Immigration Policy Preview: CLINIC’s Recommendations for the Biden-Harris Administration
January 21, 2021 | 2pm ET
Agenda

• Intros & Overview of CLINIC’s 2021 Administrative Advocacy Priorities
• CLINIC’s Recommendations to the Biden-Harris Transition Team
• Review of Day One actions and next steps
• How to prepare your practice and your community for changes ahead
• Q&A
• Conclusion
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CLINIC’s 2021 Advocacy Priorities Overview
Overview

- CLINIC’s 2021 Administrative Advocacy Priorities: https://cliniclegal.org/resources/federal-administrative-advocacy/2021-administrative-advocacy-priorities

Grounded in our faith and our mission

- Embracing the Gospel value of welcoming the stranger, CLINIC promotes the dignity and protects the rights of immigrants in partnership with a dedicated network of Catholic and community legal immigration programs
2021 Administrative Advocacy Priorities

• Repeal Trump-era policies and bans that dehumanize, violate human rights, and tear families apart and secure immediate emergency protections for vulnerable populations
• Restore, rebuild, and improve Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Department of Justice (DOJ), Department of State (DOS) and component agencies
• Advocate for government task forces focused on key immigration issues and vulnerable populations
• Work to ensure humanitarian protections are restored and prioritized going forward
2021 Administrative Advocacy Priorities

- Advocate for policies and programs that honor the sanctity of the family by maintaining and restoring family unity
- Improve immigrant integration and access to naturalization for all who qualify
- Join partners in the mission to end mass immigrant incarceration and deportation
- Restore, rebuild, and improve access to justice in the immigration court system
2021 Administrative Advocacy Priorities

• Expand access to immigration legal representation and combat fraud
• Improve pathways for religious workers
• Support partners in root causes, human rights, and foreign policy work
• Build a new pro-immigrant narrative in the United States
Chat Question

Which of these priorities are most important to your program?
CLINIC’s Recommendations to the Biden-Harris Transition/Incoming Administration
CLINIC’s Advocacy Model and Theory of Change

• Administrative advocacy

• Priorities built from our network

• Work in partnership with the impacted community/partners
CLINIC’s Recommendations

➔ Bold, strategic, just, humane policy

➔ Administration’s top priorities on systemic racism, economy, COVID must include immigration policy

➔ Set of policy papers focused on issues of specialty that may not be heavily covered in rest of the advocacy field

➔ Read CLINIC’s letter to President Biden here: https://cliniclegal.org/transition
Transition Policy Papers

Read the full collection: https://cliniclegal.org/transition

Highlights:

• TPS/DED
• Religious workers
• Recognition & Accreditation
• Integration
• Access to naturalization
What Has Happened and What is Expected
What Happened on Day 1

- Inauguration and transfer of power
- Installation of new, Acting Department heads, notably:
  - Acting HHS Sec Norris Cochran
  - Acting DHS Sec David Pekoske
  - Acting DOJ Sec is Monty Wilkinson
  - Acting DOS Sec is Dan Smith
- Executive announcements
What Happened on Day 1

Immigration-related Executive Actions:

- Repealing Muslim and Africa travel bans repealed
  www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/20/proclamation-ending-discriminatory-bans-on-entry-to-the-united-states/

- Setting Enforcement Policies and Priorities

- Clarifying Census Apportionment
What Happened on Day 1

Immigration-related Executive Actions:

- Terminating Border Wall Construction

- Restoring DED for Liberia
  [www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/20/reinstating-deferred-enforced-departure-for-liberians/](http://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/20/reinstating-deferred-enforced-departure-for-liberians/)

- Preserving & fortifying protections for Dreamers
What Else Happened on Day 1

DHS Suspends Remain in Mexico

“DHS is announcing the suspension of new enrollments in the Migrant Protection Protocols (MPP) program. Effective tomorrow, January 21, the Department will cease adding individuals into the program. However, current COVID-19 non-essential travel restrictions, both at the border and in the region, remain in place at this time. All current MPP participants should remain where they are, pending further official information from U.S. government officials.”

https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHS/bulletins/2ba5a7e
What Else Happened on Day 1

DHS Directs a Review of Immigration Enforcement Practices and Policies

- Pauses certain removals for 100 days, effective Jan. 22, 2021
- Sets Interim Civil Enforcement Guidelines or Enforcement Priorities to go into effect Feb. 1, 2021
- Rescinds the NTA memo/guidance
What Comes Next?

- Legislative efforts
- Next immigration policy announcement scheduled for Jan. 29
  - We don’t know details, yet, but understand priorities include
    - TPS
    - Public Charge
  - [https://joebiden.com/immigration/](https://joebiden.com/immigration/)
- Engagement channels opening
What About Rules Proposed Under the Trump Administration?

- Regulatory Freeze Memorandum
  www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/20/regulatory-freeze-pending-review/

- Modernizing Regulatory review
  www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/20/modernizing-regulatory-review/
Preparing Your Practice and Community
Poll: How are you preparing your program and your community for the changes ahead?

☐ This training is my first step
☐ Immigration is not the primary focus of my organization
☐ My organization plans on doing outreach but could use some guidance
☐ My organization already has organized outreach for 2021 and feels prepared
More Immigration Needs

• Raise awareness on the Unlicensed Practice of Immigration Law (UPIL)

https://cliniclegal.org/resources/protecting-your-community/unauthorized-practice-immigration-law
Greater Need for Immigration Services

➢ Comprehensive Immigration Reform

➢ Refugee Increase

➢ Ending Remain in Mexico Program
Greater Need for Immigration Services Continued...

➢ DACA Recipients

➢ TPS Needs

➢ Liberian Refugee Immigration Fairness
Ways to Serve Community

➢ Demand for legal services and representatives (R&A)

➢ Know Your Rights Presentations

➢ Legal Clinics

➢ Reach out to clients
Poll

Do you or your agency use our advocacy resources?
Yes
No
Unsure
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- Agency Updates
- Action Alerts
- Trainings
- Affiliate Only
  - Newsletter
  - State & Local
CLINIC Resources

CLINIC’s Advocacy Page: https://cliniclegal.org/advocacy

CLINIC’s Issue Pages: https://cliniclegal.org/issues

CLINIC’s Training Calendar https://cliniclegal.org/training/calendar
CLINIC Resources

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