



## Talking Points for PTAs on Services for Unaccompanied Children

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This document seeks to provide talking points concerning the influx of unaccompanied children in the United States as well as National PTA's position on services for immigrant children. State and district PTA leaders are encouraged to use this document to guide their responses to membership, partner organizations and stakeholders concerning the issue. In the event media inquiries are received on the topic, please direct them to Heidi May, manager of media relations for National PTA, at [hmay@pta.org](mailto:hmay@pta.org).

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- National PTA recognizes that the United States began as a country of immigrants and that the resulting blend of cultures enriches our nation.
- National PTA has long believed that every child residing in the United States, regardless of his or her immigration status, has the right of access to a high quality public education, adequate food and shelter, and basic health care services.
- National PTA has a strong history of advocating for the education, health, safety and well-being of all children. The association remains deeply committed to take action to ensure that the needs of every child are being met and that every child has access to education and services that will enable him or her to reach his or her full potential.
- Access to an education, food and shelter, and health care services is the most effective method to ensure that all children have the opportunity to reach their potential, and this access should not be denied to any child.
- National PTA believes that federal, state and local entities have a responsibility to contribute to and support the well-being of children by offering health care and other social services needed in their areas.