judges to Hold Lawyers and Their Clients in Contempt](#) (CBS, July 29, 2026): The Justice Department is proposing a new rule to empower federal immigration judges to hold attorneys, their clients and witnesses in contempt if they violate court orders, in a move that departs from historical practice and which legal experts warn could be unconstitutional.

[Trump Moves to Shift Asylum Cases to DOJ Immigration Judges](#) (Celine Castronuovo, Bloomberg Law, July 27, 2026): A new interim final rule from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) amends regulations to allow asylum officers to refer certain affirmative asylum applications from noncitizens to immigration judges without first interviewing the individual. See, as well, [Asylum Seekers Could Be Sent Directly to Deportation under New Federal Rule](#) (Washington Post, July 28, 2026).

ICE BUCKET

[ICE Is Expanding Its Arrests at Airports to New Targets, Lawyers Say](#) (Washington Post, July 30, 2026): The agency has been apprehending travelers who entered the country legally but overstayed their visas, as ICE and the TSA appear to increase information sharing.

[Don't Call Them ICE Detention Centers. Call Them Camps](#) (John Washington, Guardian, July 30, 2026): The author spent a decade reporting on immigration enforcement. The word 'camp' best captures the political function of these facilities

[In Memphis, an 'Anti-Crime' Task Force Quietly Turned into an ICE Crackdown](#) (NPR, July 27, 2026): The influx of federal agents into the city has led to widespread immigration arrests — a majority without criminal convictions, according to an Institute for Public Service Reporting data analysis.

[Iowa Detentions Rise as ICE Traffic Stops Expand Nationwide](#) (The Gazette, July 24, 2026): Cedar Rapids organizers say routine stops for window tint and weigh station violations are increasingly funneling immigrants into deportation proceedings.

EMERGING POLICY AND THREATS TO IMMIGRANTS

Targeting Children

[Inside the New York Court Where Children Face Deportation without Access to Attorneys](#) (Guardian, July 31, 2026): About 20,000 unaccompanied minors will lose legal representation if the federal government ends a longstanding contract on Friday, kicking current problems into overdrive across US.

[Thousands of Immigrant Children on Verge of Losing Legal Representation](#) (Washington Post, July 30, 2026): A federal contract that provides attorneys for vulnerable undocumented minors is set to expire Friday. Advocates fear children will be left to defend themselves in court alone.

[Thousands of Children, Sponsors Arrested by ICE after Tips from US Child Migrant Agency](#) (Reuters, July 28, 2026): The Office of Refugee Resettlement has sent tips on more than 12,000 children and mothers, leading to their detention.

[Lawmakers Renew Push to Close Dilley as Number of Detained Children Rises](#) (Texas Public Radio, July 28, 2026): Members of Congress said Tuesday that more than 500 people were being held at the South Texas facility, including 112 children, as they renewed their months-long push to close it.

Detention and Deportation and Death

[ICE Has Deported More than 66,000 Family Members Under Trump Administration; Family Detention Is Back at Dilley and Karnes](#) (Austin Kocher Substack, July 29, 2026): New ICE data show more than 66,000 family-unit deportations since January

20, 2025, about one in ten removals, with an August spike above 20 percent, as family detention reopens at Dilley and Karnes.

[Over 600,000 People Booked into ICE Detention Centers since Start of Trump II Administration](#) (Austin Kocher Substack, July 28, 2026): 65,000 people are currently in ICE detention, but the full impact is much larger and most detained people are deported. 1.75M people could be detained by the end of the second Trump administration.

[A California DJ Recounts the Horrors of Immigration Detention at Otay Mesa](#) (L.A. Taco, July 28, 2026): Diana Ledesma alleges forced pregnancy tests, a potential infectious disease outbreak, and human-sized cages during her nearly four-month imprisonment at the San Diego facility.

[ICE Arrests Surge at Airports, Opening New Front in Deportation Drive](#) (New York Times, July 28, 2026): Federal agents are arresting spouses of Americans, tech workers and others whose visas have expired, including many who have active applications to stay in the country.

