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Policy solutions that work for low-income people

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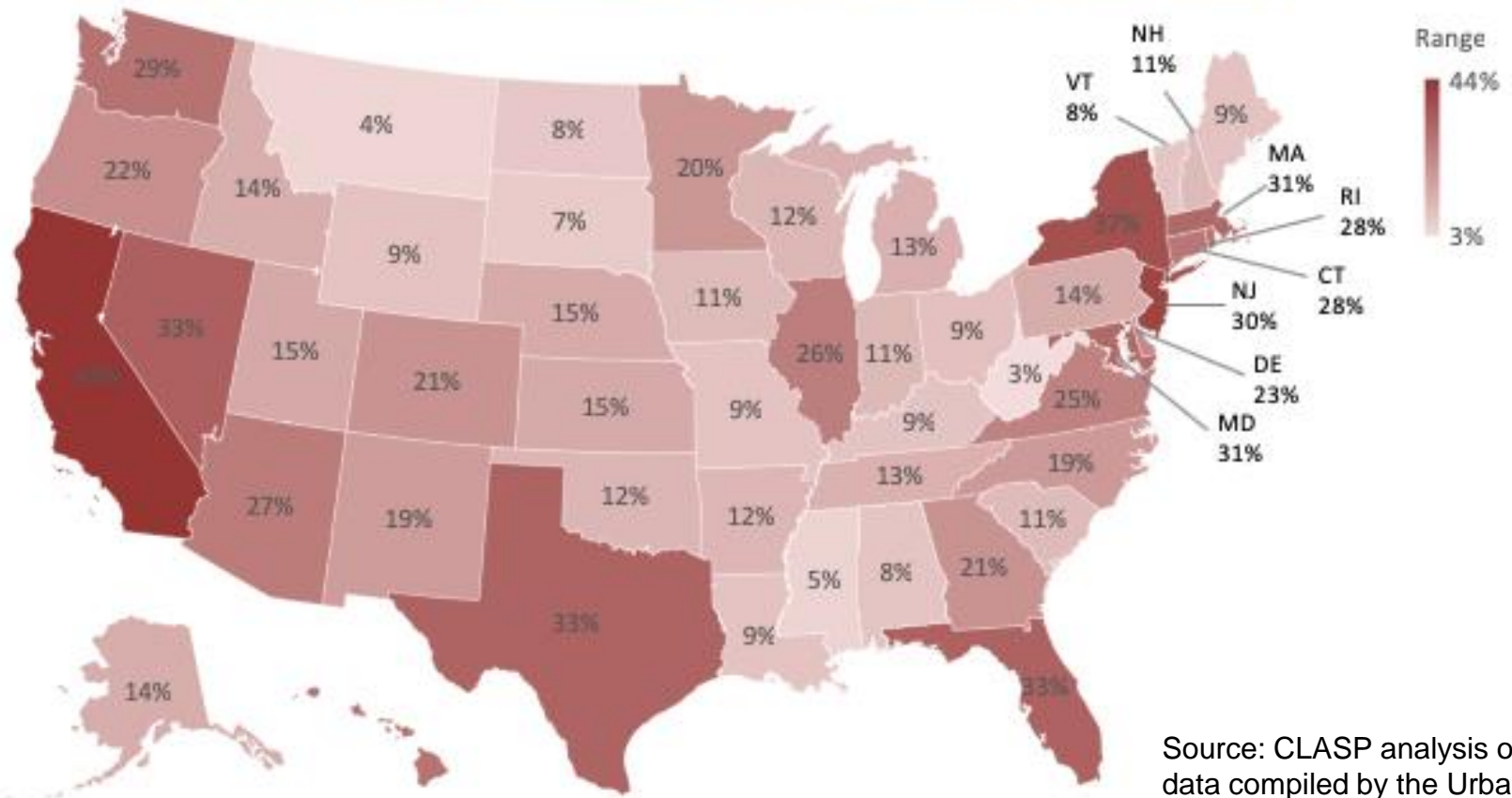
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1 in 4 Children in the U.S. are Children of Immigrants

