



## Newsletter - 8/31/26

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### **Immigration Policy Update: Coalition Work is Needed More Now Than Ever**

With the murders of two American citizens in January by federal agents and the firing of two key federal administrators, immigration and deportation activities have quieted. But, as one reporter said, “A retreat from deportation theatre is not the same as a retreat from deportations.” ICE arrests of immigrants have surged to 43,000 in June and 50,000 in July, with a quota set at 2,000 arrests each day. More

than 1.6 million migrants now have removal orders, which put them one ICE encounter away from deportation (*The Economist*, August 29, 2026).

No longer focusing primarily on border crossings, deportations now target migrants from the interior of the country, arresting many who have been living in America for years, including those married to an American citizen, those with citizen children, or those who are children themselves. Arrests take place on the street, at traffic stops, in workplaces, and at airports.

The administration is using novel legal tactics, including terminating visas and suspending temporary immigration and humanitarian programs for certain nationalities. The administration has slowed the processing of green card and visa renewal applications, leaving many immigrants in legal limbo.

ICE continues to treat migrants cruelly, with the most recent disclosure that the agency is equipping agents with gloves capable of delivering electric shocks. Children are forced to attend immigration court without legal representation. Families are torn apart. Immigrants and refugees live in fear while doing the basic things they need to survive.

**As citizens and congregations, we must continue resisting the politics and support our refugee and immigrant neighbors, as well as the agencies that serve them. Resist, speak out, and give.**

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## **Coalition To Visit El Refugio Hospitality House at Stewart Detention Center - Collecting Donations Now**

For years, the El Refugio Hospitality House has kept citizens, families of detainees, and policymakers connected to what is happening at the Stewart Detention Center in Lumpkin, GA. The lack of adequate food, medical care, and other basic services for detainees at the center, which is worsening as the number of detainees puts the center grossly over capacity, reinforces the need for accountability and advocacy: “The helpline keeps ringing, the Hospitality House keeps opening, volunteers keep visiting, families keep coming. People inside keep reaching out. This is what keeps us connected to Stewart and what allows us to carry what we learn into rooms where decisions are made.”

The Greensboro Interfaith Immigrant Justice Coalition has an opportunity to support the work of El Refugio – and the families – when a group from Greensboro will serve as weekend hosts October 2-4.

Please donate, as an individual or as a congregation, so that we can provide families with comfort and relief and help the Hospitality House accomplish its important work of letting people know what is happening at the detention center.

**Donate [HERE](#).**



# FROM STEWART TO WASHINGTON



Over the past few weeks, El Refugio has welcomed **Senator Raphael Warnock** to the Hospitality House and has met with **Rep. Pramila Jayapal** and her delegation during their visit to Stewart Detention Center.

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## Medicaid Community Education Event

The NC African Services Coalition invites community members and groups to participate in an upcoming **Medicaid Community Education Event** on **Thursday, September 17, 2026, from 10:00 AM–1:30 PM** at **122 N. Elm Street, Greensboro, NC 27410, Suite 820 (8th Floor)**.

This event will provide community members and families with information about upcoming Medicaid changes, who may be affected, and available healthcare coverage and community resources. Community **partners from social services, healthcare, employment, insurance navigation, and other community-based organizations** will share information about resources and services available to individuals and families who may be affected by changes to their Medicaid coverage.

