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## **HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON WILDFIRE RECOVERY**

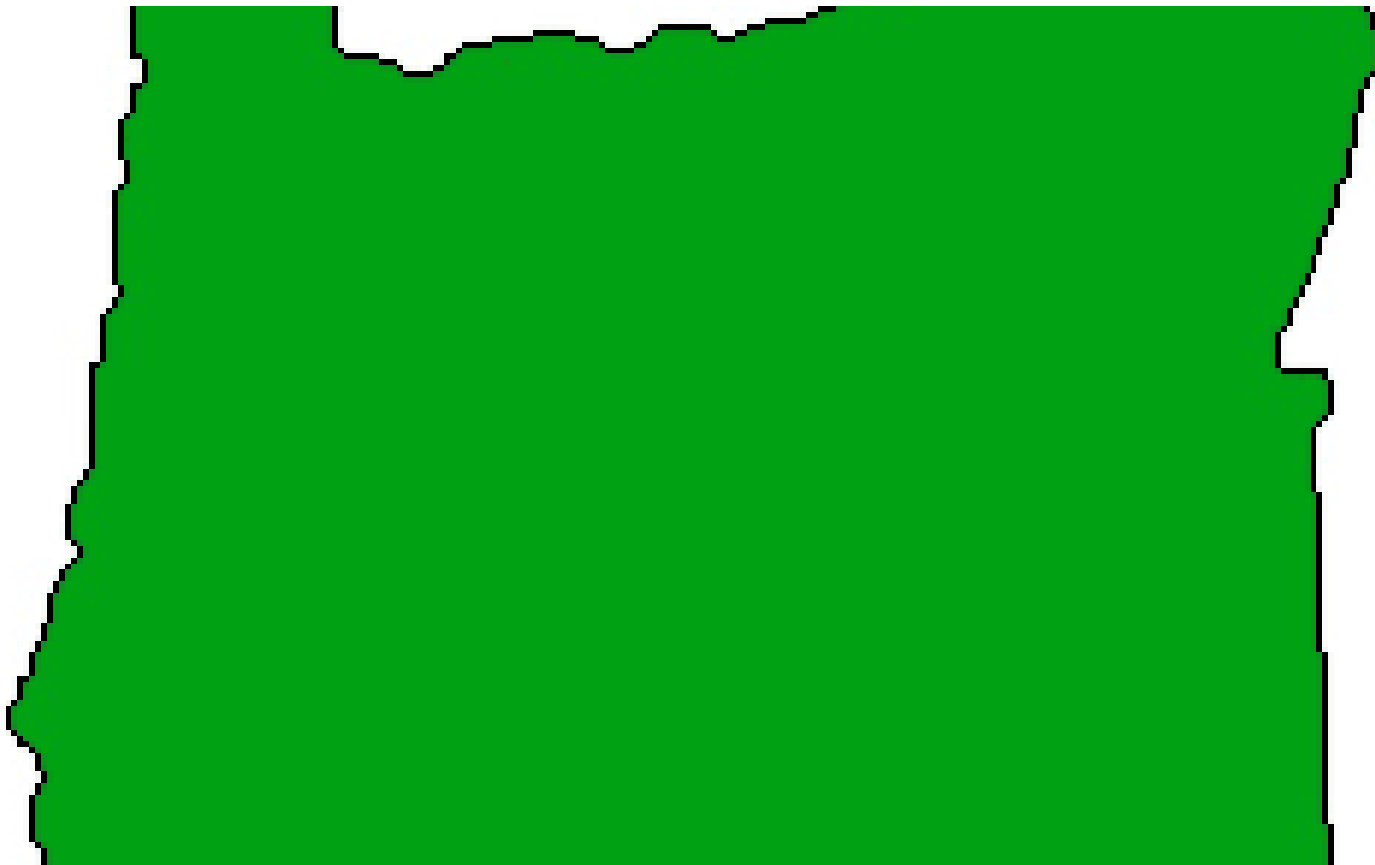
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**Successful Citizens and Vital  
Rural Communities**

