



Immigration Justice: **AAACT** Mandate and **PATH** Act

Transforming immigration from punishment to due process and dignity

A comprehensive framework to replace ICE's violent enforcement system with a transparent, court-centered approach that guarantees due process, ends mass detention, and creates clear pathways to legal status.



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Community Briefing

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 Human Rights Violation

"You have no reason to believe you will make it out **alive** if you are already being called a **body**."



Aliya Rachman

U.S. citizen with TBI, detained and denied urgent medical care (January 2026)



Medical Emergency

Was on her way to her 39th doctor's appointment for traumatic brain injury treatment when detained



Violent Arrest

ICE agents broke her window, cut seatbelt with knife, forcibly dragged her out



Medical Neglect

Denied emergency care for over an hour despite severe pain and blurred vision



This is not an isolated incident—it's part of a systemic pattern of abuse and neglect

This Is Not Isolated—It's Systemic

 Pattern of violations across the country



Detained Without Cause

People detained at traffic stops, work sites, and homes without warrants or probable cause



Deported Without Due Process

Kilmar Abrego Garcia deported despite judge's ruling; later ordered returned



Inhumane Detention Conditions

Children in Dilley report expired food, contaminated water, medical neglect



Lethal Force & Physical Abuse

Renee Good killed by ICE agent; Alberto Castañeda suffered skull fractures



Sexual Violence by Agents

29 ICE agents charged with sexual crimes, many against children

46%

Support abolishing ICE
YouGov poll, January 2026

62%

Oppose current ICE tactics
Americans reject enforcement methods

58%

Say deportations go too far
Majority want reform, not mass removal

29

ICE agents charged with sex crimes
Pattern of systemic abuse

Key Insight: These are not isolated incidents but a pattern of systemic abuse requiring structural reform. The AACT and PATH Acts address each of these violation types with specific, enforceable solutions.

The AAAC^T Framework—5 Pillars

A comprehensive approach to immigration reform

 Each pillar addresses specific systemic failures



Abolish ICE

Eliminates ICE entirely and establishes USICA within DOJ for civil immigration administration



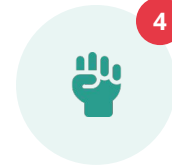
Accountability

Ends qualified immunity, creates independent oversight, and establishes public Immigration Ombudsman



Amend Communities

Invests in community repair grants, family reunification, and mental health services



Confront Racism

Bans racial profiling, requires impact reviews, and focuses enforcement on serious crimes



Transform Justice

Creates independent immigration courts, guarantees counsel, and ends mass detention

 All five pillars work together to create a comprehensive reform framework

Next: Meet the Companion Bill →



Meet the Legislation: AACT



Immigration Justice, Accountability, and Community Repair Act of 2026



Abolish ICE and Restructure Federal Agencies

Eliminates ICE entirely and prohibits recreating it under another name. Establishes USICA (U.S. Immigration and Citizenship Administration) within the Department of Justice for civil immigration compliance.



Transform the Immigration Justice System

Creates an Article I U.S. Immigration Court independent from DOJ, guarantees government-funded legal representation for those who cannot afford it, and ends mass civil detention.



Redefine Immigration Enforcement Priorities

Limits USICA authority to serious crimes (human trafficking, smuggling, organized fraud) and bans racial profiling in immigration enforcement.



Enforce Real Accountability

Eliminates qualified immunity for immigration officers, establishes independent oversight mechanisms, and creates a public Immigration Ombudsman.



Community Repair and Family Reunification

Establishes Community Repair and Reinvestment Grant Program for communities impacted by enforcement, and creates pathways to reunite families separated by prior deportations.

Key Impact: The AACT moves the U.S. immigration system away from a detention-driven enforcement model toward a transparent, court-centered civil legal system grounded in due process and accountability.