## Event Details:

**Date:** Thursday, September 17, 2026

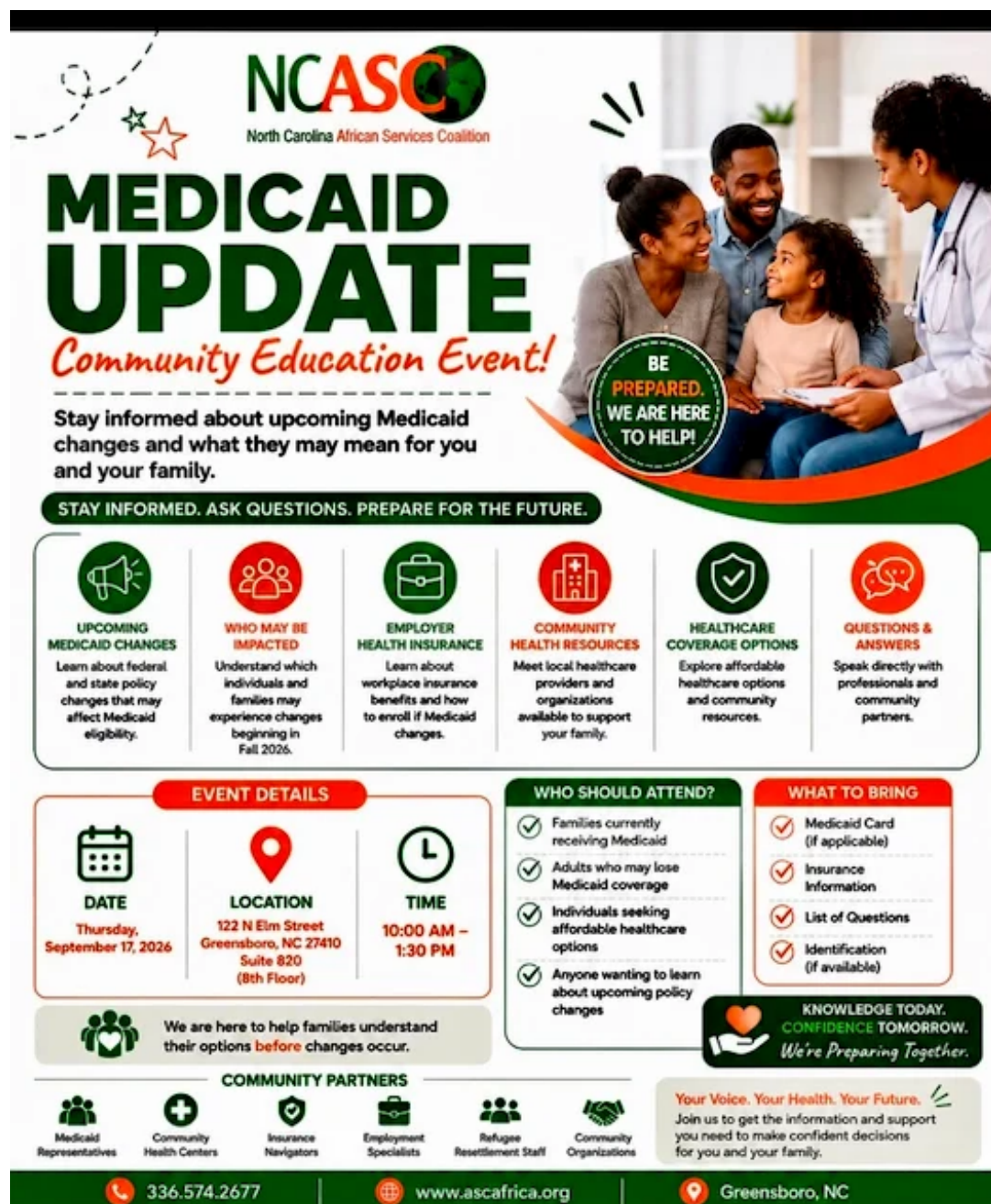
**Time:** 10:00 AM–1:30 PM

**Location:** 122 N. Elm Street, Greensboro, NC 27410, Suite 820 (8th Floor)

## Please RSVP here:

[Community Partner RSVP Form](#)

Please complete the RSVP form at your earliest convenience so we can plan accordingly and ensure we have adequate space and resources for participating organizations. For questions, contact Kaylyn Brown at [kaylyn@ascafrica.org](mailto:kaylyn@ascafrica.org) ☎ 336-814-3951.



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North Carolina African Services Coalition

# MEDICAID UPDATE

*Community Education Event!*

Stay informed about upcoming Medicaid changes and what they may mean for you and your family.

