



## Immigrant Legal Services Center



### UCIMM UPDATES

#### [UCIMM would like to introduce our summer interns!](#)

Simran Chahal is a rising 2L at UC Davis School of Law. She also completed her undergraduate degree at UC Davis, so she is on her way to becoming a Double Aggie. Simran became interested in immigration law after participating in the Naturalization Clinic during her first year in law school. So, she is excited to be part of the team at UCIMM and learn more about immigration law! One item on her bucket list is driving down Highway 101 along the California coast and visiting all the beaches along the way.

Erick is a native of El Salvador. He has recently graduated from UC Berkeley, holding a B.A. in Legal Studies. He is also a proud recipient of an Associate Degree in Political Science from Chabot College. Erick is enthusiastic and motivated to help the undocumented community as one of his goals is to attend law school and become an immigration attorney. He is excited to contribute and work with the UC Immigrant Legal Services Center. During his free time, he enjoys painting and going outdoors.



### STATE POLICY UPDATES

#### [Article: California built a safety net for undocumented immigrants. Now deficits could leave some behind.](#)

[Cal Matters reports:](#) "In a major reversal since the 1990s, California has opened up government programs to undocumented residents more than any other state — issuing driver's licenses, college scholarships, low-income tax credits, direct cash aid during the pandemic and now Medi-Cal health coverage. In 2025 California will be the first state to issue food stamps to undocumented immigrants, allowing those 55 and older to qualify.

But budget realities are putting the brakes on other expansions that advocates want like a \$330 million proposal to offer unemployment benefits to undocumented workers."



## FEDERAL POLICY UPDATES

### [New online tool to reschedule biometrics appointments](#)

Last month, USCIS launched a tool that allows individuals to reschedule most biometrics service appointments before the date of the appointment. Previously, changes could only be made by calling the USCIS Contact Center. Now, individuals can also use their USCIS online account to request a reschedule. For information on how to create an online account, [view our FAQ](#) on our [resources page](#).

Appointments will be rescheduled only for “good cause”, including but not limited to: previously planned travel; significant life events such as a wedding, funeral, or graduation ceremony; inability to obtain transportation to the appointment location; inability to obtain leave from employment or caregiver responsibilities; and late delivered or undelivered biometric services appointment notice.

### [Advocacy opportunity to support Special Immigrant Juvenile Status \(SIJS\) youth](#)

The American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) has created an [advocacy tool](#) for those who wish to support the Protect Vulnerable Immigrant Youth Act (PVIYA), which would ensure that vulnerable SIJS youth can immediately pursue lawful permanent residency—as Congress had originally intended. Youth who are granted Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) are caught in a 5+ year visa backlog before they can apply for lawful permanent residency. Our Center alone currently has around 80 clients stuck in this backlog. The PVIYA would remove the visa cap and years-long wait for these young immigrants.



## ICYMI

### [New guide: DACA - Advocating for Inclusive Work Policies](#)

The Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC) and Immigrants Rising recently published a guide: [DACA: Advocating for Inclusive Work Policies](#). This guide provides ideas that employers can explore in effort to continue supporting DACA employees in the event the DACA program comes to an end and recipients lose employment authorization.

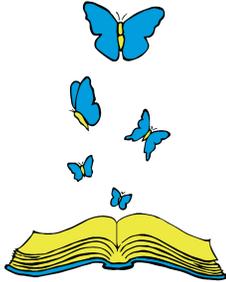
### [New graduate loan program](#)

Earlier this month, the Presidents' Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration posted a new student-friendly [graduate loan program](#) for Dreamers with DACA or TPS status on its [Higher Ed Immigration Portal](#). The program could be beneficial for students who want to pursue professional degrees to achieve their career aspirations but do not have access to affordable financing options.

### [New flyer on gender-based violence](#)

DHS recently published a [flyer on gender-based violence](#) (GBV), available in 10 languages,

which describes GBV, highlights common forms of GBV, and provides information on where to find confidential help for those at risk or who are survivors of GBV. These flyers are intended to be displayed in both high-traffic public spaces as well as private places where someone can discreetly read it.



*As always, please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.  
Thank you,  
The UC Immigrant Legal Services Center team*

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