\$8B

Existing ICE budget reallocated to new system

12mo

Transition timeline for full implementation

90%+

Court appearance rates with community-based management



No new appropriations required



12-month implementation timeline



Community-based compliance model



Meet the Companion Bill: PATH Act



Pathways to American Transition and Homebuilding Act of 2026



Simplified, Unified Immigration System

Replaces fragmented visa categories with 6 streamlined categories: Work (W), Family (F), Humanitarian (H), Education (E), Builder (B), and Visitor (V) visas.



Clear Pathway to Citizenship

Establishes a 4-tier status system: Temporary → Provisional → Permanent → Citizenship with predictable timelines and requirements.



Processing Deadlines & Transparency

Mandates adjudication within 30 days (Visitor), 6 months (Humanitarian), and 12 months (other categories) with automatic approval if deadlines missed.



Status Portability & Protections

Immigration status belongs to the individual, not employer. No employer can revoke status. Includes transition rights and protection from retaliation.



Earned Legal Status Program

Creates pathway for undocumented residents with 2+ years presence to apply for Provisional Residency, subject to background screening and compliance.

Key Impact: The PATH Act modernizes the immigration system with clear pathways, streamlined categories, and humane processing—creating a predictable, accessible system for all.

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Simplified visa categories

4

Tiered pathway to citizenship

12mo

Full implementation timeline



Status portability protections



Processing deadline enforcement



Community-based support

⚠ Problem: Unaccountable Violence

📌 Real harms, real people



Renee Good - Killed by ICE Agent

A woman was shot and killed by an ICE agent on January 7, 2026. The agent opened fire during an enforcement operation, demonstrating the lethal consequences of unchecked enforcement authority.

📅 January 7, 2026 • 📍 Minnesota



Alberto Castañeda - Severe Physical Abuse

Multiple skull fractures after arrest; ICE initially claimed he "ran into a wall" but medical evidence contradicted this. Nurses treating him said the injuries were inconsistent with the claimed cause.

📅 March 2025 • 🏥 Minneapolis Hospital



Pattern of Violence - "Got his ass rocked"

ICE agent admitted to hospital staff that Alberto "got his (expletive) rocked" after arrest, revealing a culture of violence and brutality within the agency.

“ Agent admission documented

29

Agents charged with sex crimes

46%

Support ICE abolition

62%

Oppose current tactics

Impact: These cases demonstrate systemic failures requiring structural reform.

Key Pattern: An enforcement-first culture with little transparency or accountability, where agents operate with impunity and violence is normalized.

Solution: Abolish ICE, Create USICA

✓ Civil Administration Model



Abolish ICE and Establish USICA

AAACT abolishes ICE entirely and explicitly prevents recreating the agency under another name. Instead, it establishes the U.S. Immigration and Citizenship Administration (USICA) within the Department of Justice to handle civil immigration compliance, services, and limited investigations.



Civil Process Focus

USICA treats immigration as a civil administrative matter, not primarily a criminal enforcement issue. It focuses on civil immigration compliance, immigration services and processing, and limited investigations focused on serious crimes.



End Private Detention

The bill mandates termination of all private immigration detention contracts and all intergovernmental detention agreements within 6 months of enactment, ending the current detention infrastructure and preventing financial incentives tied to mass detention.



Public Oversight and Transparency

Establishes a strengthened Inspector General with subpoena power and a public Immigration Ombudsman to provide independent oversight and ensure accountability for immigration enforcement activities.

Key Impact: USICA represents a structural shift from enforcement-first to service-oriented immigration administration, moving away from the punitive model toward civil administration.

6mo Timeline to end private detention contracts

\$8B Annual budget reallocated from ICE

100% Civil administration focus

Problem: Detention Without Lawful Authority

 Due process failures



Kilmar Abrego Garcia - Illegal Deportation

Deported despite a judge's ruling in 2019 that he could not be sent to El Salvador due to gang threats against his family. The Trump administration deported him to the Terrorism Confinement Center (CECOT) in March 2025 without due process.

 March 2025 •  El Salvador

74

Cases with violations



Minnesota Federal Court Violations

Judges documented widespread noncompliance with release orders. Chief Judge Patrick Schiltz detailed "96 court orders that ICE has violated in 74 cases" in Minnesota in January 2026.