**BE PREPARED. WE ARE HERE TO HELP!**

**STAY INFORMED. ASK QUESTIONS. PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE.**

| UPCOMING MEDICAID CHANGES                                                          | WHO MAY BE IMPACTED                                                                      | EMPLOYER HEALTH INSURANCE                                                       | COMMUNITY HEALTH RESOURCES                                                          | HEALTHCARE COVERAGE OPTIONS                                    | QUESTIONS & ANSWERS                                       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Learn about federal and state policy changes that may affect Medicaid eligibility. | Understand which individuals and families may experience changes beginning in Fall 2026. | Learn about workplace insurance benefits and how to enroll if Medicaid changes. | Meet local healthcare providers and organizations available to support your family. | Explore affordable healthcare options and community resources. | Speak directly with professionals and community partners. |

| EVENT DETAILS                               |                                                                                         |                                   | WHO SHOULD ATTEND?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | WHAT TO BRING                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <b>DATE</b><br>Thursday, September 17, 2026 | <b>LOCATION</b><br>122 N Elm Street<br>Greensboro, NC 27410<br>Suite 820<br>(8th Floor) | <b>TIME</b><br>10:00 AM – 1:30 PM | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Families currently receiving Medicaid</li><li>✓ Adults who may lose Medicaid coverage</li><li>✓ Individuals seeking affordable healthcare options</li><li>✓ Anyone wanting to learn about upcoming policy changes</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Medicaid Card (if applicable)</li><li>✓ Insurance Information</li><li>✓ List of Questions</li><li>✓ Identification (if available)</li></ul> |

**COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

We are here to help families understand their options **before** changes occur.

**KNOWLEDGE TODAY. CONFIDENCE TOMORROW. We're Preparing Together.**

**COMMUNITY PARTNERS:** Medicaid Representatives, Community Health Centers, Insurance Navigators, Employment Specialists, Refugee Resettlement Staff, Community Organizations

**Your Voice. Your Health. Your Future.**  
Join us to get the information and support you need to make confident decisions for you and your family.

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## Support the Refugee Feeding Network

The Refugee Feeding Network, a community partnership, helps ensure our refugee neighbors have access to wholesome, nutritious food. People donate food items through Green Bags, which are distributed and picked up by A Simple Gesture. Church World Service hosts mobile markets where families can get the food they need.

The program needs donations and volunteers. This is a meaningful way to support newcomers who are facing food insecurity.

Visit the website to sign up to be a food donor or volunteer [HERE](#):

Help feed those who have been welcomed  
into our community.

## Refugee Feeding Network



A community-led program ensuring our refugee neighbors have access to wholesome, nutritious food. It's a meaningful way to support those who were welcomed to our area and are now facing food insecurity.



**SIGN UP →**

[asimplegesture.org/refugee-feeding-network](https://asimplegesture.org/refugee-feeding-network)

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## WASHERS AND DRYERS NEEDED

[Church World Service in Greensboro](#) has an ongoing need for washers and dryers for the refugee families they serve. If you have these items or know of anyone who might, please contact Katie Trautman at [ktrautman@cwsglobal.org](mailto:ktrautman@cwsglobal.org) or 336-617-0381.

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## Coalition Website - Updated News & Resources

The **Greensboro Interfaith Immigrant Justice Coalition's** website provides ongoing updates on our work and the issues affecting our immigrant and refugee neighbors. Visit the website to learn about advocacy opportunities, activities, and events sponsored by the coalition and local agencies, community needs, and local resources: <https://gsointerfaithimmigrantjustice.org>

Be sure to check out the **Refugee & Immigrant Network of Guilford (RING)** website (on the coalition website and [HERE](#)), a community collaboration designed to be a one-stop site for immigrant and refugee resources. The RING (Refugee & Immigrant Network of Guilford) website provides links and connections to resources for the full range of immigrant needs: food, health care, Know Your Rights, employment, legal aid, events, local agencies, and more.



# ICE WATCH TRAINING

## GREENSBORO

**Date:** Thursday, September 10th  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**Location:**  
College Park Baptist  
1601 Walker Ave, Greensboro NC

**RSVP Link:** [tlny.cc/GreensboroSept10](https://tlny.cc/GreensboroSept10)



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