



Children Thrive Action Network

Defending and Supporting America's Children in Immigrant Families

The **Children Thrive Action Network** is a new network of advocates and service providers at the national, state, and local levels who work directly with or on behalf of children in immigrant families.

Our mission is to defend and support children in the United States in mixed-status immigrant families. We work in support of all children of immigrants, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, language, ability, income, or nationality.

Our vision is of a society where all children have equal opportunity, including the resources and protections they need to grow and thrive; where diversity is embraced and celebrated; and where all children are valued and cared for regardless of where they or their parents were born.

Our goal is to center children in mixed-status immigrant families in advocacy on immigration and other intersecting policies. We seek to mitigate the harm of anti-immigrant policies and actions on children in mixed-status families in the short-term, while advancing positive policy outcomes in the long-term.

Our approach is guided by a comprehensive focus on healthy child development: good nutrition; high-quality health care; emotional well-being; a safe living environment; high-quality care and education; economic security; and stable, nurturing caregivers.

Join us! Organizations and leaders can join our network in one of two ways:

Active members support the purpose, values, and long-term goals of the campaign and commit to active engagement, such as participating in working groups. Currently, there are working groups on Federal Advocacy; State Advocacy; Communications; and Research.

Allies are interested in lending their support and capacity in key moments but are unable to commit to being active members.

A note about collaboration. Our network is guided by a coordinating committee of the Children's Defense Fund-TX, Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP), First Focus on Children, HANA Center, Justice for Migrant Women, MomsRising, National Education Association (NEA), Share Our Strength, The Children's Partnership, The UndocuBlack Network, and UnidosUS.

The Children Thrive Action Network works with like-minded coalitions, such as the Protecting Immigrant Families (PIF) Campaign, to uplift each other's work and collaborate when opportunities arise. With a specific focus on child wellbeing, the network advocates for a comprehensive set of policies that impact children of immigrants, including freedom from the fear of deportation and detention for their parents, education access, and other needs.

To learn more about the Children Thrive Action Network, please contact Vanessa Meraz at vmeraz@clasp.org.

Our membership of over 70 active members and allies represents a wide variety of local, state, and national organizations. With representation in at least 20 states and expertise in a variety of policy areas—including immigration, education, children, health care, nutrition, housing, labor, and environmental justice—our membership strives to encompass the voices that can best represent and advocate for children living in immigrant families.

CTAN Active Members:

A Better Balance
Brazelton Touchpoints Center
Cazenovia College
Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP)
Center for the Study of Social Policy
Center on Immigration and Child Welfare at New Mexico State University
Centro Hispano de East Tennessee
Chicano Federation
Children at Risk
Children's Defense Fund
Children's Defense Fund - Texas
Colorado Center on Law and Policy
Conexión Americas
Early Childhood Education Center – San Francisco State University
Families USA
First Focus on Children
HANA Center
Hispanic Unity, Florida
HOLA Ohio
Illinois Action for Children
Immigrant Alliance for Justice and Equity (IAJE)
ImmSchools
Justice for Migrant Women
Kids in Need of Defense (KIND)
Knowledge is Power Program (KIPP)
Latino Community Center
MomsRising
Mothers for Justice and Equality
National Association of Social Workers (NASW)
National Center for Children in Poverty
National Education Association (NEA)
National Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Association
Our Children Oregon
Partnership for America's Children
PASOs - South Carolina
Prevention Institute
Share Our Strength/No Kids Hungry Campaign
Stockton University Child Welfare Education Institute

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The Children's Partnership
The UndocuBlack Network
UnidosUS
United Parent Leaders Action Network (UPLAN)
Voices for Utah Children
The Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights

CTAN Allies:

Advancing Justice - Asian Law Caucus
African Communities Together
American Federation of Teachers
Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence
Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs - Children in the Fields Campaign
Black Alliance for Just Immigration (BAJI)
California Association of Food Banks
California Immigrant Policy Center
Children's HealthWatch, Boston Medical Center
Colorado Children's Campaign
Define American
East Coast Migrant Head Start Program
Every Texan
Families Belong Together
First Friends NJ & NY
Freedom for Immigrants
Gateway Seminary
Georgetown Center on Children and Families (GCCF)
Hathaway-Sycamores
Jewish Family and Children's Service
Latino Policy Forum
Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska
National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum
National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
New Sanctuary Movement of Atlanta (NSMA)
Pueblo Nuevo Education & Development Group
Schuyler Center for Analysis and Advocacy
Service Employees International Union (SEIU)
Soar
Urban Institute
Voices for Progress
Washington Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program/Head Start Association
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