 January 2026 •  96 violations

96

Court orders violated



DHS Attorney Testimony - "Detain First, Sort Later"

Julie Le, DHS attorney, testified about unconstitutional practices: "Detain first, sort out lawful authority later." She saw cases where people were detained without cause first, then took days to show cause.

“ Testimony before Judge Jerry W. Blackwell

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Days to show cause

Impact: Systemic due process failures that require structural reform.

Key Pattern: Current system ignores courts, detains first and finds authority later, creating constitutional violations that unfairly fall on people who have done nothing wrong.

Solution: Independent Courts and Counsel

 Due Process & Judicial Independence



Article I Independent Immigration Court

Creates a fully independent U.S. Immigration Court modeled after U.S. Tax Court and Bankruptcy Court, ensuring judicial independence and removing immigration adjudication from political influence.

Key Impact: This transformation ensures judicial independence, reduces backlog, and guarantees due process protections for all individuals in immigration proceedings.



Guaranteed Right to Counsel

Guarantees government-funded legal representation for individuals who cannot afford an attorney, with immediate priority for children, asylum seekers, and vulnerable populations.

90%+ Court appearance rates with legal counsel



30-Day Judicial Review

Any detention order must be reviewed every 30 days by a judge who must determine by clear and convincing evidence that a person poses a substantial public safety danger.

30 Day mandatory detention reviews



Enforcement Only After Final Order

Deportations can only occur after a final order of removal, with enforcement priorities focused on violent offenders, traffickers, and major criminal operations.

100% Due process protections for vulnerable populations



Court-Centered Compliance Model

Shifts from detention-driven enforcement to community-based case management with court reminders, legal orientation, and transportation support.

Problem: Inhumane Detention—Children in Cages Dilley Immigration Processing Center, TX



Children's Letters from Dilley - "I am not happy, please get me out of here"

A 9-year-old Colombian girl drew a portrait of herself and her mother wearing detainee ID badges. Another 14-year-old wrote: "Since I got to this Center all you will feel is sadness and mostly depression."

 February 2026 •  Dilley, Texas



Contaminated Water & Medical Neglect

A 12-year-old Venezuelan girl wrote: "[when we feel sick] the only thing they tell you is to drink more water and the worst thing is that it seems like the water is what makes people sick here." Reports of expired food, rat feces in meals.

 Medical complaints dismissed or delayed



Family Separation Trauma

Ariana Velasquez, 14, held for 45 days: "My younger siblings haven't been able to see their mom in more than a month... Since I got to this Center all you will feel is sadness and mostly depression."

 45 days detained

Key Pattern: Inhumane conditions including expired food, contaminated water, medical neglect, and psychological trauma inflicted on children and families.

50+

Days in detention

32

Children per cage

4,556

Sexual abuse allegations

"The impacts of DHS detention on my physical, mental, and financial well-being and safety have been very severe, but I do not deserve more humane treatment than anyone else, US citizen or not."

— Aliya Rachman



Solution: End Mass Detention—Use Community Alternatives



Community-Based Case Management



Detention as Last Resort

Civil detention becomes a strict last resort. A judge must determine by clear and convincing evidence that a person poses a substantial public safety danger before detention is authorized.



Mandatory 30-Day Reviews

Any detention order must be reviewed every 30 days by a judge, ensuring continued detention is necessary and justified based on current circumstances.



Community-Based Case Management

Primary compliance model includes court reminders, legal orientation, assistance updating addresses, and transportation support. Proven 90%+ court appearance rates.



Preserve Family Unity

Community-based alternatives keep families together, reducing trauma and maintaining stability while ensuring compliance with immigration proceedings.



Cost-Effective Alternative

Community-based management costs significantly less than detention while maintaining high compliance rates and better outcomes for families.

Key Impact: Shifting from detention to community-based management preserves family unity, reduces costs, and maintains 90%+ court appearance rates without cages.

