## SYSTEMS OF INEQUALITY: IMMIGRATION

Transgender and gender non-conforming immigrants are disproportionately subjected to deportation and detention. This diagram illustrates how discrimination in immigration practices and overpolicing by law enforcement intersect and lead to greater detainment for trans immigrants, who suffer additional gender-related harms while in ICE custody.

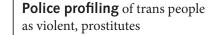
Bars imposed by undocumented history or criminal records

Employment-based immigration not available because of **job discrimination** 

Family-based immigration not available because trans people's family members often reject them, chosen and extended family not recognized

Asylum and other claims often not available because of **lack of access to trans-friendly legal help**, less connections with immigrant communities to get information combined with strict time bars, bias, and harassment from immigration officers

Barriers to Getting any Legal Immigration Status



Criminalization of Trans People

Trans people **falsely arrested** for lack of proper identity documents or for using "wrong" bathroom

Charged with survival crimes (sex work, drugs, theft, etc.) due to lack of access to gainful employment or education



Most **convictions and some arrests** make immigrants deportable, even if they have status

## Increased Detention and/or Deportation for Trans Immigrants

**Trans people are disproportionately HIV positive**. If from a country without access to HIV meds, deportation is a death sentence. Deportation can also lead to serious transphobic violence, persecution, and imprisonment once in home country.

In detention, trans people are often isolated and/or targeted for rape, harassment, abusive searches, and other violence by staff and other detainees. Gender misclassified based on genitals in sex segregated system.

Can't access hormones and other medical treatments while detained. Forced to change gendered characteristics of appearance (cut hair, give up prosthetics, etc.) Results in mental anguish and increased violence because appearance may conform even less to gender identity.