



# California Latinx Psychological Association

## **CLPA Position Statement on the Unjust Treatment of Detained Immigrants**

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The California Latinx Psychological Association (CLPA) would like to respond to the ongoing lack of just and humane treatment of detained immigrants. There is evidence of detained immigrants having a lack of access to adequate medical care or access to substandard medical care, at times leading to death. Most recent evidence includes immigrant women being subjected to non-consensual medical procedures, including hysterectomies. These procedures have a long-lasting impact on the physical and mental health of these women and their loved ones.

CLPA does not condone such inhumane and unjust treatment of immigrants and calls for advocacy for immigrant rights and equal access to quality health care and resources.

### Our Plan of Action:

1. Disseminate psychoeducational information regarding how best to advocate and support immigrant populations in the U.S.
2. Deliver a series of training for mental health professionals working with immigrant populations on various topics: impact of migration, trauma, immigration, evaluations, etc.
3. Write a Position Statement and Call to Action to be disseminated to California Congress and Senate.

Sincerely,

The CLPA Leadership Team