



Protect immigrant and refugee families with I/DD from discrimination and guarantee access to needed supports and services

Immigrant/refugee families with intellectual and other developmental disabilities (IDD) face rights and protection failures, including: persistent language-access violations; documentation-linked denials; fear of data sharing/immigration enforcement; retaliation when asserting rights; and no clear, timely complaint process. Inconsistent enforcement of non-discrimination, privacy, and due-process across agencies makes access unsafe.

What is your proposed solution?

We want to Launch a three-year Protect & Access initiative that puts rights and protections first—and funds targeted supports—so immigrant and refugee families with IDD can safely access services. The initiative sets clear standards, timelines, and enforcement, paired with culturally specific navigation.

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