A PATHWAY TO CITIZENSHIP MEANS
A Safe Passage to Adulthood

Every child deserves a successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities. For children in immigrant families, a pathway to citizenship means better opportunity for:

**IMPROVED BIRTH OUTCOMES**
Relief from fear of immigration enforcement would allow mothers to have greater access to prenatal care and support.

**HEALTHY BODIES**
Citizenship would address structural barriers, fear, and immigrant eligibility restrictions to Medicaid and CHIP, ensuring children have access to health coverage to support their healthy development.

**PROTECTION FROM FOOD INSECURITY**
Relief from fear of immigrant enforcement would also ensure families don’t forgo vital nutrition support programs.

**ECONOMIC SECURITY**
Citizenship means improved access to family income support programs like TANF and poverty-fighting tax credits like the EITC and CTC.

**FAMILY UNITY**
A path to citizenship would promote family unity and relieve children’s fears of detention, deportation, and family separation.

**EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY**
A path to citizenship would support students’ ability to earn an education and envision a successful future.