Secure Communities: A Resource Page

The following IPC resources lay out the basics of Secure Communities program, how it works, key areas of concern and recommendations on how to improve the program.

Secure Communities: A Fact Sheet [1]
While the implementation by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) of the state/local partnership agreements known as the 287(g) program has been a source of great controversy, it is far from the only tool ICE uses to engage state and local law enforcement in immigration control. Most notably, the Secure Communities Program, which launched in March 2008, has been held out as a simplified model for state and local cooperation with federal immigration enforcement.

Telebriefing: ICE's "Secure Communities" Is Coming to Your State [2]
The Immigration Policy Center hosted a telephonic press call to discuss ICE's "Secure Communities" Program, where the program is active and how it works. "Secure Communities" is a rapidly expanding immigration enforcement program, currently active in 788 jurisdictions in 34 states. It is expected to be active in every state jurisdiction by 2013. Yet there is much confusion about what the program is and how it works.

The Secure Communities Program: Unanswered Questions and Continuing Concerns [3]
As the Department of Homeland Security marks the two year anniversary of its Secure Communities Program—the latest partnership between Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and local jails to identify and deport "criminal aliens"—the Immigration Policy Center releases a Special Report, *The Secure Communities Program: Unanswered Questions and Continuing Concerns*. The report asks key questions and raises serious concerns about the program and provides recommendations for its improvement.

Immigration Detainers: A Comprehensive Look [4]
What is an immigration detainer and how does it work? Are detainers only placed on unauthorized immigrants? What happens *after* an immigration detainer has expired? What are the consequences of immigration detainers? In order to better understand immigration detainers' function and impact, the Immigration Policy Center (IPC) provides the following Fact Check to shed much needed light on this often misunderstood immigration enforcement tool.

The American Immigration Council Addresses Problems with Draft Immigration Detainer Policy [5]
The American Immigration Council has joined a number of organizations in formally commenting on a proposed detainer policy issued by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). There has been much criticism about how ICE uses detainers, and the use of detainers has expanded over time with enforcement programs like 287(g), Secure Communities, and the Criminal Alien Program. To address the criticisms, ICE developed new draft guidelines on the issuance of detainers.

ICE'S Enforcement Priorities and the Factors that Undermine Them [6]
As part of its strategy to gain support for comprehensive immigration reform, the administration has continually touted its enforcement accomplishments. In fact, over the last two years, the Obama administration has committed itself to a full-court press to demonstrate how committed the administration is to removing criminals and others who remain in the country without proper documentation. They have continued to use the enforcement programs of the previous administration, including partnering with state and local law enforcement agencies to identify, detain, and deport immigrants. However, in doing so, they have lost the ability to fully control their own enforcement priorities and enforcement outcomes, and the results have demonstrated that the

state and local partners are not necessarily committed to the same priorities.

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