How Public Health Agencies Can Protect and Support Immigrant and Refugee Communities

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Alameda County Public Health Department
Cook County Department of Public Health
Washtenaw County Public Health
Government Alliance on Race and Equity

The Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE) is a national network of government working to achieve racial equity and advance opportunities for all.

GARE’s strategies include:

1. Organizing a membership network
2. Expanding pathways for new jurisdictions to begin doing racial equity work
3. Supporting and building local and regional collaborations
Today’s Agenda

1. Welcome

2. Historical and Political Context

3. The Guide for Public Health Actions for Immigrant Rights

4. Panel Presentation & Discussion
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4. Q & A
Public Health Awakened

We are a group of public health professionals organizing for health, equity, and justice — formed in response to the Trump administration.

We are calling on public health nonprofits, government agencies, academics, and others to courageously step up and use their power — their evidence, expertise, voice, and resources — to protect and promote people’s lives and communities.

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Public Health Awakened is an initiative convened and staffed by Human Impact Partners
Immigration & Racial Equity

Used unfairly, the immigration system can perpetuate structural racism. Through it, we as a society decide who belongs and who is “other,” whom we welcome and whom we reject.


It is also a personal issue.
Concern: Accelerating Deportations

Number and pace of deportations expected to increase

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A widening net
- Many undocumented persons with criminal records already deported under Obama administration
- The Trump administration is casting a wider net:
  - Expanded definition of ‘criminal’
  - Those without criminal records entangled in efforts
Accelerated deportations contradict our values and ethics

People come to the US to improve their lives, often in response to physical and sexual violence, oppression, and poverty.

We remember that it is part of the US origin story to welcome people to this country, with or without documentation.
Local Government Has Been Complicit In Past Mass Deportations

**Great Depression**
County social workers supported and participated in deportation of 2 million Mexican-American people, *including 1 million US citizens*

**1954 “Operation Wetback”**
Eisenhower deported 3.8 million Mexican Americans
Undocumented parents of U.S.-born children routinely deported while their children remain in U.S.
11,000,000 undocumented immigrants live in the US currently

4,500,000 US-citizen children live in families in which at least one person is undocumented

150,000+ US-citizen kids a year had a parent deported
This is a COMMUNITY HEALTH & SAFETY issue
Fear of Deportation Makes Communities Less Healthy

Deportation policy creates a climate of fear and paralysis in communities.

- People are afraid to drive
- Afraid to use parks and exercise outdoors
- Afraid to use public services like clinics
- Afraid to get involved in their communities
Children Are Especially Vulnerable

Deportation and threat of deportation leads to:

- **POORER CHILD HEALTH**
- **POORER CHILD EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES**
- **POORER CHILD BEHAVIORAL OUTCOMES**
- **POORER ADULT HEALTH AND SHORTER LIFESPAN**

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**CSI** CENTER FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION

**LOCAL AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENT ALLIANCE ON RACE & EQUITY**
Deportation and the Threat of Deportation:

- **LEAD TO MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AMONG KIDS** - Nearly 30% of undocumented parents in the report said their US-citizen children are afraid either all or most of the time. Nearly half said that their child had been anxious, and three-quarters said that a child has shown symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder.

- **LEAD TO POOR BIRTH OUTCOMES** - A recent study found a 24% increase in risk of low birth weight among infants born to Latina mothers after a major immigration raid, when compared to birth weights before the raid.
Fear of Deportation Makes Communities Less Safe

Deportation and the Threat of Deportation:

- **MAKE LAW ENFORCEMENT MORE DIFFICULT** - People who witness/are victims of a crime are less likely to report the crime or cooperate as witnesses if they fear deportation or questions about immigration status for themselves or someone they know.

- **MAKE VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE LESS LIKELY TO GO TO POLICE** - Domestic violence victims often remain with their abuser rather than risk being detained and/or deported when seeking protection from abuse.