90%+

Court appearance rates with community management

30

Day mandatory detention reviews

\$0

Additional cost—uses existing resources



Judicial oversight required



Family preservation prioritized



Due process protections

⚠ Problem: Sexual Violence and Hiring Failures

🕸 Systemic abuse pattern



29 ICE Agents Charged with Sexual Crimes

At least 29 ICE agents have been charged with sexual crimes, including child sex trafficking, sexual assault, and rape. Two-thirds of these agents (19 of 29) sexually victimized children.

📅 Documented cases 2025-2026 • 👤 19 cases involved minors

29

Agents charged



Hiring Without Background Checks

Reporter Laura Jedeed was tentatively offered an ICE position without submitting required background check paperwork, domestic violence affidavit, or identification info.

✓ Offer received without verification • ⌚ 3 weeks from application to offer

19

Involved minors



Training Slashed to 6 Weeks

ICE shortened training from 13 weeks to 8 weeks, then to 6 weeks during deportation surge. Agents deployed with minimal preparation for field operations.

📅 October 2025 • 📅 6-week training period

6

Weeks training

Impact: Unqualified, undertrained agents with criminal backgrounds are given authority over vulnerable populations.

Systemic Failure: A pattern of sexual violence, inadequate vetting, and insufficient training creates a dangerous environment for both agents and the communities they interact with.

Solution: Real Accountability—No One Above the Law

 Accountability & Oversight



End Qualified Immunity

Immigration officers can no longer claim qualified immunity as a defense when constitutional or civil rights violations occur. Individuals harmed by misconduct can seek damages in federal court.



Strengthen Inspector General with Subpoena Power

Establishes a strengthened Inspector General with subpoena power to conduct independent investigations of immigration enforcement activities and agency operations.



Public Immigration Ombudsman

Creates a public Immigration Ombudsman to provide independent oversight, receive complaints, and ensure transparency in immigration enforcement practices.



DOJ Reviews Past Abuses

The Department of Justice must create a special investigative unit to review past ICE cases involving deaths in custody, serious injury, and unlawful detention.



Prosecutions for Wrongdoing

Cases with evidence of wrongdoing may be referred for prosecution, ensuring accountability for agents who violate civil rights or engage in misconduct.

Key Impact: AACT creates multiple layers of accountability—eliminating legal shields for misconduct, strengthening oversight mechanisms, and ensuring consequences for violations.



Independent oversight with real power



Public reporting requirements



Legal recourse for victims



Prosecution of misconduct

100%

Independent oversight

30 days

Review timeline

\$0

New appropriations

Problem: Racial Profiling and Appearance-Based Stops

 Constitutional violations are routine



Aliya Rachman - U.S. Citizen Detained at Traffic Stop

A woman with traumatic brain injury was detained on her way to a doctor's appointment when ICE agents blocked traffic. Despite identifying as a U.S. citizen and explaining her medical condition, she was forcibly removed from her vehicle.

 January 13, 2026 •  Minnesota

54%

Upset/angry about enforcement



Appearance-Based Detentions Without Probable Cause

Attorneys report widespread detentions based on appearance, not actual probable cause. ICE agents target individuals "for how they look or for where they are" rather than evidence of criminal activity.

“Detained for how they look”

60%

Worried about ICE targeting



Erosion of Constitutional Rights

Pattern of targeting communities based on appearance, eroding trust between residents and institutions, and harming lawful residents and citizens who are mistaken for undocumented individuals.

 Constitutional violations routine

42%

Concerned about family/friends

Impact: Racial profiling destroys community trust and violates civil rights.

Key Pattern: ICE targets communities based on appearance rather than actual public safety threats, violating constitutional protections against unreasonable searches and seizures.



Solution: Confront Racism—Ban Profiling, Narrow Enforcement



AAACT Section 15-16: Civil Rights Protections



Federal Ban on Racial Profiling

Strict prohibition on racial profiling in immigration enforcement, with mandatory training and accountability measures for all agents.



Racial Impact Reviews

USICA must conduct and publicly release racial impact reviews for all major policies, ensuring transparency and accountability.



