

Immigrants' Rights Update

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THE NEXT ISSUE will feature an article, currently being prepared, that discusses in detail valuable lessons advocates learned in the aftermath of a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement raid on Micro Solutions Enterprises in Van Nuys, California, on Feb. 7, 2008.

Read this issue of IMMIGRANTS' RIGHTS UPDATE online at:

www.nilc.org/pubs/iru/iru2008-06-11.htm

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For Detained Nationals of El Salvador

<u>Protections for Detained Salvadorans after a Worksite Raid</u> (HTML). Attorneys and legal workers representing persons detained in worksite raids should be aware of two provisions of a permanent injunction that apply nationwide to nationals of El Salvador detained by immigration authorities. [PDF] (First posted 5/21/08; revised 6/5/08.)

PAGE: Immigrant Student Adjustment / DREAM Act

Inquiries into Students' Status Not Required, DHS Confirms

No federal requirement that school administrators inquire about students' immigration status or report those who are undocumented, DHS confirms. (Posted 5/13/08.)

PAGE: Immigrants and Driver's Licenses

Requirements for Obtaining a License

<u>Overview of States' Driver's License Requirements</u>. Requirements regarding Social Security numbers, individual taxpayer ID numbers, lawful presence, foreign ID cards, and license expiration tied to visa expiration. (Updated 5/19/08.)

PAGE: Driver's License Resource Guide

What REAL ID — DHS's National ID Program — Will Cost

REAL ID Implementation Review: Few Benefits. Staggering Costs (Analysis of the Department of Homeland Security's National ID Program), Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC), May 2008. (Link is to EPIC's website. EPIC, a public interest research center in Washington, DC, was established to focus public attention on emerging civil liberties issues and to protect privacy, the First Amendment, and constitutional values.) (Link posted 5/19/08.)

PAGE: Social Security Administration (SSA)-related Information

"No-Match" Letters: Issue Brief

The Social Security Administration No-Match Program: Inefficient, Ineffective, and Costly (By Marielena Hincapié, NILC; Tyler Moran, NILC; and Michele Waslin, Immigration Policy Center; published by the Immigration Policy Center, 5/08; posted 5/15/08.)

"No-Match" Letters: Comments on Proposed Rule

<u>Low-Wage Immigrant Worker Coalition Comments</u> Opposing the DHS Supplemental Proposed Rule: "Safe-Harbor Procedures for Employers Who Receive a No-Match Letter: Clarification" (Comments submitted 4/25/08; posted 5/15/08.)

Social Security and Immigration Enforcement

<u>Don't Turn Social Security into an Immigration Agency</u> (Opinion article by Tyler Moran, NILC employment policy director, published by New America Media, 4/24/08; posted 5/15/08).

PAGE: Employer Sanctions: State & Local Legislation & Litigation

"Legal Arizona Workers Act" Lawsuit

Appeal to 9th Circuit of federal district court's decision on legal challenge to the Arizona act's provisions: opening, reply, and amicus briefs available. (Reply brief posted 5/15/08.)

PAGE: Employment Eligibility Verification and Antidiscrimination Protections

New Employee Verification Act of 2008

New Employee Verification Act of 2008 (HR 5515): Myths and Facts. NEVA cannot "ensure a legal workforce," would further cripple our Social Security system, would be plagued by database errors, would impose huge new administrative costs, and would raise serious privacy concerns. (Posted 5/19/08.)

PAGE: NILC Home Page (Recent Research)

New Study from Media Matters Action Network

Fear and Loathing in Prime Time: Immigration Myths and Cable News. "[T]his study document[s] the rhetoric surrounding immigration that is heard on cable news. When it comes to this issue, cable news overflows not just with vitriol, but also with a series of myths that feed viewers' resentment and fears, seemingly geared toward creating anti-immigrant hysteria." (Report dated 5/21/08; link posted 6/10/08.)

PAGE: Links (to Federal & State Agency Websites; Advocacy & Research)

Immigration Advocates Network (IAN)

<u>Immigration Advocates Network (IAN)</u> is a free national online network that supports legal advocates working on behalf of immigrants' rights.

Available resources include: Library, Podcasts, Calendar, Agency Watch, Listservs, Videos, Alerts, Webinars, News, Member Search.

IAN partners are: ACLU Immigrants' Rights Project, American Bar Association Commission on Immigration, American Immigration Lawyers Association, American Immigration Law Foundation, Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc., Immigrant Legal Resource Center, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, National Immigration Law Center, National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild, Pro Bono Net, and The Advocates for Human Rights.

PAGE: Job Openings at NILC

Research Associate

POSITION AVAILABLE: Research Associate (Application deadline: June 13, 2008)

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