- **EXACERBATE MENTAL ILLNESS & INSTABILITY** - Documented and undocumented immigrants experience exacerbated health conditions like stress, anxiety, and hopelessness due to fears of deportation for themselves or members of their community.
Actions You Can Take (PHAIR GUIDE ACTIONS)

1. Continue to promote health agency policies to provide services to all people, and to ensure all people understand that they are welcome at the agency.

2. Support cities, counties, and states that pledge to provide sanctuary in different forms to undocumented residents.

3. Advocate that local and state government create a legal defense fund for undocumented residents.
Actions You Can Take

4. Connect undocumented clients and their families with legal rights and community organizing groups.

5. Join/build alliances that cross issue areas and include immigration.

6. Encourage and support the efforts of sister agencies, including in criminal justice, to protect undocumented people and their families.
**Actions You Can Take**

7. Encourage labor enforcement to adopt and implement policies that protect worker rights, regardless of immigration status.

8. Review other health agency policies and services, considering how undocumented populations may be impacted.

9. Work to change a narrative that portrays undocumented people negatively.
Panel Discussion – Actions Being Implemented

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Alameda County Public Health Department’s Post-Election Immigration and Public Health Initiatives

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Muntu Davis, MD MPH
County Health Officer and Public Health Director
Focusing on Internal Capacity and Supporting Staff

Overview

• Cross-Division planning committee & in-services for staff
• Department intranet site for immigration resources
• Gathering stories about impacts to public health programs and clients
Cross-division planning committee and in-services

• **Goal:**
  1. **Share united message** of welcoming and inclusivity as an agency and policies that support this;
  2. **Educate** about potential impacts of future or current federal policy changes;
  3. **Collect stories and questions** from staff and clients.

• **Process:** Each division identified staff to plan “Immigration and Public Health” in-services.

• **Presenters:**
  • Departmental Leadership
  • Staff from Board of Supervisors
  • Programmatic Staff
  • Public Information Officer
Cross-division planning committee and in-services

Focus on clear messages from leadership.

- Our values and services have not changed.
- HIPAA still applies.
- Staff are not authorized to provide information to ICE, attorneys, and law enforcement. Must contact Office of the Director, who contacts County Counsel for review.
- Board staff shared county policies on immigrant rights.
- Planning committee emphasized need for a message to share with clients.
Intranet Site for Immigration Resources

- Know Your Rights
- Presentations and Events
- Legal Assistance
- Resources and Services
- Child Welfare
- Policies and Legislation

The site is maintained and curated by our department’s Public Information Officer.
Know Your Rights Resources

Know Your Rights (KRY) information, instructions, and printable information cards in multiple languages. Includes KRY information specifically regarding Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Health Care

- NILC - Know Your Rights: Applying for health insurance or seeking health care

Police

- What to Do If Immigration or the Police Come to Your Door English | Spanish

Dept. of Motor Vehicles

- Driver’s Rights: A Resource in An Era of Resistance

If ICE Comes

- Know Your Rights Red Card (your script)
- How to Use Know Your Rights Red Cards Spanish
- Know Your Rights with ICE English | Spanish | Chinese | Korean

Federal

- Immigration Rights Under Trump Administration English | Spanish
- Know Your Rights No Matter Who is President Arabic | Chinese | Korean | Spanish

KYR Basics

- Videos English | Spanish
- Know Your Rights
  Arabic | Bengali | Burmese | Chinese | Gujarati | Karen | Khmer | Korean | Nepali | Urdu | Vietnamese
- Know Your Rights Workshops: Hosted by multiple agencies (3/11/17) English | Spanish | Chinese | Korean
Presentations and Events

An ongoing list of past and future presentations and events focused on the protection of immigrant rights.