Focused Enforcement Priorities

Enforcement limited to violent offenders, traffickers, and major criminal operations—not broad civil violations.



Employer Accountability Bureau

New bureau focused on labor violations like wage theft, forced labor, and worker exploitation.

100%

Racial profiling banned

90%

Court appearance rates

30

Day review cycle

24/7

Ombudsman support

Key Protection: Workers who report abusive employers receive protective relief from immigration penalties, allowing them to cooperate safely without fear of deportation.

Impact: Shifts focus from appearance-based targeting to evidence-based enforcement, protecting civil rights while maintaining public safety.

✓ Civil rights protections enforced 👤 Community-centered approach ⚖️ Due process guaranteed

Problem: Family Separation and Community Harm

 Systemic impacts on families and communities



Children in Dilley Detention Center

Letters and drawings from children describe fear, illness, and depression. A 14-year-old wrote: "Since I got to this Center all you will feel is sadness and mostly depression." Family separation inflicts lasting trauma on children and parents.

 45+ days detained •  Dilley, Texas

2,047

Children separated



Economic Instability and Homelessness Risk

Family separation disrupts income stability, increases risk of housing insecurity, and creates economic hardship for remaining family members who must now support separated children or spouses.

 35% increase in housing instability

45%

Mental health crisis



Long-term Developmental Impacts on Children

Studies show parental separation is considered a "toxic stressor" that changes how the body responds to stress, disrupting cognitive development and creating lasting psychological trauma.

 2,047 children separated (June 2018)

35%

Housing instability

Impact: Community trauma and long-term developmental damage to children.

Key Pattern: Separation devastates families and neighborhoods, creating trauma, disrupting schooling, and destabilizing entire communities.



Solution: Amend Communities & Reunify Families

🏠 Community Repair & Family Reunification



Community Repair and Reinvestment Grants

Directed toward communities disproportionately impacted by immigration enforcement. Funding priorities include housing stabilization, mental health services, legal aid programs, and workforce development initiatives.



Federal Family Reunification Program

Creates pathways to reunite families separated by prior deportations through expedited parole review, humanitarian waivers, and visa prioritization for affected family members.



Legal Aid and Support Services

Provides comprehensive legal assistance, case management support, and access to emergency services for individuals navigating the immigration system.



Mental Health and Wellness Support

Addresses trauma and psychological impacts of enforcement actions through specialized mental health services and community-based support programs.



Workforce Development Initiatives

Supports economic integration through job training, skill development, and employment placement services for affected individuals.

Key Impact: The AAAC invests in repairing community harm caused by enforcement actions while creating pathways for family reunification and economic stability.

\$8B

Budget Reallocated

6mo

End Private Contracts

💰 No new appropriations required - funded by reallocating existing ICE budget



Community-based case management



Expedited processing for families

Beyond Enforcement: The PATH Act Vision

Pathways to American Transition and Homebuilding Act of 2026



Simplified, Transparent Immigration System

Replaces fragmented visa categories with a unified 6-category structure (W/F/H/E/B/V) that is accessible, predictable, and easy to navigate for applicants.



Processing Deadlines and Transparency

Establishes clear timelines: 30 days for visitor visas, 6 months for humanitarian cases, 12 months for other categories. Automatic provisional approval if deadlines are missed.



Status Portability and Protection

Immigration status belongs to the individual, not employer. No employer can revoke status. Workers have 90 days to find new employment after job separation.



Digital Platform with Real-Time Updates

Unified digital system for application submission, status tracking, and secure communication. Real-time access to case status with clear explanations of progress.



Clear Pathway to Citizenship

4-tier status progression: Temporary Legal Status → Provisional Residency → Permanent Residency → Citizenship with defined requirements and timelines.

Key Innovation: The PATH Act transforms immigration from a punitive system to a civil administration process grounded in due process, transparency, and human dignity.