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# OREGON AT A GLANCE

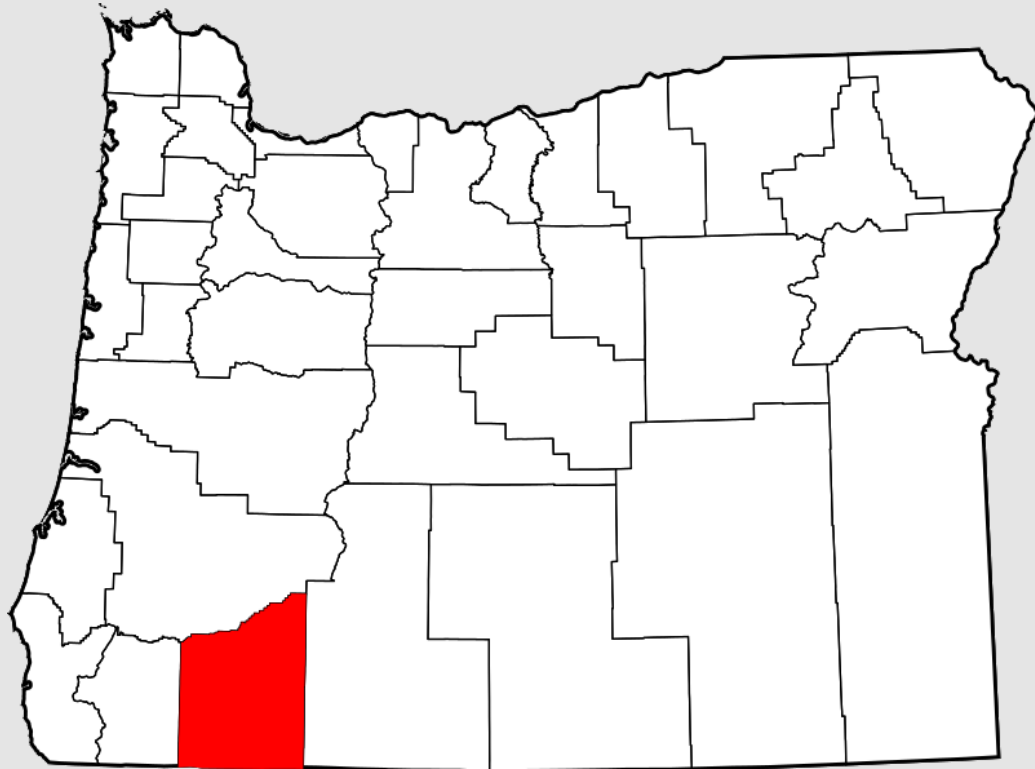


110,000 undocumented immigrants

26% of all immigrants are undocumented

About 86,000 children live with a family member who is undocumented

1 in 10 children live in a household with an undocumented person



## Deeper Dive into JACKSON COUNTY

### Anecdotal Evidence

25% of the 500 families we are serving are undocumented

50% of the 300 families we are serving are undocumented

80% of the 10 families we are serving are undocumented



# **The Chaos of Uncertainty Survivor Stories**





We didn't know we needed to evacuate until a neighbor ran over to tell us

We found shelter with friends, family and some of us left to other states

We didn't have reliable transportation to evacuate

One day without pay means not having enough to pay our monthly rent and utility bills

