



CHILD CARE LAW CENTER®

# IN DEFENSE OF FAMILIES: TOOLS TO HELP YOUR IMMIGRANT CLIENTS

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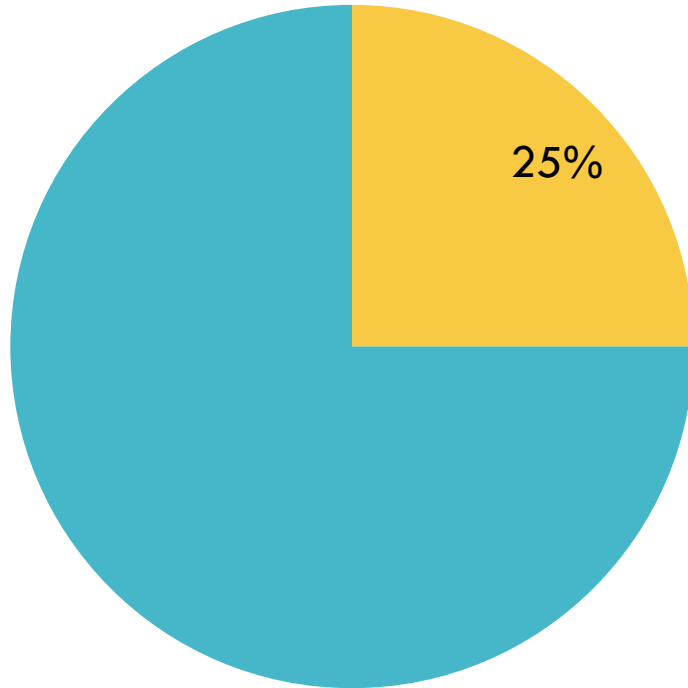
# Child Care Law Center



- We envision a California where **child care is a civil right**, not a benefit; where equal opportunity begins with **equal access to safe and healthy child care**; and where **parents can support** their families without sacrificing their children's well-being.
- Every day we break down the legal barriers standing between families who need it, and good, affordable child care.

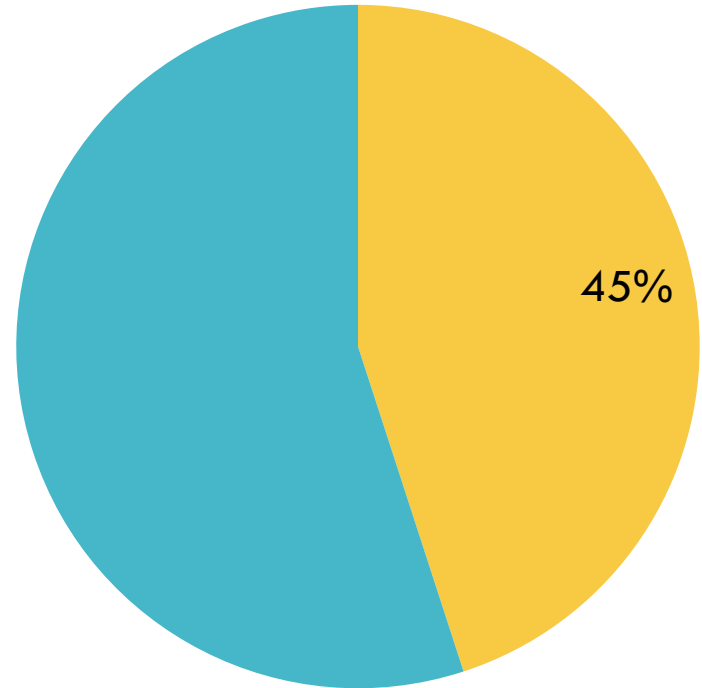
# 2015

**Children 0-5: United States**



**25% live in immigrant families**

**Children 0-5: California**



**45% live in immigrant families**

*Source: Migration Policy Institute: [www.migrationpolicy.org](http://www.migrationpolicy.org)*

# Discussion Questions



- Are you working with [many] families where someone is undocumented?
- What are some of the issues that you are seeing for immigrant families?

# TRAINING WILL COVER

- Immigration eligibility for state and federally funded child care
- Working with families in an environment of heightened fear of deportation
- Best practices and practical resources you can offer immigrant families

## Protections for Persons from Other Countries and LEP

- Agencies that receive federal financial assistance may NOT discriminate based on race, color, or **national origin**.
- Agencies must take reasonable steps to provide limited English proficient (LEP) individuals with meaningful access to their programs.
- California law requires bilingual access.

# Immigrants and Child Care Eligibility

State Funded Child Care or Public Ed Programs:

**NO restrictions:** “eligibility for child care services shall be without regard to immigration status” of parent or child, unless child or parent under a final order of deportation. 5 Cal.Code Regs. § 18107(d).

# Protecting Client Information

- All family info collected shall be confidential; only used/disclosed for direct program reason
- Inform families they do not need to give SSN

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**  
**Form CD 9600A, (Rev. 01/04)**

**Child Care Data Collection**  
**Privacy Notice and Consent Form**

.... If you do not wish to give your Social Security Number for this purpose, you may still receive child care assistance....



# Public Charge Issues



- **Current Law:** receipt of subsidized child care is not considered in “public charge” determinations.
- **Proposed Trump Executive Order:** Would potentially count all federally funded benefits (including non-cash) based on income. in public charge determination.
- **Not Signed or Implemented** Even if signed into law, should not apply to benefits received before the law changed.

# Resources for Immigrant Families



- You are a key entry point for families seeking legal help/referrals to agencies
- List of Agencies that help address immigration concerns; some with a focus on children
- Know Your Rights Information in multiple languages
  - In one's own home or on the street
  - For employers in their place of business

# Summary of Key Points

- Immigrant status doesn't matter for child care eligibility
- Child care providers play a key role in providing safe environment for children during difficult times
- California is not following Washington: CA working to protect immigrant communities; protecting confidential information

# The Child Care Law Center Can Help You



## How can CCLC help you?

- Publications
- Call or e-mail attorneys
- Information & Referral Service

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# Hot Links Page

- Abriendo Puertas: [Spanish-language video](#) to support immigrant parents of young kids
- [Know Your Rights \(Spanish\)](#)
- [Family Preparedness Plan](#)
- Attached Resource Page

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