Share of young child population with foreign-born parents, 2017



Source: CLASP analysis of data compiled by the Urban Institute

Majority of Immigrant Families are Mixed-status

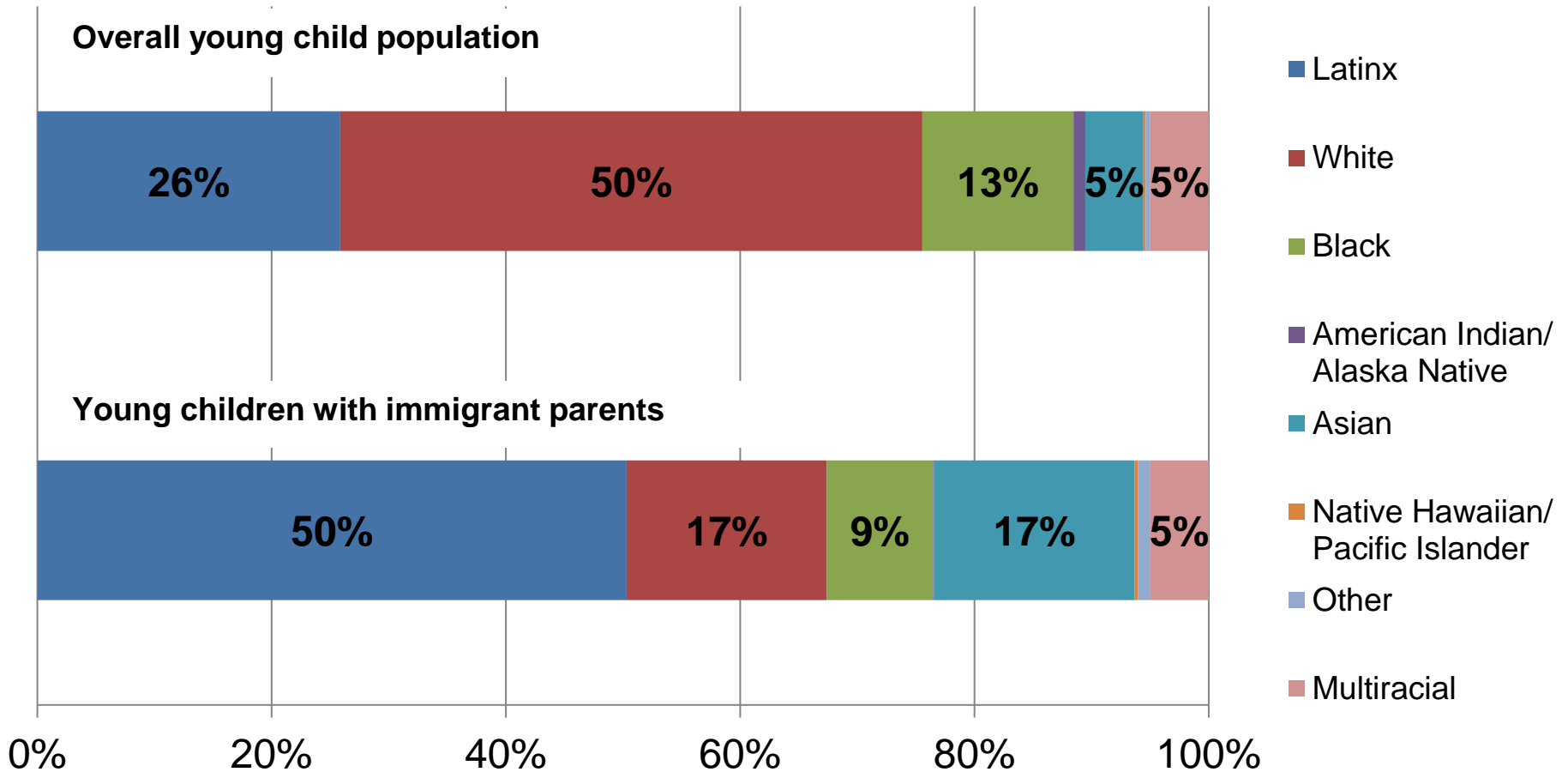
5.2 million children have at least one parent who is undocumented

Approximately 1 million children under the age of 18 are undocumented (Dreamers)

More than 250,000 U.S. citizen children have parents with Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

More than 279,000 U.S. citizen children live in households with family members with Temporary Protected Status (TPS)

Children in Immigrant Families are Racially and Ethnically Diverse



Immigration Policy is a Children's Issue



Immigration Policy Impacts on Families

- Chilling effect on public benefits caused by immigration enforcement and policies like public charge
- Continued uncertainty for immigrant families with precarious immigration status

Immigrant Families are Avoiding Programs They Are Eligible For

- A survey from December 2020 found that, throughout the pandemic, over **1 in 6** adults in immigrant families avoided using government services due to fear of immigration enforcement or anxiety that accessing services would impact their immigration status.
- An August 2020 survey of families with undocumented family members reported that **over 17 percent** of households were not getting tested for COVID-19 for fear of public charge.

