



ICIRR State Legislative Agenda Spring 2019

Keeping IL Families Together Act (KIFTA) (HB 1637)

- Protects Illinois residents from ICE activity in schools, health care facilities, government buildings, courthouses, and places of employment
- Places restrictions on any government agency from collecting and saving information related to the immigration status of anyone in Illinois
- Further limits collaboration between federal immigration authorities and state or local law enforcement agency

Retention of Illinois Students and Equity (RISE) Act (HB 2691)

- Allows access to state financial aid for many students who are currently ineligible for federal financial aid (undocumented students, transgender students, students who exhausted funding preparing for college-level work)

Restoration of the Immigrant Services Line Item (ISLI)

- ISLI funds two critical programs, the New Americans Initiative (NAI) and the Immigrant Family Resource Program (IFRP), which engage 60 statewide community-based organizations and agencies in the provision of essential human services for immigrant and refugee communities.
- ISLI currently stands at just \$5.6 million, a drastic cut from the initial \$10 when ISLI began in 1999. Further, the current amount represents .01% of the state budget, while immigrants make up 14% of the population.

Census Funding to Reach Hard to Count Communities

- ICIRR, along with key partners, is working to ensure equitable funding to ensure everyone in Illinois is counted in the 2020 census.

Fair Tax

- ICIRR is joining many other allies across the state to support a fair tax to provide adequate revenue to meet the needs of all Illinoisans.