6

Simplified visa categories

4

Status tiers with clear progression

12mo

Max processing time for most cases

A Simplified System—6 Visa Categories

 6 unified categories

The PATH Act establishes clear, accessible pathways for all immigration needs



Work Visa (W-Visa)

For individuals engaged in lawful employment including skilled, essential, seasonal, and entrepreneurial work

3-year renewable

Employer portability

Work authorization



Family Visa (F-Visa)

For spouses, children, parents of U.S. citizens or lawful residents without numerical limitation

Immediate eligibility

No caps

12-month processing



Humanitarian Visa (H-Visa)

For individuals needing protection from persecution, violence, trafficking, or natural disasters

180-day processing

Immediate work auth

Protection from removal



Education Visa (E-Visa)

For students enrolled in accredited educational, vocational, or cultural exchange programs

Part-time work allowed

2-year post-completion

Seamless transition



Builder Visa (B-Visa)

For entrepreneurs, investors, and business creators contributing to economic activity

3-year initial

Job creation focus

Provisional residency



Visitor Visa (V-Visa)

For short-term entry for tourism, family visits, business travel, and transit purposes

180-day stays

Multi-entry

Conversion allowed

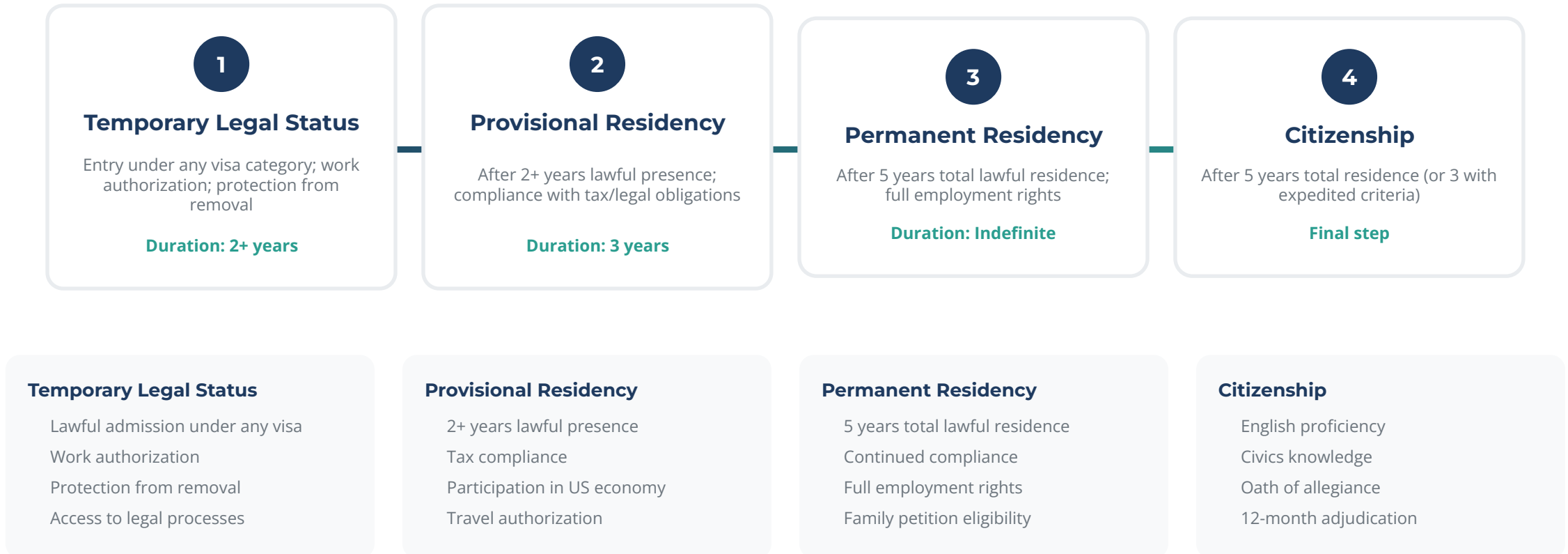
 All categories include work authorization and protection from removal

Next: Clear Pathway to Citizenship →

Clear Pathway to Citizenship

Four tiers with due process protections and clear requirements

 5-7 years total timeline



✓ All transitions include due process protections and administrative review

Next: Legalization for People Already Here →

Legalization for People Already Here

 PATH Act - Earned Legal Status Program



Earned Legal Status Program

The PATH Act establishes a pathway to legal status for individuals who have been living in the United States, providing a fair and accessible process to obtain provisional residency and eventually citizenship.

