Northwest Immigrant Rights Project

- Founded in 1984
- Largest organization focused exclusively on providing immigration legal services in the Pacific Northwest
- Focus primarily on direct legal services
- Also engage in: impact litigation, systemic advocacy, community education
- Four offices: Seattle, Granger, Wenatchee, Tacoma
U.S. Supreme Court - DACA
Challenges for Immigrants and Refugees in Washington State During COVID-19
## Disparate Impacts

**COVID-19 in Washington State**

**Confirmed Cases, Hospitalizations and Deaths by Race/Ethnicity**

A significant number of confirmed COVID-19 cases and deaths are missing race and ethnicity information, which limits the conclusions that we can draw. As we work to increase completeness, these data may change significantly.

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<tr>
<th>Confirmed Cases by Race/Ethnicity</th>
<th>Confirmed Cases</th>
<th>% of Cases</th>
<th>Total WA Population (%)</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total Number</strong></td>
<td>26,784</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Unknown Race/Ethnicity (% of Total)</td>
<td>6,929</td>
<td>26%</td>
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<td><strong>Total with Race/Ethnicity Available</strong></td>
<td>19,855</td>
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<td>Hispanic</td>
<td>8,579</td>
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<td>Non-Hispanic White</td>
<td>7,088</td>
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<td>Non-Hispanic Asian</td>
<td>1,246</td>
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<td>1,175</td>
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*Source: WA Department of Health, June 17, 2020*
Disparate Impacts

Source: UW Medicine, April 2020
No or Limited Safety Net for Many Families

- No “Stimulus Checks” for Around 75K Families
- No Unemployment Insurance for Tens of Thousands
- Public Charge Rule Causing Chilling Effect
- Immigrant Workers on Front Lines
Northwest Detention Center - Tacoma
ICE Detention and COVID-19

**FIGURE 1**
The positive test rate over the past two weeks in U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) facilities is more than double that of the next-highest state

Top 15 states, 14-day positive COVID-19 test rate

Source: Center for American Progress, June 2020
Resources – www.nwirp.org

Immigrant Rights are Human Rights

Northwest Immigrant Rights Project promotes justice through defending and advancing the rights of immigrants through direct legal services, systemic advocacy, and community education.

Important Information about the Deferred Action (DACA) Program

It Is More Important Than Ever to Stand Up for Immigrants
Places to Learn More:

- www.nwirp.org
- www.waisn.org