



**Fair & Welcoming  
New Jersey For All**

# New Jersey Alliance for Immigrant Justice

NJAIJ is a statewide coalition of 43 member organizations that fights for policies that empower immigrants. The Alliance and its members represent over 150,000 New Jerseyans from labor, faith, policy, direct services, and grassroots organizations.

**"All persons have certain natural and unalienable rights... [including] of pursuing and obtaining safety and happiness."**  
*-NJ State Constitution, 1947*

## New Jersey fails its Constitutional promises to immigrant residents!

- **The Immigrant Trust Directive (ITD) is a temporary, limited solution** that includes gaping loopholes, leading to continued cooperation with immigration enforcement agencies.
- **New Jersey is home to 2,033,292 immigrants.** Nearly 1 in 4 New Jerseyans was born in another country, and naturalized immigrant voters make up nearly 16% of the electorate.<sup>1</sup>
- **1 in 6 native-born U.S. citizens in NJ have at least one immigrant parent.**<sup>2</sup> 33% of adults in families with one or more undocumented immigrants reported avoiding activities where they could be asked about citizenship status, like driving a car, reporting a crime, or visiting a doctor.<sup>3</sup>
- **Arrest, detention, and deportation of family breadwinners lead to eviction, illness, and crisis.** Deportation of an immediate family member can cost ~\$19,000 (~47%) of yearly median income for immigrant households.<sup>4</sup>
- **NJ detention centers mirror ICE's nationwide atrocities** -- by failing to provide medical care and basic living conditions, violating the basic human rights and dignity of people held inside, and retaliation through transfer and deportation.

**A fair and welcoming New Jersey must build trust in access and opportunity for all who call it home.**

- NJ must enact policies that are fair, humane, and reflect our values of inclusion and respect for human dignity.

### **NJ MUST act NOW by passing:**

- Bill A5207 / S3361 to prohibit state and local agencies from signing, renewing, or expanding immigration detention contracts.
- Values Act to permanently affirm immigrants' rights in NJ and end loopholes between state and local law enforcement and federal immigration authorities.
- NJ must deliver promises for "safety and happiness":

**New Jersey for All NOW!**

<sup>1&2</sup> American Immigration Council, 2020 Immigrants in New Jersey Fact Sheet.

<sup>3</sup> Bernstein, Hamutal, Dulce Gonzalez, Michael Karpman, and Stephen Zuckerman. (2019). "Adults in Immigrant Families Report Avoiding Routine Activities Because of Immigration Concerns." Washington, DC: Urban Institute.

<sup>4</sup> Warren, R., Kerwin, D. (2017). "Mass Deportations Would Impoverish US Families and Create Immense Social Costs." Journal on Migration and Human Security 5(1): 1-8.