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#DefendDueProcess Toolkit

Update: The stop work order on LOP, ICH, FGLOP, and CCI has been lifted due to ongoing litigation. On February 3rd we have resumed full operations on all DOJ programs! As such, we ask that you pause using this toolkit for now.

Background

On January 22, 2025, the Department of Justice instructed Acacia Center for Justice to abruptly halt work on several legal access programs that serve children, adults, and families at risk of deportation. The impacted programs include the Legal Orientation Program for detained adults (LOP), Immigration Court Helpdesk (ICH), Counsel for Children Initiative (CCI) and Family Group Legal Orientation Program (FGLOP).

This decision comes amidst a flurry of policies intended to ramp up raids, deportation, and detention. Together, we can mobilize a grassroots response to defend our programs.

See the Acacia Center for Justice's press release [HERE](#), along with the [Amica Center](#) and [NIJC](#).

Take Action

We've created a petition calling on the Department of Justice and Acting Attorney General James R. McHenry to restore legal access programs: tinyurl.com/DefendDueProcess.

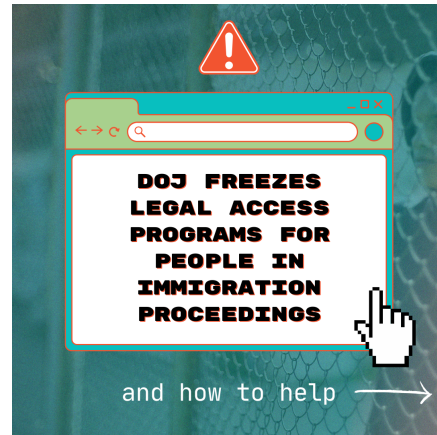
Our friends at AILA have also created a [Congressional message form](#) for constituents. Below are graphics and sample captions to help circulate both actions.

Opportunities for Collaboration

Impact stories are a powerful tool to defend our programs, from Congressional briefings to viral videos. If you would be interested in collaborating to share the story of an impacted client, you can submit [HERE](#) or email agulden@acaciajustice.org.



Link to Standalone Graphics



Link to Carousel with Action Items

Media hits (updating):

- [Newsweek](#)
- [ABC](#)
- [NBC Washington](#)
- [Los Angeles Times](#)
- [The Texas Tribune](#)
- [Detroit Free Press](#)
- [The Colorado Sun](#)
- [Boston Review](#)
- [News from the States](#)
- [ABA Journal](#)
- [AILA Blog](#)

Hashtags:

#DefendDueProcess
#EqualJusticeisImmigrantJustice
#legalaccess
#immigrationnews
#nohumanisillegal

Sample Captions:

Uplifting Petition



 The DOJ has forced an abrupt halt to legal access programs for people in immigration proceedings. These are crucial for people in **[your state/region]** facing deportation.

These life-saving programs are often the only resource for people to understand the proceedings they are placed in. Hundreds of thousands of immigrants in court proceedings & detention facilities across the country could soon be left without access to basic legal information.

 Take a stand to defend immigrant families today by signing our petition tinyurl.com/DefendDueProcess

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This comes amidst plans to scale up immigration detention & deportations. People targeted in mass raids across the country may now be detained without access to the legal orientations or information lines that defend their rights to due process.

 Take a stand for immigrant families today by signing our petition  <https://tinyurl.com/DefendDueProcess>

 Last week, the DOJ abruptly paused legal access programs for people in immigration proceedings. These programs are a lifeline for children, families, and adults navigating a complex immigration system, providing them with basic information about their rights & obligations in immigration court.

 The Constitution is clear: everyone has a right to due process, regardless of their immigration status.

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Congressional Action Form

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 Contact your members Congress today to ask the DOJ to restore justice to vulnerable people: <https://aila.quorum.us/campaign/108188/>

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These life-saving programs are often the only resource for people to understand the proceedings they are placed in, and are a crucial part of building a more fair and orderly immigration system. This decision will only create more disorder and confusion in an already strained system.

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Legal access programs defend that right, but they have been abruptly paused by the DOJ.  Join the fight to #DefendDueProcess by contacting your members of Congress: <https://aila.quorum.us/campaign/108188/>