

Stand by Immigrants: News, Resources, and Actions - Week Ending August 15, 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!

Steven Volk, “[How Many Times Can a Man Turn His Head?](#)” (*Cleveland Plain Dealer*, August 12, 2026): How could the Supreme Court not see the explicit racism of ending TPS for Haitians?

ACTION ITEMS

Right now, there are no policies in place to prevent federal immigration enforcement [agents](#) from deliberately targeting spaces that represent key pillars of civic, religious, and community life.

The threat of immigration enforcement at “sensitive locations” – such as [houses of worship](#), [schools](#), [hospitals](#), [courthouses](#), [food pantries](#), and places where people receive [essential services](#) – is preventing refugees and immigrants across the country from accessing the [resources](#) they need.

The Protecting Sensitive Locations Act ([H.R. 1061/S.455](#)) would limit immigration enforcement at sensitive locations or within 1,000 feet of such places. [Take action](#) to urge your lawmakers to pass guardrails on immigration enforcement in sensitive locations.

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

[How Trump Is Trying to Weaken Migrant Children’s Legal Defense](#) (Ruth Marcus, *New Yorker*, August 15, 2026): After failing to eliminate funding for unaccompanied minors’ lawyers altogether, the Administration is pushing cases toward entities that lack both immigration expertise and the capacity to take them on.

[Homeland Security Paid \\$464 Million for Airplanes. Then It Parked Them](#) (New York Times, August 13, 2026): The agency used a no-bid contract to buy 10 used jets, saying they were urgently needed for deportation flights. But the fleet has largely sat idle for months.

[ICE to Spend up to \\$20m on Gloves that Can Deliver Painful Electric Shocks](#) (Guardian, August 12, 2026): According to manufacturer, shock ‘is usually effective in bringing individuals into compliance in less than three seconds.’

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



A young girl is pictured in a New York immigration courthouse. The Trump administration has made it considerably more difficult for children without legal representation in immigration courts to find a lawyer. | Michael M. Santiago/Getty Images ([Story here](#))

MORE ON ICE-CAUSED DEATHS

[Who Killed Lorenzo Salgado Araujo?](#) (Stephania Taladrid, New Yorker, August 13, 2026): A death during an ICE traffic stop raises outrage in Houston—and in Mexico.

[A Third Immigrant Detained at Delany Hall Dies after Medical Emergency](#) (New York Times, August 12, 2026): A Guatemalan migrant was transferred to a hospital when he experienced what appeared to be a seizure, federal officials said.

LOCAL AND OHIO NEWS

[Haitian Immigrants in Ohio Face New ICE Monitoring as TPS Ends](#) (Columbus Dispatch, August 13, 2026): Some immigrants are also being required to download a government tracking application for check-ins.

TPS

[Haitians in Springfield Are Required to Report to Ohio's ICE Offices and Wear Ankle Monitors](#) (Ohio Capital Journal, August 14, 2026): Even though about 30,000

Haitians with temporary status live in central Ohio, only Haitians in Springfield are being asked to wear the ankle monitors as of now.

[‘Not a Safe Place.’ Aid Worker Describes Conditions in Haiti as Ohioans Are Forced to Return](#) (Ohio Capital Journal, August 11, 2026): As they wait, Ohio’s Haitians face going back to a country that may be even more dangerous than the one they left after a devastating earthquake in 2010.

[After Supreme Court Win, Trump Officials Under Pressure to Deport Haitians](#) (New York Times, August 8, 2026): The lack of visible raids aggressively targeting Haitians who lost temporary status has frustrated some of President Trump’s most fervent supporters.

[Haitian Pregnant Woman in Florida Fears Deportation as TPS Ends](#) (CBS News, August 8, 2026): “I’ve been in this country most of my life.”

[Judge Approves Trump Effort to End South Sudan TPS Protections](#) (Guardian, August 7, 2026): Decision follows supreme court ruling that allowed US government to strip protections for Haitians and Syrians.

RESISTING, PROTESTING, AND ORGANIZING FOR CHANGE

[Has Your Vehicle Been Searched by Flock Cameras? Here’s How to Check](#) (WAVE3, August 14, 2026): [HaveIBeenFlocked](#) allows users to type their license plate number into a search bar to run through a series of “audit logs” within the Flock system, according to the website.