DACA and TPS Recipients

- An estimated **one million children** are currently undocumented themselves and millions of young people who entered the country as children—also known as Dreamers—have grown up in the U.S. and face an uncertain future in the country they call home.
- About a third of TPS and DACA recipients, or **over 333,000 individuals**, have been essential workers, and over half a million U.S. citizen children have a parent with DACA or TPS.

Latest on Public Charge Policy

- **The Trump-era public charge regulations have been permanently blocked nationwide! The 2019 Trump regulations no longer exist or apply.**
- The COVID-19 vaccine, testing & care for COVID-19 has no immigration consequences. And qualifying immigrants can apply for health coverage, “SNAP” nutrition assistance, “Section 8” housing assistance, and almost every other public program without impact on immigration status or future immigration applications.

Latest on TPS and DACA

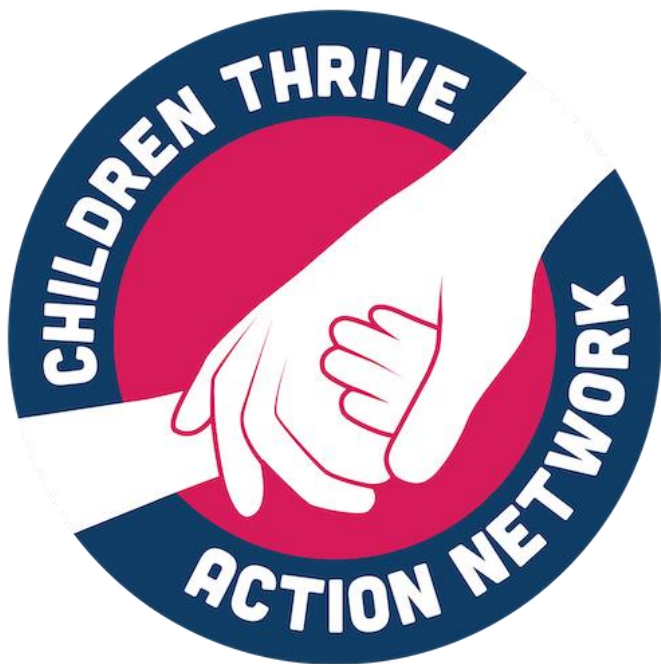
- The Biden Administration has extended TPS for recipients from various countries including most recently from Haiti, Somalia, and Yemen.
- On Friday, July 16, 2021, the U.S. District Court in Houston issued a decision that the DACA Program is unlawful, thereby partially halting it. For now, the decision will allow those with existing DACA to continue to renew. No first-time initial DACA requests will be granted at this time.

Pathway to Citizenship

- It is clear that a pathway to citizenship is necessary to ensure children in the U.S. can thrive.
- Currently, Congress is working on legislation to help the country recover from the pandemic, which provides a real opportunity to pass a pathway to citizenship.

What is the Children Thrive Action Network?

The Children Thrive Action Network (CTAN) 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 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 the network at: <http://childrethriveaction.org/>

What is the PIF Coalition?

Purpose: To unite to protect and defend access to health care, nutrition programs, public services and economic supports for immigrants and their families at the local, state and federal level.

