

A PATHWAY TO CITIZENSHIP MEANS

A Safe Passage to Adulthood

Every child deserves a successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities. For children in immigrant families, a pathway to citizenship means better opportunity for:

IMPROVED BIRTH OUTCOMES

Relief from fear of immigration enforcement would allow mothers to have greater access to prenatal care and support.



HEALTHY BODIES

Citizenship would address structural barriers, fear, and immigrant eligibility restrictions to Medicaid and CHIP, ensuring children have access to health coverage to support their healthy development.



PROTECTION FROM FOOD INSECURITY

Relief from fear of immigrant enforcement would also ensure families don't forgo vital nutrition support programs.



ECONOMIC SECURITY

Citizenship means improved access to family income support programs like TANF and poverty-fighting tax credits like the EITC and CTC.



FAMILY UNITY

A path to citizenship would promote family unity and relieve children's fears of detention, deportation, and family separation.



EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

A path to citizenship would support students' ability to earn an education and envision a successful future.



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