[States, Cities Try to Keep ICE Out of Schools](#) (News From the States, August 11, 2026): Since President Donald Trump began his second term with a vow to crack down on illegal immigration, more than a dozen states have enacted laws designed to keep ICE away from schools.

[‘We’re Not Going to Let Them Do It in the Shadows’: Hundreds Rally at Site Where Haitians Required to Check-in, Get Monitors](#) (Springfield News Sun, August 9, 2026): The rally, organized by Ignite Peace in partnership with the Miami Valley Immigration Coalition, brought out an estimated 500 to 550 people.

[Maine Surgical Nurse Released from Immigration Detention Following Outcry](#) (NBC News, August 7, 2026): Debora Kapisha, a medical-surgical nurse from Zambia who works with dialysis patients, was detained while traveling through Boston’s Logan International Airport.

THE COURTS AND LEGAL ACTIONS

[Judge Orders Trump Administration to Pay \\$765,000 Owed to Estrella del Paso](#) (El Paso Matters, August 6, 2026): The Trump administration by Friday must pay millions of dollars to Estrella del Paso and other legal aid organizations that represent unaccompanied migrant children, a federal judge ordered Thursday.

[Federal Court Finds DHS in Contempt over Removals of Young Asylum Seekers Protected by Settlement](#) (National Immigration Project, August 6, 2026): A federal judge has found the Department of Homeland Security in civil contempt, ruling that the government repeatedly removed young asylum seekers it was legally barred from deporting, including in cases where the government's files expressly reflected a restriction against deportation.

ICE BUCKET

[ICE Uses Controversial Program to Boost Deportations. Here's How It Works in 1 County](#) (NPR, August 14, 2026): 287(g) programs thrive on racial profiling.

[ICE Agent Points Gun at Virginia Woman Who Shouted at Them in Video That Conflicts with Government's Narrative](#) (CNN, August 12, 2026): The woman, Carolina Molina, is a licensed mental health therapist who was visiting immigration lawyers in Bailey's Crossroads for her work when she saw ICE agents taking people into custody, she said at a news conference Wednesday.

[ICE Is Now Tracking Nearly 54,000 Immigrants via Ankle Monitors](#) (Guardian, August 7, 2026): Shift in monitoring methods has led to revenue boost for Geo Group, a private prison firm, that also makes the device.

[ICE Will Release Body Camera video Only When Seen in the Agency's 'Best Interests,' Policy Says](#) (AP, August 7, 2026): The agency's body-worn camera policy could mean taxpayers who are pitching in tens of millions of dollars to pay for the cameras may be kept in the dark about some high-profile confrontations, at least in their immediate aftermath.

[ICE Collected Nearly 1 Million People's DNA Last Year – Including Young Children](#) (Wired, August 3, 2026): Internal documents show ICE's DNA collection has skyrocketed in the second Trump administration. Now hundreds of thousands of people never convicted of a crime are in an FBI criminal database forever.

THE DETENTION-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX

[Private Prisons Announce \\$1.4 Billion in Revenue as Immigration Detentions Climb](#) (NPR, August 8, 2026): America's two largest private prison companies, CoreCivic and GEO Group, are reporting a combined \$1.4 billion in quarterly revenue over the spring as immigration detention closes in on record levels.

EMERGING POLICY AND THREATS TO IMMIGRANTS

Targeting Children

[The Trump Administration Is Reducing Legal Pathways for Immigrant Kids to Stay in the US](#) (Politico, August 14, 2026): “It’s a full-on assault on children.” The efforts in the aggregate seem poised to erode a long-held principle of the immigration system — that children are uniquely vulnerable and as such are entitled special rights and procedural safeguards.

[A Young Immigrant’s Deportation Nightmare](#) (Samantha Michaels, Mother Jones, August 14, 2026): ICE is going to war against kids who have a special legal status.

[Migrant Kids Are Often Being Held in a South Texas Detention Center Five Times Longer than a Court Order Allows](#) (Texas Tribune, August 12, 2026): The nation’s only detention center for families is routinely holding children beyond the 20-day limit, including an Iranian-born “average American kid” who’s been locked up for 123 days and counting.

