NCSL Task Force on Immigration and the States
Legislative Summit | Los Angeles 2018
JW Marriott Hotel - Plaza
900 W. Olympic Boulevard

Agenda

Presiding
Senator Mo Denis, Nevada | Task Force Co-Chair
Senator René García, Florida | Task Force Co-Chair

Monday, July 30, 2018
JW Marriott – Plaza III

8:30 – 9:15  Task Force Business Meeting Roundtable and update on state legislation
Working breakfast

9:15 – 10:00  Child Migrants and the Separation of Children from Families
Central American children and families have been arriving in increasing numbers at the US southern border seeking asylum and economic opportunity. Learn about the migration “push-pull” factors, challenges in processing their claims, and current government responses.

Speaker: Mark Greenberg, Senior Fellow, Migration Policy Institute and former acting assistant secretary of the Administration on Children and Families in the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

10:00 – 11:00  Briefing from U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
DHS staff will provide updates on immigration enforcement and immigration services, including Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, child migrants, and citizenship programs.

Speakers:
David Marin, Los Angeles Field Office Director, Immigration & Customs Enforcement
Joseph Hackbarth, US Citizenship & Immigration Services

11:00 – 12:00  Immigration, Economy and Jobs
Occupational shortages across the country have spurred states to develop policies to tap the talents of both native-born and immigrant residents. Hear how states are creating new paths to help professionals get the training and licensing they need.

Speakers:
Senator Ricardo Lara, California
Rich Andre, New American Economy

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