IMPORTANT UPDATE: UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT ON BIRTHRIGHT CITIZENSHIP 6/27/25

On June 27, 2025**, the United States Supreme Court removed a nationwide injunction blocking President Trump's Executive Order denying birthright citizenship to children born to immigrants who lack permanent status**, including people on temporary visas (such as students, workers, and tourists), DACA holders, TPS holders, those awaiting asylum decisions, and undocumented individuals. This means that different federal courts can now decide whether to enforce or block the Executive Order in their jurisdictions, potentially creating inconsistent citizenship policies across states while the constitutional challenges work through the system. However, the Court emphasized that it was NOT deciding on the legality of the Executive Order and made clear that the Executive Order will not take effect for 30 days.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR TEXANS

Your Baby's Right to Citizenship and a Birth Certificate in Texas
If your child was born in the United States, they are a U.S. citizen under the 14th Amendment to the Constitution—no matter your immigration status. This is called birthright citizenship. No state, including Texas, has the power to take that away.

✅ What You're Entitled To

- A state-issued birth certificate from the local registrar or vital statistics office.
- Recognition of your child as a U.S. citizen for purposes of education, healthcare, and other benefits.
- The right to seek a U.S. passport for your child.

⚠️ What to Watch Out For

- Being told your ID "isn't acceptable" if you're undocumented or not a permanent resident.
- Being asked for more documents than required, especially if you're a noncitizen.
- Delays or denials in issuing a birth certificate.

📝 If You Are Denied or Delayed

1. Ask for the reason in writing.
2. Document everything: who you spoke to, dates, and what you were told.
3. Request a copy of the official policy being used to deny your application.
4. Contact legal help immediately.

📞 Who Can Help If You Are Denied a Birth Certificate

- Texas Immigration Law Council – www.txilc.org
- Texas Civil Rights Project – www.txcivilrights.org
- MALDEF – www.maldef.org
- ACLU of Texas – www.aclutx.org
- Your local immigrant legal services provider or bar association

📣 Know Your Rights: What the Law Says

The 14th Amendment: "All persons born in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States..."

You do not need to prove your legal status for your child to receive a birth certificate. Federal courts have repeatedly upheld this right.