Key Benefit: Same pathway to citizenship as other applicants - no separate or inferior process for those seeking earned legal status.



2+ Years of Continuous Presence

Individuals must demonstrate continuous physical presence in the U.S. for not less than 2 years prior to application, subject to reasonable absences as defined by the Secretary.

2+

Years of continuous residence required



Background Screening & Identity Verification

Complete identity verification and background screening required, with no conviction for serious violent felony. Compliance with tax obligations or commitment to come into compliance.

180

Days for adjudication of applications



Provisional Residency Upon Approval

Eligible individuals granted Provisional Residency status, allowing work authorization and protection from removal while progressing through the pathway to citizenship.

100%

Protection from removal during application



Protection During Application Process

Individuals with pending applications considered in lawful status and protected from removal until final determination is made, with access to legal counsel.

 No violent felony convictions

 12-month processing timeline

 Same citizenship pathway

Public Support Is Already Here

✓ Americans reject current enforcement tactics



46% Support abolishing ICE

YouGov poll, January 2026 - Nearly half of Americans support complete ICE abolition



62% Oppose current ICE tactics

Majority reject the aggressive enforcement methods being used



58% Say approach goes too far

Most Americans believe deportation policies are excessive

You're Not Alone in This Fight

The data is clear: A significant portion of Americans already support fundamental immigration reform. Activists are not outliers—they are part of a growing movement demanding change. **46% support abolishing ICE** entirely, and **62% oppose current enforcement tactics**.



Share the data



Build coalitions



Engage voters



Trend: Support for reform growing

+7% since January 2025

Momentum is building for comprehensive immigration reform

Implementation Is Realistic and Funded

✓ 12-Month Transition Plan



12-Month Transition Period

Strict 12-month timeline to prevent administrative delay. Key provisions—including right to counsel and elimination of qualified immunity—take effect immediately upon enactment.



No New Appropriations Required

Funded by reallocating ICE's existing annual budget of over \$8 billion per year. Redirects funds to USICA, independent courts, legal representation, and community programs.



End Private Detention Contracts

Mandates termination of all private immigration detention contracts and intergovernmental detention agreements within 6 months of enactment.



Digital Platform Operational

USICA digital system with real-time status tracking, secure communication, and mobile compatibility operational within 12 months.

Key Implementation Milestones:

- ✓ Immediate: Right to counsel, end qualified immunity
- ✓ 6 months: End private detention contracts
- ✓ 12 months: Full USICA operational

\$8B

ICE budget reallocated to new system

6mo

End private detention contracts

12mo

Full implementation timeline



Immediate protections



Community-based compliance



Independent oversight



Full accountability

What You Can Do Now

Mobilize for impact—take concrete action today

 Join the movement



DC Trip in 2 Weeks: Meet with Congress Members

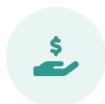
We're going to Washington to advocate for the AACT and PATH Act. Help us raise \$2,500 for travel and lodging.

\$2,500

Goal

2 weeks

Until trip



Fundraise

Help us reach our \$2,500 goal for the DC advocacy trip

- ✓ Donate to the trip fund
- ✓ Share fundraising link
- ✓ Organize local events



Contact Congress

Reach out to Democratic members to request meetings

- ✓ Call your representatives
- ✓ Email about meeting requests
- ✓ Schedule office visits



Spread the Word

Use the "It's Time to AACT!" campaign message

- ✓ Share on social media
- ✓ Use #AAACT hashtag
- ✓ Engage local media

 **It's Time to AACT! — Court-centered. Due process. Community repair. Clear pathways.**

Take Action →

 Every action counts—start with one step today

 Thank you for standing with us