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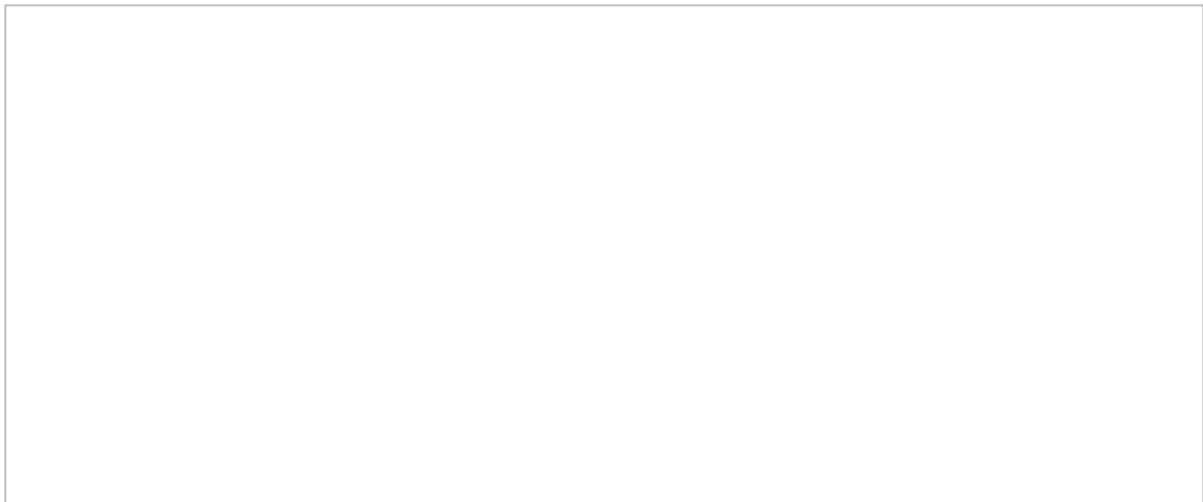
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All children deserve to have access to nutritious food, health care services and safe housing. And families belong together.

Here in California, where nearly half of the state's children live in immigrant families and many kids are growing up in "mixed status" families (where some members are citizens and others are not), the new rule will have a devastating impact. Parents should not be forced to choose between providing for their children's basic needs or keeping their family together in this country. And yet, this is exactly what will happen when **this rule** goes into effect on October 15.

When it was proposed last fall, the rule change drew more than **266,000 public comments**, overwhelmingly in opposition. More than 700 of these comments came from Pro-Kid leaders like you, standing up in support of immigrant families through The Children's Movement.

Legal challenges, including proposed legislation (**H.R.3222 - No Federal Funds for Public Charge Act of 2019**), could delay or block the implementation of this rule. However, all Californians need to be prepared and well-informed about their rights.

Read Governor Gavin Newsom and CA Health & Human Services Secretary Mark Ghaly's statements on the Public Charge rule below:

[Governor Gavin Newsom's statement](#)

[CA Health & Human Services Secretary Dr. Mark Ghaly's Statement](#)

Please read and share the resources below!

Public Charge: What You Need to Know

- Protecting Immigrant Families, Advancing Our Future – **Public Charge: Getting the Help You Need**
 - **Let's Talk About Public Charge**
 - **You Have Rights, Protect Your Health** – also available in **Spanish, French, Chinese, Arabic**
- Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC) – **Public Charge**
- California Immigrant Policy Center – **Referrals and Phone Numbers**

Everyone Has Rights, Regardless of Immigration Status

- Protecting Immigrant Families, Advancing Our Future – **Community Resources**
- The Truth Act – **Know Your Rights card**
- Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC) **Red Card** (available in multiple languages)
- National Immigration Law Center (NILC) **Know your Rights** (available in multiple languages)
- California Immigrant Youth Justice Alliance (CIYJA) **Power Not Panic Infographic**

If You or Someone You Know is Detained by ICE

- [Rapid Response Networks](#) (across California)
- "One California" [Immigration Services and Legal Representation](#)

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