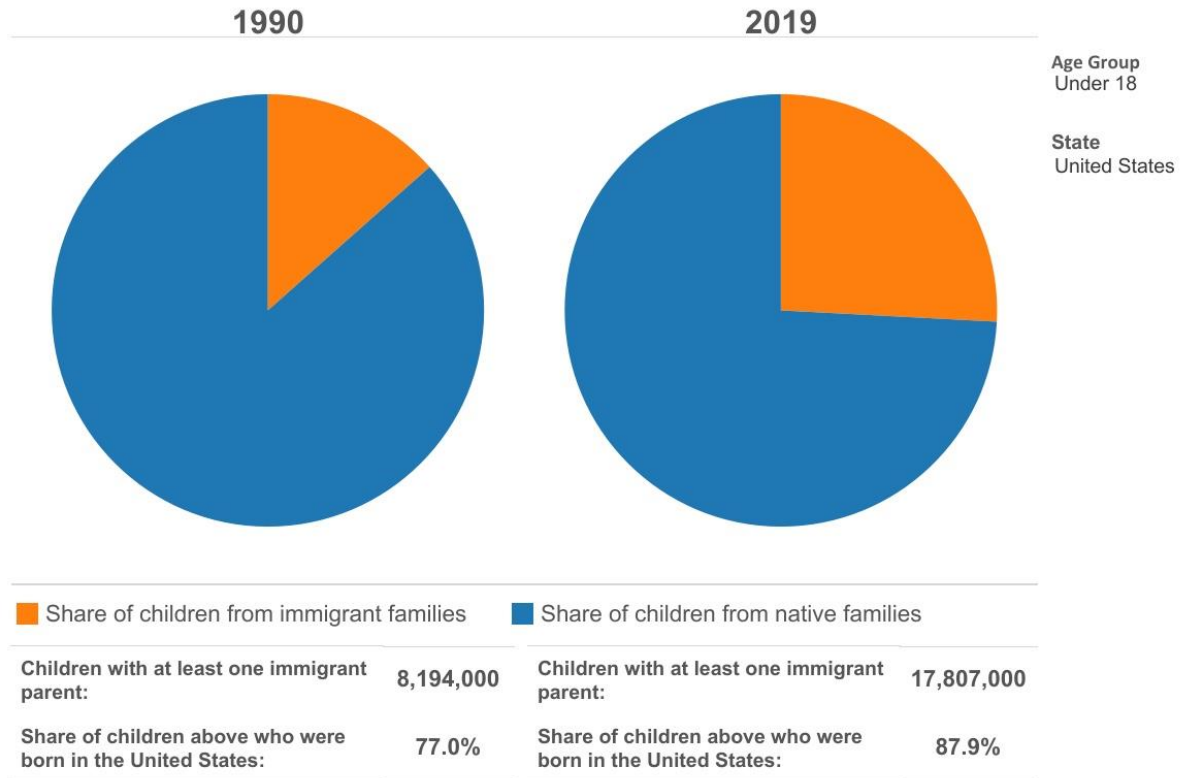


- Created in 2017 and co-chaired by NILC and CLASP
- More than 500 Active Member Organizations in more than 40 states
- Website: protectingimmigrantfamilies.org

Level-setting: who do we serve?

Children in U.S. Immigrant Families:

Number and Share of the Total U.S. Child Population, by Age Group and State



Migration Policy Institute (MPI) Data Hub
<http://migrationpolicy.org/programs/data-hub>

What's Available in the ARPA for Child Care

- A total of \$39.5 billion allocated to child care systems in the ARPA; totaling just over \$50 billion for child care between the CARES Act, Coronavirus Response & Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, and ARPA
 - Child care funds bifurcated into 2 funding streams: a **stabilization grant program of ~\$24.5 billion and subsidy funding into CCDBG of ~\$15 billion**
 - The stabilization grant program is focused to providers: 90% should be used in the form of grants, while 10% must be set-aside for administrative and technical assistance costs
 - CCDBG funding is disbursed to states through the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF)

Immigrant Children and Families' Access to Child Care Benefits

- How providers and child care staff can support immigrant families with young children:
 - Language barriers;
 - Confusion around eligibility rules;
 - Fear of accessing benefits.
- ARPA presents opportunity to disrupt this paradigm

Immigrant Providers' Access to Child Care Benefits

"The almost 321,000, or 18%, of immigrant providers within the child care system are integral to our nation's child care system. Immigrant providers add to the diversity of the early childhood workforce, ensuring that child care providers reflect the racial, ethnic, and linguistic diversity of the children and families they serve."

- ARPA presents opportunity to:
 - Supply-build—workforce needs and facilities to address community needs (including family and home-based care)
 - Hiring
 - Start-up grants

Recommendations

- Prioritize outreach and education
- Use ARPA and other federal funds to support the needs of immigrant providers, families with young children, and their communities
- Support the inclusion of immigrant providers into the child care subsidy system

Child Care for Every Family Network

“The Child Care for Every Family Network seeks a transformed national system that results in universal access to high-quality, affordable child care across the US with a diverse, well-paid, well-supported workforce.”

- The network consists of a Coordinating Committee and Working Group Leads focused on various topics.
 - Federal and state policy working group
 - Implementation sub-group
 - Communications and narrative working group
 - Research working group
- There are currently ~100 members and ~25 allies (representing 84 organizations) signed up for the network.
- To register as a member or ally, please use this [registration link](#).

Thank You!

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