



CLASP

The Center for Law and Social Policy

Impact Report 2025

Documenting Harm, Defending Families, and Advancing Equity

A Message from Our Executive Director



Wendy Chun-Hoon
President and Executive Director

To Our Partners and Allies,

In 2025, the Trump-Vance Administration led countless [attacks](#) against families across the country. Deliberate policy choices targeted immigrants and their families, slashed public services, strained communities, and undermined food security, child care, and health systems. We know this playbook, we know its consequences, and we are not staying silent.

CLASP is [documenting the harm](#) to make clear what is at stake. We are [defending](#) critical programs that families rely on and envisioning bold, long-term solutions rooted in the experiences of families facing poverty. This moment demands clarity, courage, and collective action.

We are a trusted, historic institution rooted in decades of policy leadership and partnership. In 2026, we are expanding our advocacy, strengthening strategic alliances, and aligning our work with the diverse realities and leadership of the communities we serve. This is a defining moment, and we are called to act. Join us.

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Wendy Chun-Hoon". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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Reflecting on Our Reach

Our Reach

560+ policymakers and staff educated through briefings/testimonies

1,400+ advocates, partners, and community leaders reached through policy-focused events

10,900 downloads of CLASP reports and research

2,267 press citations

Our Influence

Shaping Narratives on Poverty

CLASP's [analysis](#) shaped coverage of the Census Bureau's 2024 poverty report, helping policymakers and the public see how expiring child tax credits and cuts to safety net programs threatened children and families. [Associated Press](#) reporting amplified this analysis across dozens of outlets, helping reach millions of readers nationwide.



Influencing Understanding of Immigration Policy

CLASP's research helped shape national conversations about immigration policy, including through [New York Times](#) coverage highlighting how immigration restrictions economically harm mixed-status families and U.S. citizen children.



Highlights from 2025

Protecting Child Care Funding

When Congress considered a reconciliation bill that would have cut Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and Social Security Block Grant funding, CLASP quickly [documented](#) what was at stake: 40,000 children across 10 states would lose access to child care and access for 2 million more would be jeopardized.

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was [cited](#) by Senate champions of expanded child care legislation, framing the stakes for families as the debate unfolded.

While the House ultimately passed a reconciliation bill that still cuts critical supports for low-income families, CLASP and partners helped prevent cuts to these two programs and preserve child care access for millions of families.

Armed with this research, CLASP, along with fellow advocates, provided clear and urgent analysis to policymakers, equipping them with evidence of the harm to children and working families. Our analysis

Stephanie Schmit and Juan Gomez speak at the Vital Village Network Summit in Boston on supporting immigrant children, families, and early educators.



Fighting Harmful Immigration Policy

When the Trump Administration proposed a new public charge rule that threatened to make it harder for immigrants perceived as needing government support to get visas or green cards, CLASP acted quickly to mobilize opposition.

We co-led a Congressional briefing for 130 Members of Congress, including leaders from key caucuses, to provide them with evidence that many chose to include in opposition letters. CLASP also [organized](#) 190 children's advocates to submit a public comment strongly opposing the proposed public charge rule through the Children Thrive Action Network.

We remain vigilant and prepared to respond and mobilize quickly as debates over the rule continue.

Defending Head Start

When illegal and harmful efforts threatened to dismantle Head Start, CLASP supported the ACLU's litigation team to fight in the courts to protect children and families.

We briefed the lawyers on how Head Start operates and the consequences of the disruption. Our team connected them with partners and potential plaintiffs. We then worked with national allies to leverage the case filing's momentum and led national advocacy defending Head Start.

As of early 2026, preliminary injunctions are blocking the administration's attempts to restrict Head Start access and cut program funding. These rulings prevent the federal government from enforcing immigration status checks and diversity-related bans, preserving critical early learning access for thousands of children.



CLASP staff facilitated as our [Community Partnership Group](#) met with Members of Congress from their home states (Morgan McGarvey, KY pictured) and shared their families' experiences navigating barriers to Supplemental Security Income, highlighting systemic failures and urged these Members to protect families. For CPG members, advocacy is about leading as experts and connecting lived experience to policy.



Wendy Chun-Hoon spoke at Tufts University on a panel titled "Challenging Capitalism, Patriarchy, and Authoritarianism"

Supporting Parents Facing Deportation

As deportations accelerated in 2025, CLASP witnessed a devastating shift among immigrant families: conversations were no longer about if deportation might happen but when, and how parents could prepare their children for that reality.