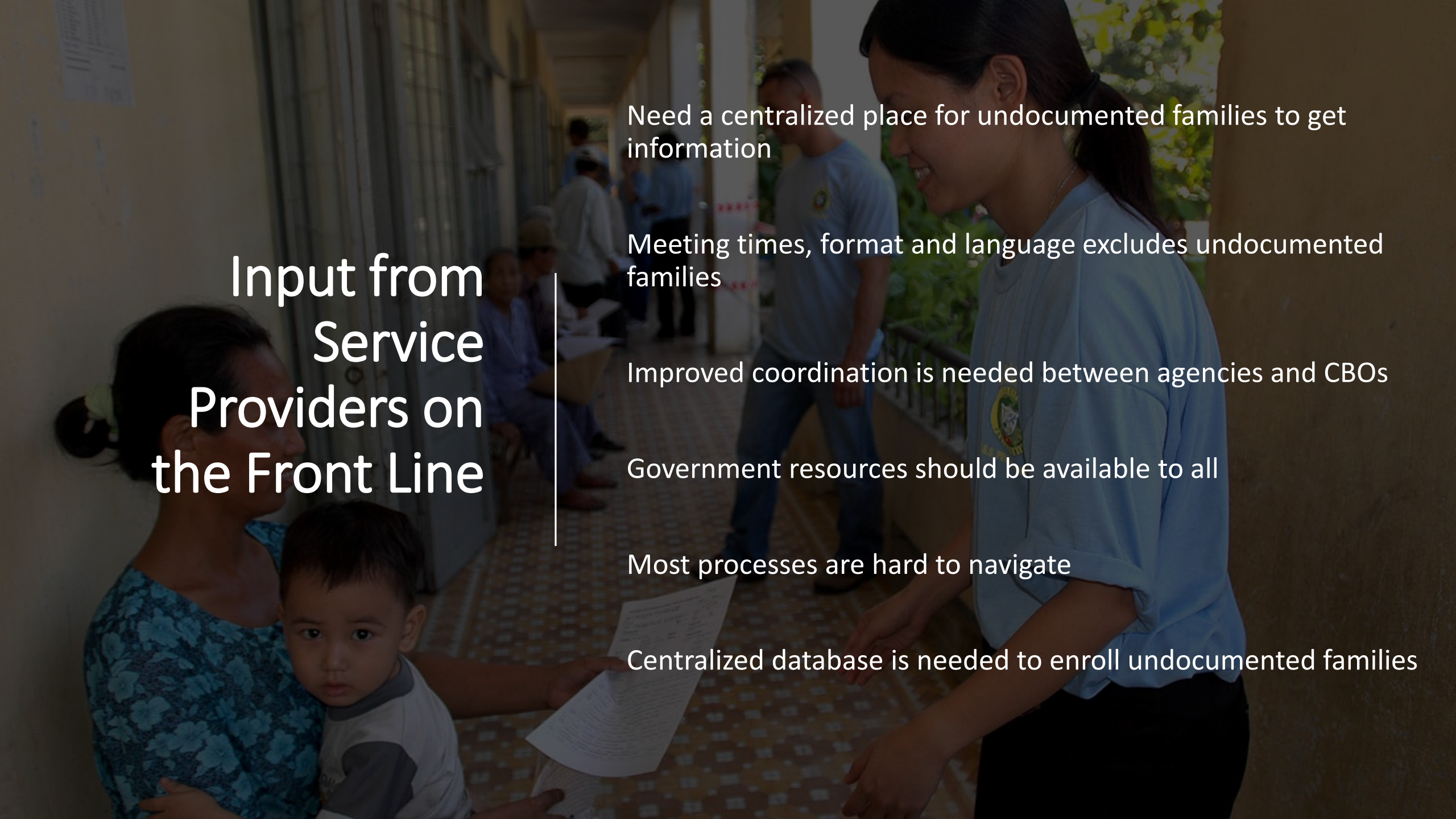
We used to pay rent from \$350-\$500 and now they are asking \$1500

Many of us don't access the resources and support that is available for fear of public charge

We don't know where we will be housed next

We want the temporary housing to be where we were living, we don't want to relocate



A woman in a light blue shirt is smiling and talking to a woman who is holding a young child. They are in a hallway with other people in the background. The woman in the light blue shirt is holding a piece of paper.

# Input from Service Providers on the Front Line

Need a centralized place for undocumented families to get information

Meeting times, format and language excludes undocumented families

Improved coordination is needed between agencies and CBOs

Government resources should be available to all

Most processes are hard to navigate

Centralized database is needed to enroll undocumented families

## IMPROVING SERVICES TO LATINX COMMUNITIES

### Priorities to Consider



Communications: language must be understood by the impacted group


Fear of Government: nearly half of Latinx US **citizens** fear deportation for themselves, a family member or a close friend

Collaboration: needed across government agencies and CBOs to elevate the quality of services provided

Critical lack of data: fear results in an environment that CBOs and schools do not ask or collect this type of information

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Latinx communities will be reached through trusted sources

A multi-pronged approach is needed for information dissemination

Communication and coordination across organizations is critical

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Thank you!

Questions & Discussion