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**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

# Presenters

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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
  - Fratelli Tutti <https://bit.ly/3pggNiZ>

# 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/](http://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  
[www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/20/executive-order-the-revision-of-civil-immigration-enforcement-policies-and-priorities/](http://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/20/executive-order-the-revision-of-civil-immigration-enforcement-policies-and-priorities/)
- Clarifying Census Apportionment  
[www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/20/executive-order-ensuring-a-lawful-and-accurate-enumeration-and-apportionment-pursuant-to-decennial-census/](http://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/20/executive-order-ensuring-a-lawful-and-accurate-enumeration-and-apportionment-pursuant-to-decennial-census/)

# What Happened on Day 1

## Immigration-related Executive Actions:

- Terminating Border Wall Construction

[www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/20/proclamation-termination-of-emergency-with-respect-to-southern-border-of-united-states-and-redirection-of-funds-diverted-to-border-wall-construction/](https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/20/proclamation-termination-of-emergency-with-respect-to-southern-border-of-united-states-and-redirection-of-funds-diverted-to-border-wall-construction/)

- Restoring DED for Liberia

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

- Preserving & fortifying protections for Dreamers

[www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/20/preserving-and-fortifying-deferred-action-for-childhood-arrivals-daca/](https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/20/preserving-and-fortifying-deferred-action-for-childhood-arrivals-daca/)

# 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/>
- 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/](https://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/](https://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://clinclegal.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

# CLINIC Resources

Sign-up for CLINIC's updates:

<https://cliniclegal.org/email>

- 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

CLINIC's Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/cliniclegal](http://www.facebook.com/cliniclegal)

CLINIC's Twitter: @cliniclegal

CLINIC's Webpage: <https://cliniclegal.org/>



# Questions



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