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CLASP responded by creating multilingual resources to reach families of the approximately 5.2 million U.S. children with at least one undocumented parent.

- ◆ CLASP and Children Thrive Action Network's toolkit, [Staying Whole: A Love Letter to Immigrant Parents](#), helps parents manage stress and talk with children about deportation in developmentally appropriate ways.
- ◆ Alongside the National Immigration Law Center, we released a multilingual [Know Your Rights Resource for Parents Detained by ICE](#), addressing urgent concerns about child care plans and parental rights.
- ◆ CLASP's webpage compiling [resources to prepare communities for immigration raids](#) was widely accessed, gaining more than 10,000-page views in 2025.

As awareness spread about these resources, several organizations translated them into additional languages to reach urgent demand from numerous communities.



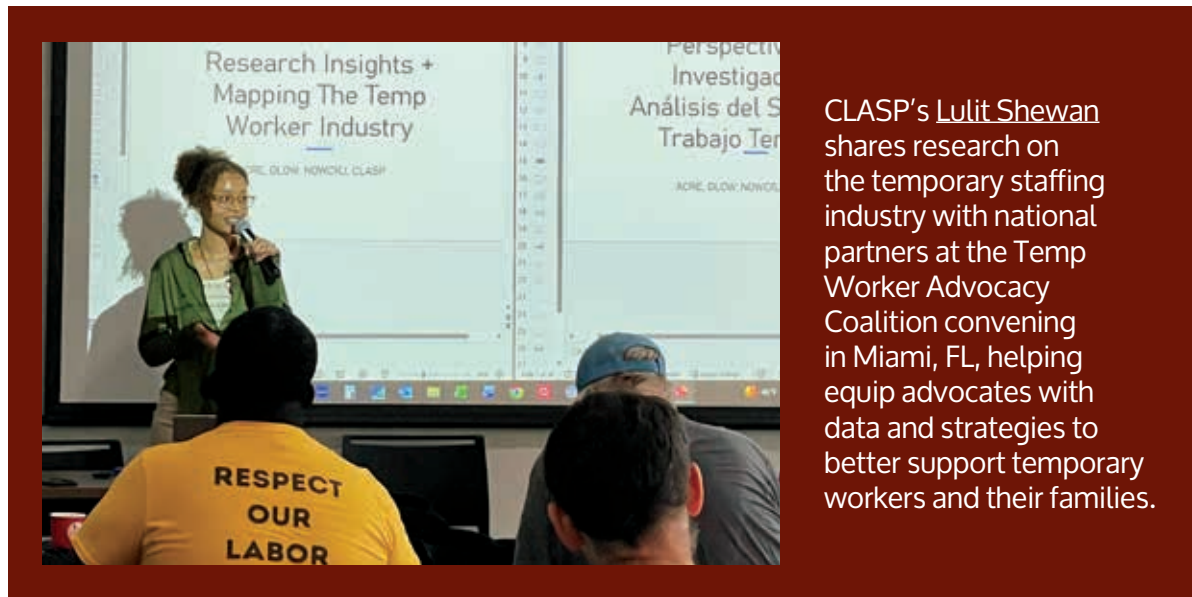
Staying Whole and United: A Love Letter and Support Guide For Families Navigating Harmful Immigration Raids and Policies

Keeping Providers Informed and Prepared

In 2025, the Trump Administration stripped longstanding protections that limited immigration enforcement in sensitive locations such as schools, hospitals, child care programs, and places of worship.

CLASP rapidly mobilized resources to support early childhood providers nationwide. We equipped more than 5,000 early childhood providers and other partners with fact sheets and technical assistance to ensure the safety of families and staff in formerly protected sensitive locations.

CLASP also revised its widely used [Guide to Creating Safe Spaces for Early Childhood Programs](#) on the first day of the administration and is keeping it updated to follow evolving ICE enforcement trends. CLASP teams have supported thousands of providers in translating this guide into action to protect children, families, and child care providers.



CLASP's [Lulit Shewan](#) shares research on the temporary staffing industry with national partners at the Temp Worker Advocacy Coalition convening in Miami, FL, helping equip advocates with data and strategies to better support temporary workers and their families.



[Wendy Cervantes](#), CLASP's Director of Immigration and Immigrant Families, [spoke](#) at a press conference and rally on the ground of the Capitol in opposition to the reconciliation bill.

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