

Hot Topics in Refugee and Immigrant Child Health

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Definitions

- Migration
 - Movement of a person or group.
- Migrant (aka immigrant)
 - No formal legal definition exists.
 - A person who comes to live permanently in a foreign country.
 - An alien admitted to the United States as a lawful permanent resident.



Refugee Resettlement

- Refugee
 - Persons who have a well founded fear of persecution for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinions.

U.S. Refugee Resettlement

- FY 2016: 84,995 refugees were admitted to the U.S.
- FY 2017: 53,716 refugees were admitted to the U.S.
- FY 2018: 22,491 refugees were admitted to the U.S.

- Asylum seeker
 - Person seeking safety from persecution or serious harm in a country other than his or her own.

A 2-year-old Honduran asylum seeker cries as her mother is searched and detained near the U.S.-Mexico border on June 12 in McAllen, Tex. (John Moore/Getty Images)

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

- Allows undocumented individuals who arrived in the U.S. as children an opportunity to apply to stay and work in the U.S.



Immigration in the U.S.

- 44.5 million immigrants reside in the U.S.
- 18.2 million U.S. children live with an immigrant parent
- 4.1 million U.S. citizen children reside with at least one unauthorized immigrant parent

Definitions

- Temporary Protected Status (TPS)
 - Allows nationals of specific countries to remain in U.S., work, and travel

People protest the possibility that the Trump administration may overturn the Temporary Protected Status for Haitians in front of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration services office on May 13, 2017, in Miami, Florida. (Joe Raedle/Getty Images)

Health and Unauthorized Immigrants

- Less likely to have insurance
- Fear of becoming a public charge
- Underutilization of services
- Trauma of separation

Flores Settlement

Detainees sleep in a holding cell on June 18, 2014. They are among hundreds of mostly Central American immigrant children being processed and held at the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Nogales Placement Center.*(Photo: Ross D. Franklin/AP)*

In his first veto, Trump rejects bill that would block his border emergency
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President Donald Trump speaks about border security in the Oval
Office of the White House, Friday, March 15, 2019, in Washington.
Trump issued the first veto of his presidency, overruling Congress to
protect his emergency declaration for border wall funding.