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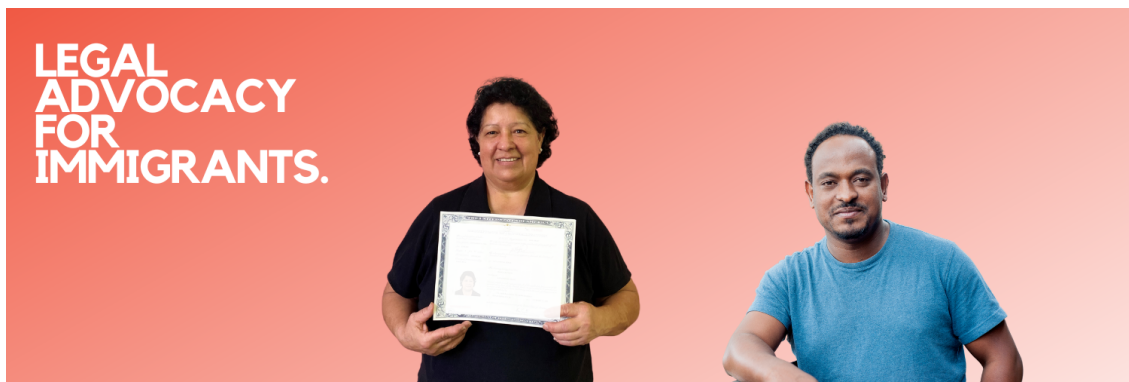
From the Desk of Edna Yang , Co-Executive Director

Happy Women's History Month. This month, we at American Gateways want to take the opportunity to recognize the long history of immigrant women in the US. Immigrant women compose slightly under [half of the immigrant population](#) in the US. Many women flee their homes to come to the US to escape gender based violence. But seeking freedom and safety in the US is not easy - women face more discrimination and are more vulnerable to mistreatment during the dangerous journey to the US, and even when they arrive in the US, they can experience double discrimination as both immigrants and as women.

The news that the administration is considering [detaining families](#) again is disheartening. Immigration detention will not fix our broken system. It only seeks to punish those fleeing violence and coming to access their legal right to apply for protection in the US. Family detention also disproportionately impacts women who are fleeing with their children. We hope that these initial discussions will not come to fruition and that we will find a better and more humane way to address the challenges facing our immigration system.



In spite of all of these barriers, immigrant women have continued to make important contributions to the arts, science, and politics in the US for years. They are front line workers and contribute greatly to this country's economic and social successes. We are proud to be able to serve the brave immigrant women seeking safety and a better life for themselves and their children. Dana escaped years of horrific abuse perpetrated against her because she believed that as a woman she had the rights that were equal to that of her husband and other men in her country. We were able to represent [Dana and her children](#) in their asylum case and today they are thriving members of our community.



Want to get involved?

Our Austin office will be co-hosting a Citizenship Clinic with the City of Austin, NALEO & Tx AFL-CIO on **April 22, 2023**. We are looking for volunteers to help! We are hosting a Volunteer Training for the event on April 3 at noon. If you're interested, please contact Edna Yang at ednay@americangateways.org.

We are hiring!

We are hiring for staff attorneys in our Austin office You can see the [postings here](#).

Want to donate?

Donate today to provide access to justice to immigrants. Your partnership allows us to provide critical legal services to individuals and families seeking safety, hope, and freedom.

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