Calendar Year 2017

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Legal Assistance

- Basic Information on Immigration Options
- Alameda County Immigration Legal & Education Partnership
- DACA Current Status Options (2/24/17)
- Podcast in [English](#) | [Spanish](#)
  Discusses the impact on a California Driver's License of having you DACA expire or be terminated
- The Rights of Lawful Permanent Residents
  Your rights if you travel outside the United States, have been convicted of a crime, or are eligible to become a U.S. citizen.
- Centro Legal De La Raza’s Free Immigration Legal Clinics Spanish-English
- Immigration Legal Assistance Referrals (East Bay non-profits, agencies, etc.)
- International Institute of the Bay Area: Legal Clinics [English](#) | [Spanish](#)
- First 5: Legal Resources for Immigrant Communities
Resources and Services for Immigrant Communities

Wide array of resources for food, legal advice, family emergency preparedness, grief counseling, guidance for schools, resources for advocates, and more. (Note: not all docs in this folder are listed below)

Featured Link

- Resources: Protecting Immigrants in California (from Pro-Kids)

Education

- California’s State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tom Torlakson, has come out strongly in support of “safe haven” efforts in school districts across California. His statement in response to Trump’s immigration order can be found here. Details regarding example “Safe Haven” districts can be found here:
  1. Oakland Unified School District
  2. Sacramento City Unified School District

- The California School Board Association has developed a number of resources—including legal guidance, sample board resolutions and template policies—to help California’s schools continue to justly educate students impacted by immigration status.

  - Guidance for School: Post-Election
  - Human Trafficking Awareness: Free Online Course
  - Refugee Center Online [online classes, resources, community connections]

Family Emergency Preparedness

- Alameda County Food Bank Hotline
- Caregiver’s Authorization Affidavit
- Family Emergency Plan Form
- Guidance on Public Health Actions for Immigrant Rights

Immigration Raids

- A Brief Guide for Sharing Reports of Raids on Social Media (DRUM)
- Community Guidance: Restrictions on Muslim Entry to U.S. (2/27/17)
- ICE Raids on Immigration Communities
- Alameda County phone line to report ICE activities: (510) 241-4011
Outcomes and Next Steps

- Presented three in-services to over 120 staff
- Collected stories from staff about impacts to programs and clients to use in an issue brief on immigration policy and public health
- Working on developing ongoing capacity to collect and use staff stories about impacts
- Planning committee is interested in continuing to meet to work on immigration/public health issues, and is planning some additional panel presentations and trainings for staff
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Cook County Department of Public Health

• We are the local public health department for most of suburban Cook County

• 700 square miles
• 2.39 million residents
• 125 municipalities
Cook County, Illinois

•”There being no legal authority upon which the federal government may compel an expenditure of County resources to comply with an ICE detainer issued pursuant to 8 USC § 1226 or 8 USC § 1357(d), there shall be no expenditure of any County resources or effort by on-duty County personnel for this purpose, except as expressly provided within this Ordinance.”

•Villages of Skokie and Oak Park, Illinois have passed similar ordinances
“Regardless of your immigration status, we care for you. Whether you have insurance or not, we care for you. No matter your ability to pay, we care for you. Whatever your religious beliefs, we care for you.

Here at the Cook County Health & Hospitals System, we do not require proof of insurance or documentation papers as a prerequisite of receiving care.”

- Statement by Dr. Jay Shannon, CEO, Cook County Health and Hospitals System
Cook County Department of Public Health

• Convened internal working group focused on immigration and public health
• Held a session on immigrant rights and public health at CCDPH All Staff Meeting
• Community Health Advisory Council meeting focusing on immigration and public health
• Staff contributed to the development of the PHAIR guide
• WePlan 2020 (CCDPH Community Health Improvement Plan) focuses on health equity including structural racism
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• 2017 All Staff Training Day
• 1 hour session with all 200 staff devoted to health equity and immigrant rights
• Adapted publichealthawakened slides for a framing presentation
• Gathered staff feedback/suggestions
• Capacity building for facilitators
Cook County Department of Public Health

