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CRCL Leads Fusion Center Training in San Diego



This month, CRCL representatives, along with a partner from the DHS Privacy Office, traveled to San Diego, California to provide civil liberties and privacy training to fusion center personnel at the



San Diego Law Enforcement Coordination Center (LECC). State and major urban area fusion centers serve as focal points for the receipt, analysis, gathering, and sharing of threat-related information among the Federal Government and state, local, tribal, territorial, and private sector partners. In fulfillment of the Department’s obligation under the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007, SIIP and its DHS partners have supported and delivered civil rights, civil liberties, and privacy training for personnel at fusion centers across the country.

In recent months, CRCL reinvigorated its outreach to a number of fusion centers, including the San Diego LECC. Participants of the Privacy, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties Fusion Center Training included fusion center leadership, civil liberties and privacy officers, legal counsel, analysts, and representatives from five other California fusion centers.

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Statement from Secretary Mayorkas on Racially-Motivated Shooting in Jacksonville, FL

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WASHINGTON – Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro N. Mayorkas released the following statement this evening regarding the racially-motivated shooting earlier today in Jacksonville, FL:

“The Department of Homeland Security is closely monitoring the situation surrounding this afternoon’s racially-motivated shooting in Jacksonville, Florida that led to the tragic, senseless death of three innocent people today. We are and will continue to provide support to law enforcement and to the Jacksonville community to help keep Floridians safe.”

“I have spoken with Jacksonville Mayor Deegan and to national civil rights leaders. Too many Americans – in Jacksonville and across our country – have lost a loved one because of racially-motivated violence. The Department of Homeland Security is committed to working with our state and local partners to help prevent another such abhorrent, tragic event from occurring.”

DHS Issues Safety and Immigration Enforcement Statements

This month, DHS issued safety and immigration enforcement messages in response to the wildfires in Hawaii, Hurricane Hilary, and Hurricane Idalia. The statements, translated in multiple languages, reinforce the Department's priorities to support the needs of impacted communities:

“In light of these circumstances, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) remind the public that sites that provide emergency response and relief are considered [protected areas](#). To the fullest extent possible, ICE and CBP do not conduct immigration enforcement activities at protected areas such as along evacuation routes, sites used for sheltering or the distribution of emergency supplies, food, or water, or registration sites for disaster-related assistance or the reunification of families and loved ones.”

Read the full statements:

- [DHS Statement on Safety and Enforcement in the Aftermath of the Wildfires in Hawaii](#)
- [DHS Statement on Safety and Enforcement During Hurricane Hilary](#)
- [DHS Statement on Safety and Enforcement During Hurricane Idalia](#)

CRCL Leads Outreach and Engagement Meetings



This month, CRCL representatives traveled to San Diego, California where they had the opportunity to meet with leadership at the San Ysidro Land Port of Entry and receive a tour of operations, which offered a unique perspective to CRCL staff. San Ysidro is one of the largest and busiest land crossings in the world with 100,000 migrants in vehicles and on foot processed daily. While onsite, CRCL viewed migrant processing procedures and met with San Diego Field Office leadership to discuss resources available regarding language access for indigenous migrants.

As part of CRCL's continued post-COVID in-person reengagement activities, CRCL traveled to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to meet with local stakeholders including community-based groups, non-governmental organizations, and legal service providers to introduce them to CRCL, share the role of the Community Engagement Section, and hear from stakeholders about their concerns and questions.

CRCL Continues Outreach on the Draft Indigenous Languages Plan

In July and August, CRCL continued its outreach on the Department's first-ever draft [DHS Indigenous Languages Plan](#). DHS recognizes the importance of effective communication with persons who are limited English proficient (LEP) across its many missions and functions and is committed to meeting the requirements of Executive Order 13166, *Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency*. The Indigenous Languages Plan will serve as a vehicle for strengthening language services at DHS for Indigenous migrants of Latin America who are encountered and served in DHS programs and activities, an important effort given the increase in migration levels to the U.S. from countries with large Indigenous populations. The plan is also designed to support DHS front-line personnel in their interactions with Indigenous persons by providing resources such as improved protocols and methods for identifying the language spoken by Indigenous migrants. The plan was first developed after receiving input and recommendations from several U.S. Indigenous migrant community leaders and organizations, as well as DHS interagency partners.



