Resource Page:

Responding to efforts harming the health of immigrant communities

Thank you for your interest in the oral health and overall health of children and families in US immigrant communities. As our organizations shared in “Anti-immigrant policies are hurting children’s oral health,” our column published on the Children’s Dental Health Project’s blog (www.cdhp.org/blog), several federal actions are promoting a climate of fear among immigrant families, causing many to withdraw from critical medical and dental care.

Use these resources to learn more and take action to push back against these efforts:

- **Issue: Changes to the federal “public charge” rule**
  The Protecting Immigrant Families, Advancing Our Future (PIF) campaign is closely monitoring this issue, and has an email list to which you can subscribe for updates, tools and resources. One of our organizations, Community Catalyst, is part of this coalition effort. It is coordinated by the Center for Law and Social Policy and the National Immigration Law Center.

- **Issue: Targeting immigrant communities in the 2020 US Census**
  The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights and their labor union partner, SEIU, have organized a campaign in response to the addition of a citizenship question to the 2020 US Census. More than 300 organizations signed on to a letter urging Congress to hold an oversight hearing focused on US Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross’ decision to include a citizenship question on the 2020 Census.

- **Issue: Uncertainty surrounding DACA and resources related to deportation**
  Public education materials are also important. We recommend turning to partners such as United We Dream, led by young immigrants, and legal groups, like the ACLU, to help raise awareness in your community about the basic rights of Dreamers and families with loved ones who may be undocumented. In addition, the National Immigration Law Center will continue to update its DACA page as new information emerges.

For more information about our organizations:
- Community Catalyst: www.communitycatalyst.org
- Heartland Alliance Oral Health Forum: https://www.heartlandalliance.org/oralhealth/

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