- Staff suggestions for CCDPH’s response:
  - Make immigrants feel welcome, signage
  - Staff training around immigration issues specific to their work
  - Share information about resources for immigrants and referrals to organizations serving immigrants

- Additional possibilities
  - Policy brief examining the linkages between immigration issues and health
  - Exploring how data may be used to inform policy
  - Participation, ongoing and new, in coalitions focused on immigrant rights
Collaborative for Health Equity Cook County
www.CHECookCounty.org  @CHECookCounty

• Longstanding partner – coalition of organizations committed to health equity
• Co-convened a meeting on immigration and health highlighting the PHAIR guide
• Supported Welcoming Village sanctuary ordinance in Oak Park
D. Unless presented with a valid and properly issued criminal warrant, no agency or agent shall:

1. Permit ICE agents access to a person being detained by, or in the custody of, the agency or agent;

2. Transfer any person into ICE custody;

3. Permit ICE agents use of agency facilities, information, other than as provided in Section 13-7-7 below, or equipment, including any agency electronic databases, for investigative interviews or other investigative purpose or for purposes of executing an immigration enforcement operation; or

4. Expending the time of the agency or agent in responding to ICE inquiries or communicating with ICE regarding a person’s custody status, release date, or contact information.

Washtenaw County

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Continue to promote health agency policies to provide services to all people, and to ensure all people understand that they are welcome at the agency.

ALL ARE WELCOME HERE campaign
• **Health equity training for all staff**
  • Health Equity and Social Justice Team is planning **health equity and cross-cultural service** delivery curriculum
  • Purpose: build upon staff’s capacity and skills at addressing health inequities in everyday public health practice and capacity to deliver high-quality cross-cultural service. Curriculum will be case-based and aims to be practical.

• **County non-solicitation policy**
  • Adopting policy **restricting county departments from asking about a person’s citizenship or immigration status** unless required by other laws or programs

• **Ann Arbor ordinance**
  • The Ann Arbor City Council approved an ordinance affirming the city’s existing practice of generally **not soliciting immigration status**.
Continue to promote health agency policies to provide services to all people, and to ensure all people understand that they are welcome at the agency (continued).

Translate promotional & educational materials and paperwork

Use Language Line for real-time interpretations
Support cities, counties, and states that pledge to provide sanctuary in different forms to undocumented residents.

Washtenaw County is looking to join the Welcoming America movement. Ann Arbor already has.
Advocate that local and state government create a legal defense fund for undocumented residents.

- **Washtenaw County Public Health is advocating for the county to provide funding to the Michigan Immigrant Rights Center**

- **Increased client demand for legal services. New emergency work includes responding to:**
  - Increase in hate crimes targeting immigrants and minorities
  - Executive Orders denying access to the U.S. to hundreds of Muslim travelers
  - Increase in raids and deportations
Washtenaw County Public Health has built a network of formal and informal alliances. We share information and coordinate trainings through these networks.

Distribution of educational materials to clients
Encourage and support the efforts of sister agencies, including in criminal justice, to protect undocumented people and their families.

'We don't enforce immigration law,' says Washtenaw County sheriff

Through our “All are Welcome Here” campaign, we worked with other county departments and partner organizations to assure they serve all immigrants and refugees.
Encourage labor enforcement to adopt and implement policies that protect worker rights, regardless of immigration status.

We assured restaurant workers that our food sanitarians do not ask for immigration status during restaurant inspections, after hearing reports that individuals impersonating sanitarians may have been asking restaurant staff for their names and immigration status.
Promoting a **county equity ordinance**, which will include:

- Internal review of policies and procedures (including hiring)
- Annual equity goals for all departments
- New training for staff and boards/commissions
- Tool for budget and/or policy requests around equity
Work to change a narrative that portrays undocumented people negatively.

The Washtenaw County Identification Card is a photo ID available to Washtenaw County residents age 14 and older.
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