Detention and Deportation and Death

[Cuban Asylum Seeker Deported to Africa Without ID, Money, or Cell Phone](#) (LA Taco, August 11, 2026): Around 80 detainees were forcibly deported to the Central African Republic, which the U.S. strongly advises against visiting due to potential danger.

[‘They Kidnapped a Hard-Working Kid Off Our Streets’: The Gardener Seized by ICE – and the New York Town Fighting Back](#) (Guardian, August 9, 2026): Gerson Turcios was 17 when he fled violence in Honduras to build a new life in the US. Six years later, he was mowing lawns in his home town of Rhinebeck when immigration officers took him. Within hours, friends, neighbors and local celebrities sprang into action. Could they stop his deportation?

Authoritarianism, Lawlessness, Racism, Stupidity, and Cruelty

[‘Devastating’: Bulldozers Plough Through Big Bend National Park as Trump’s Border Work Pushes Ahead](#) (Guardian, August 14, 2026): Heavy machinery seen operating in famous Santa Elena Canyon amid outcry over new wall infrastructure in beloved Texas park.

[U.S. Investigated Left-Leaning Groups During Minnesota Immigration Crackdown](#) (New York Times, August 13, 2026): The government conducted expansive

surveillance, infiltrated group chats and obtained financial records of organizations never accused of crimes.

[New Evidence Shows Agents Using Slurs, Bolstering Profiling Claims](#) (New York Times, August 11, 2026): Body-camera video and other court evidence capture federal agents using slurs and targeting Latinos while bypassing white bystanders during immigration sweeps in Chicago and Los Angeles.

[‘We’ve Never Seen Anything Like This’: ICE’s Detention Crackdown Swamps the Courts](#) (Politico, August 10, 2026): Families, lawyers and judges describe a year of frantic emergency cases after ICE began detaining people who have lived in the U.S. for years.

[Homeland Security Intensifies Pursuit of Noncitizens on Voter Rolls](#) (New York Times, August 10, 2026): Immigrants who said they inadvertently registered to vote while obtaining or renewing driver’s licenses are increasingly facing deportation under the Trump administration.

Attacks on ALL Immigration

[The Great Delegalization](#) (Dara Lind, New Yorker, August 10, 2026)): More than a million immigrants are seeing protections that granted them safe lives in the U.S. suddenly swept away.

[The Trump Administration Has Revoked More than 175,000 Visas. Here’s Who’s Included in the Crackdown](#) (Time, August 10, 2026): Data have shown that the majority of the people who have been detained by ICE during the second Trump Administration have had no criminal convictions.

IMMIGRATION AND THE ECONOMY

[‘It’s Been Chaotic’: Trump’s Immigration Crackdown Prompts Worries from Industry Groups](#) (CNN, August 8, 2026): Industry groups ranging from construction to agriculture are raising concerns with the Trump administration over its ongoing immigration crackdown, arguing it is undercutting President Donald Trump’s agenda and weakening the economy.

BY THE NUMBERS

[The Man in Charge of Immigration Data just Resigned](#) (Nick Miroff, The Atlantic, August 10, 2026): The Department of Homeland Security has stopped releasing timely, reliable statistics on immigration enforcement.

[Is ICE Using Too Much Force? New Poll Shows Big Public Opinion Shift](#) (USA Today, August 9, 2026): 8 in 10 independents say yes, too much force.

[This Week by the \[Immigration\] Numbers](#) (Austin Kocher Substack, August 9, 2026): Some data from the past week.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

[There's No Link Between Crime and Unauthorized Immigration](#) (Jake Currie, Nautilus, August 12, 2026): A massive new first-of-its-kind study zooms into the neighborhood level.

[He Was Deported to a Country He'd Never Heard Of. He May Never Go Free](#) (Nicholas Casey, New York Times, August 12, 2026): As the Trump administration sends a growing number of immigrants to countries they have no connection to, some find themselves imprisoned with no way out.

[Flock Cameras Can Track Every Car in America. Police Love Them. Citizens Don't](#) (Fernando Alfonso III and Kashmir Hill, New York Times, August 10, 2026): In Texas, there's one thing liberals and conservatives agree on: They don't want cameras trained on their cars.