

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Child and Family Services Agency



Administrative Issuance: CFSA-19-3

TO: CFSA Staff
FROM: Brenda Donald
Director
DATE: July 31, 2019
RE: Immigration Status of Clients

The purpose of this Administrative Issuance is to state the position of the Child and Family Services Agency (“CFSA”) concerning the disclosure of immigration status of clients, and to declare that District resources are not used for federal immigration enforcement activities.

CFSA provides services for a diverse population of children and families within the District of Columbia, including those who have immigrated here and may not be citizens of, or have lawful presence in, the United States. CFSA is committed to serving families and promoting the safety, permanency and well-being of all District residents, irrespective of immigration status.

No person or family shall be denied access to CFSA and its resources solely based on immigration status or because the person or family has committed a civil immigration violation.

CFSA shall preserve the tradition of ensuring that undocumented residents who seek services are treated equitably. CFSA abides and adheres to the requirements of Mayoral Order 92-49, dated April 29, 1992, which declares that the District of Columbia Government, its agents, agencies, officers and employees shall make no inquiry, direct or indirect, about a person's citizenship or lawfulness of the person's presence in the United States, in order to provide that person a benefit unless Federal laws and regulations require proof of citizenship or lawful presence in the United States as a condition of eligibility to receive benefits.

Inquiries to verify residency in the District, however, shall be made.