

THE STATE IMMIGRATION PROJECT



The State Immigration Project helps advance inclusive policies, prevent anti-immigrant legislation, and promote immigrant rights while building a deeper understanding of the role of immigrants in our communities.

The State Immigration Project began in 2012 with the goal of providing needed sound analysis, sensible policy proposals, and a more positive narrative about immigration and the changing demographics of America. Today, the project has grown to include State Priorities Partnership groups in 15 states, covering roughly 50 percent of the US population. The work blends defensive efforts designed to thwart anti-immigrant policies with a concerted effort to show how immigrant inclusion and race equity are smart ways to make sure we all succeed. State groups connect timely research to local advocacy coalitions, creating a strong presence in state capitals. CBPP, Immigration Research Initiative, National Immigration Law Center, and Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy provide expertise and data about all 50 states, support individual state efforts, and facilitate learning and action across the network.

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1 Project Manager	Center on Budget and Policy Priorities
3 National Partners	National Immigration Law Center Immigration Research Institute Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy
15 State Partners	AZ, CO, FL, GA, MA, MI, MN, NJ, NM, NY, NC, PA, TX, VA, WI. Plus, OR & WA as one-time Recipients



Long-Term Project Goals

**More inclusive state
immigrant integration policies**

**Improved political climate around
immigration and race equity**

**A lasting infrastructure
connecting research with
grassroots organizing**

Medium-Term Project Outcomes



Improving state policy around immigrant integration, social supports for all, and positive economic outcomes



Research groups adding value to the work of immigrant rights coalitions in their state



Partnership groups helping to shape a positive narrative about immigrants and people of color



Leveraging the network to add immigration advocacy capacity across the country

State Priorities Partnership groups are working with partners to:

- pursue inclusive state policies such as driver's licenses, tuition equity, wage and worker protections, Earned Income Tax Credit eligibility, and access to health care
- defend against police entanglement with federal immigration enforcement
- advance a narrative about immigrants as a vital part of American society
- promote improvements to the safety net for everyone including immigrants

Project Accomplishments

The State Immigration Project is fast becoming one of the most effective and far-reaching regranting projects run by CBPP. Since the project's initiation, grantees' analyses, narratives, and alliances, have helped make proactive and defensive wins possible, including:

- ✓ **\$2.8B in one-time COVID relief and unemployment payments** across eight states reaching roughly 450,000 workers who are undocumented.
- ✓ **Expanded access to COVID testing** and treatment for all in states including notable victories in CO, MI, NY, and PA.
- ✓ **Access to state EITCs for ITIN filers** in CA, CO, MD, NM, and WA.
- ✓ The first-ever **repeal of a "Show Your Papers" law**, in Colorado.
- ✓ The **failure or veto of harsh enforcement policies** in a number of states including AZ, GA, NC, and VA.
- ✓ The **adoption of full tuition equity** in CO, NJ, and NY plus the adoption of in-state tuition and discounted tuition in VA and AZ respectively. Plus, the continued protection of tuition equity in Texas under very challenging conditions.
- ✓ **Access to driver's licenses** in CO, NJ, and NY and driving privilege cards adopted in Virginia.
- ✓ The **elevation of refugee rights and integration** in the workforce and communities in MI, MN, NC, NY, and TX.
- ✓ Nearly \$80 million in state funding for **Census 2020 outreach** in Colorado, New Mexico, and New York.
- ✓ **Hundreds** of reports, policy briefs, and other materials cited in thousands of news media articles, interviews, and publications including the *New York Times* and *Washington Post*.

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