

# SAFEGUARDS AGAINST HATE

## LAW ENFORCEMENT

Local police and schools are not immigration enforcement. Reach out if you need clarification or help regarding your rights. The law prohibits local law enforcement agencies from using public funds or personnel to enforce federal immigration laws.

Law enforcement cannot ask about immigration status, detain individuals solely based on immigration status, or share non-public personal information with immigration authorities without a warrant.

[ATG.WA.GOV/KNOW-YOUR-RIGHTS-CIVIL-IMMIGRATION-ENFORCEMENT-WASHINGTON](https://atg.wa.gov/KNOW-YOUR-RIGHTS-CIVIL-IMMIGRATION-ENFORCEMENT-WASHINGTON)

## SCHOOL RIGHTS

Undocumented children have the legal right to attend public school under [Plyler v. Doe \(1982\)](#).

Schools cannot deny admission based on immigration status or require Social Security numbers. If federal authorities present a warrant, schools must notify families in advance unless legally prohibited.

Our laws further uphold access to gender-affirming care and nondiscrimination policies that keep students safe. We will continue to strengthen these safeguards this legislative session.



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# PROTECTING VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES

At this moment, communities from all backgrounds are facing heightened uncertainty. We must stand together. We cannot allow fear to divide us or diminish the unique struggles each community faces.



Washington has consistently stood as a beacon of hope for all communities. Thanks to the work of my colleagues in the House Democratic Caucus, we've codified the following several protections into state law.

## IMMIGRANTS & REFUGEES

Dual Language Access (HB 1228)  
Keep Washington Working (HB 1815)  
Banning For-Profit Detention Centers (HB 1090)

## LGBTQIA2+

Life Saving Care (SB 5599)  
Inclusive Learning Curriculum (SB 5452)  
Protecting Healthcare Providers (HB 1469)

## COMMUNITIES OF COLOR

Office of Equity (HB 1783)  
Nothing About Us, Without Us (HB 1541)  
Covenant Homeownership Program (HB 1474)  
Office of Independent Investigations (HB 1267)

Did you know we have an Office of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance (ORIA) within the Economic Services Administration at DSHS?

[DSHS.WA.GOV/ESA/OFFICE-REFUGEE-AND-IMMIGRANT-ASSISTANCE](https://www.dshs.wa.gov/esa/office-refugee-and-immigrant-assistance)

# RESOURCES FOR PROTECTIONS

[ATG.WA.GOV/IMMIGRATIONGUIDANCE](https://atg.wa.gov/immigrationguidance)

In 2019, the Legislature passed the Keep Washington Working Act (KWW), making numerous changes to state law to protect the rights and dignity of all residents. Learn more about your workplace rights above.

## RAPID RESPONSE HUB

The Washington State Commission on Hispanic Affairs has launched a rapid response hub to assist undocumented immigrants. This online resource provides essential legal, financial, and social service information to help families navigate these uncertain times:



[CHA.WA.GOV/RAPID-RESPONSE-HUB](https://cha.wa.gov/rapid-response-hub)  
[CHA.WA.GOV/DACARESOURCES](https://cha.wa.gov/dacaresources)

I am closely monitoring any and all attempts to erode fundamental protections in Washington including:



Prohibiting Affirming Care (HB 1038)  
Eliminating the Office of Equity (HB 1959)  
Eroding Inclusivity in Girls Athletics (SB 5097)