CRCL staff with representatives from the Latino Center of the Midlands in Omaha, Nebraska

Recently, CRCL staff traveled to Omaha, Nebraska to meet with Indigenous migrant leaders to discuss the draft plan. Among the feedback provided, CRCL learned that Indigenous persons will give up trying to access benefits and services, including medical care and immigration benefits, when they cannot communicate in English or Spanish, and interpretation in their languages is not available. As part of the outreach efforts, CRCL was also joined by the DHS Office of International Affairs in meetings at the embassies of Guatemala and Mexico, which have parallel interests in supporting Indigenous persons in the U.S. from their respective countries.

DHS Celebrates Women’s Equality Day – August 26, 2023

Each August 26th we celebrate “Women’s Equality Day.” This date commemorates the 1920 enactment of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, which granted women the right to vote. However, it would be decades later when Black and indigenous women secured that same right, despite their participation in suffrage activities, with the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. On Women’s Equality Day, we celebrate the trailblazers who fought for equality at the polls and remember their sacrifice and dedication to solidifying women’s critical role in American democracy. On this day, we celebrate the achievements of women—past, present, and future—and we reaffirm our commitment to equality under the law.



Federal Interagency Launches SchoolSafety.gov



This month, DHS, in partnership with the U.S. Departments of Education, Health and Human Services, and Justice, launched a public awareness campaign to highlight federal school safety resources and evidence-based practices available through [SchoolSafety.gov](https://www.schoolsafety.gov). The initiative is one of several new actions the Biden-Harris Administration is taking to support safer schools and communities. Through the campaign, the Administration will educate school administrators and personnel, teachers, parents and guardians, and state and local government officials about school safety resources available at [SchoolSafety.gov](https://www.schoolsafety.gov). The goal is to advance the mission and maximize the benefits of the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act (BSCA) by accelerating and enhancing the implementation of programs and initiatives that will help families, communities,

and schools build capacity and establish and expand successful school safety strategies. The campaign is being launched for the back-to-school season to ensure schools have the tools they need to create and sustain welcoming, safe, and supportive learning environments for students and educators.



Thank You, Summer Interns!

CRCL would like to thank our team of interns who spent their summer with us. Over the last few months, CRCL was thrilled to bring on 13 interns from nine colleges and universities. Our interns supported CRCL’s work across our diverse mission areas; we are grateful for their hard work and contributions. We wish our interns all the best, and we are excited about their paths moving forward!

Case Management Pilot Program’s National Board Announces Extended Application Period for Subrecipient Solicitation

The Case Management Pilot Program (CMPP)’s National Board issued a [public solicitation](#) seeking subrecipients to implement the Case Management Pilot Program, inviting community-based service providers from across the country to apply for funding to deliver voluntary case management and associated services to individuals enrolled in Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Alternatives to Detention programs. The CMPP National Board will distribute funds via subawards to eligible local governments and nonprofits.

CMPP services include, among others, mental health services, trafficking screening, legal orientation, cultural orientation, referrals to other services identified by participants as priorities, and departure planning and/or reintegration services for individuals returning to their home countries.

The CMPP National Board is chaired by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties and includes Church World Service, Catholic Charities USA, and The Center for Migration Studies of New York. Church World Service serves as the National Board Secretariat and Fiscal Agent.

Completed applications are now due **September 13, 2023**, by 11:59pm EST. Applications received after that date will not be considered. The solicitation is available at www.CMPP.org.

[View the Frequently Asked Questions document](#) posted on CMPP website. Please direct questions to info@cmpp.org.

CRCL on the Road, August*

San Diego, California

From August 1-4, CRCL conducted trainings and met with stakeholders in San Diego.

Philadelphia, PA

From August 23-4, CRCL hosted stakeholder engagements with diverse communities in Philadelphia.

*CRCL’s Community Engagement team conducts in-person, virtual, and hybrid engagements with federal, state, local, and civil society stakeholders across the country. We remain available to respond to any stakeholder questions or concerns via email at: CommunityEngagement@hq.dhs.gov.


Additional information, and contacting us

The goal of this periodic newsletter is to inform members of the public about the activities of the DHS Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, including: how to file complaints; ongoing and upcoming projects; opportunities to offer comments and feedback; etc. We distribute our newsletters via our stakeholder email list and make them available to community groups for redistribution. Issues of the newsletter can be accessed online at: www.dhs.gov/crcl-newsletter.

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