[Trump's Deportation Crackdown Accelerated by Potent Court Tool](#) (Alexandra Villarreal, Guardian, July 27, 2026): Mass hearings, removal orders 'in absentia' – judges are wrapping up immigration cases in unprecedented number.

[First Kenyan to Play in NFL Deported under Trump Immigration Crackdown](#) (Guardian, July 27, 2026): Former rugby star Daniel Adongo allegedly overstayed visa but supporters say he needed mental health help.

['We're Human Beings': Haitians in the US Fear Family Separation and Deportation to Violence](#) (Guardian, July 26, 2026): More than 330,000 Haitian immigrants in limbo as Trump administration seeks to end temporary protected status.

[One Refugee's Journey Through ICE Detention](#) (New Yorker Radio Hour, July 24, 2026): A remarkable and shattering 34-minute segment by Jonathan Blitzer who speaks with Alsainy, a refugee from Guinea who was seeking asylum after a severe beating and death threats by his government.

[Texas Nun Detained by ICE While Walking to Mass Speaks Out for First Time](#) (USA Today, July 23, 2026): Sister Leticia "Letty" Ugboaja, a 56-year-old nun from Nigeria, spoke publicly for the first time since she was detained by ICE officers on June 28 in McAllen, a city just north of the U.S.-Mexico border.

Authoritarianism, Lawlessness, Racism, Stupidity, and Cruelty

[Trump Administration Forced Treatment on Hunger Striker in ICE Detention, Document Reveals](#) (Guardian, July 28, 2026): ICE report reviewed by the Guardian discloses a patient was ‘subject to force feeding, hydration or urinary catheterization’, which experts have described as torture.

[Suit Alleges Homeland Security Targeted People Observing, Protesting Immigration Agents](#) (Ohio Capital Journal, July 27, 2026): Three people who observed federal immigration enforcement during the Trump administration’s sometimes-violent surge said in a federal lawsuit filed Friday the Department of Homeland Security illegally recorded them and revoked their status in the department’s trusted traveler programs.

Attacks on ALL Immigration

[Trump’s Immigration Push Keeps Expanding with New \\$100,000 Fee Idea](#) (Wall Street Journal, July 31, 2026): Officials are considering a \$100,000 fee for international students who want to work in the U.S. after graduating from an American university.

[Citizenship Revoked? Trump Administration Ramps up Controversial Plan](#) (USA, July 26, 2026): Revoking an immigrant’s citizenship has proven to be a costly and controversial practice over the years, but the Trump administration says hundreds of people deserve to have their citizenship stripped anyway.

IMMIGRATION AND THE ECONOMY

[Airports, Nursing Homes and Schools Brace for Disruption without Haitian Workers](#) (Washington Post, July 31, 2026): The Trump administration and courts are at odds over whether about 350,000 Haitians have officially lost humanitarian protections, but employers are already letting workers go.

[Employers Fear Labor Shortage as Many Immigrants Lose Protected Status](#) (New York Times, July 26, 2026): A recent Supreme Court ruling cleared the way for the Trump administration to end a humanitarian program that has allowed about one million immigrants to work legally in the U.S.

BY THE NUMBERS

[This Week by the \[Immigration\] Numbers – July 31, 2026](#): Austin Kocher Substack, July 31, 2026): The latest numbers, including arrests at a record pace, asylum cases rerouted to judges, unaccompanied kids losing lawyers, more de-naturalizations, enforcement deaths, and courts drawing new limits.

[This Week by the \[Immigration\] Numbers](#) (Austin Kocher Substack, July 25, 2026): Immigration data from the past week.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

[Corporations, Not Immigrants, Are Responsible for Vast Majority of Healthcare Fraud, OIG Report Shows](#) (Jessica Washington, The Intercept, July 31, 2026): Trump officials are focused on immigrants, but the Department of Health and Human Services report on fraud doesn't even mention them.

[The Professor Facing Prison in 'Antifa' Case: 'They Want to Scare All Who Oppose ICE](#) (Sam Levin, Guardian, July 28, 2026): Erik Davis is accused by the government of a 'conspiracy' to obstruct ICE – experts say it's part of a pattern to criminalize lawful organizing and ruin activists' lives