



# Community Action Guide

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## Steps You Can Take

- **Engaging in conversation with your sphere of influence**
  - We each have connections in the community as we navigate our daily lives. There are action items that we can take and conversations we can have to ensure that we are providing safe environments. Below are some resources to equip you to have meaningful conversations with your sphere of influence.
- **School and Other Child-Serving Organization Actions**
  - Are you a parent who has a child in school? Do you currently attend, work, or volunteer in a school or other child serving organization? Ask your local school administrators if they have a safety plan for immigration actions on school property.
  - **Immigrant Legal Resource Center [Guide to School Safety Plans for Immigrant Children](#)**: This resource provides guidance on action plans for schools and action steps for immigrant parents of school age children.
  - **United We Dream [Guidebook for Educators and School Support Staff](#)**: Immigrant families, including their children, are navigating a number of difficulties that impact mental health and other facets of their daily lives. This guidebook is helpful to share with teachers and other staff members to help their immigrant students and also includes action items for school administrators.
- **Place of Worship Actions**
  - Do you attend a place of worship or attend an activity that happens in a place of worship? Ask the leadership at your place of worship if they have discussed action steps in case of an immigration action or ways to equip faith members with accurate information on how to protect themselves.
  - **National Latino Evangelical Coalition [Manual for Pastors & Church Leaders in Response to Executive Orders on Immigration](#)**: Places of faith are no longer spaces off limits to immigration enforcement. This manual highlights protections that can be made in a church buildings and steps to take during an immigration enforcement action.
- **Places of Work Actions**
  - Does your workplace have a plan and policy if immigration officials come for an enforcement action? Have all staff been trained on the procedure?
  - **National Immigration Law Center [What to Do if Immigration Comes to Your Workplace](#)**: Places of employment can take precautions and develop a plan to know what to do if immigration officials come into the building and how to protect sensitive information. This guide discusses how to create a plan before an immigration action and what to do during an immigration enforcement action.
  - **National Immigration Law Center [Health Care Providers and Immigration Enforcement](#)**: This guide provides action items for health care centers and other medical offices to ensure a plan is in place to protect client information and patients in case of an immigration enforcement action.



# Guide to Helping Our Immigrant Neighbors

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- **Know Your Rights**

- **Information is powerful, and it is essential that individuals know their rights in different settings. You can educate immigrants in your community about their rights.**
- Having “Red Cards” available in different languages helps educate immigrants on their basic rights. Immigration Legal Resource Center has them available in different languages, [here](#).
- Here are some videos to help understand rights in different settings created by We Have Rights: [Rights Videos](#)
- If an individual encounters immigration officials, here is a link from the National Immigrant Justice Center: [Know Your Rights: If You Encounter ICE](#)
- **Make sure to carry copies of valid documentation related to your immigration status, which could be a green card, work permit, visa, etc. Give copies of the original to someone in case it is needed. Don’t carry documents from another country.**

- **Finding Legal Assistance**

- **Reputable legal assistance is important when navigating immigration legal concerns.**
- Individuals should ensure that their legal representatives are knowledgeable about immigration law. Legal assistance should be received by someone who is licensed in immigration law or who is a Department of Justice (DOJ) accredited representative.
  - **American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA):** [Attorney Search](#)
  - [DOJ Accredited Representative list](#)
  - [COIN Legal Aid Organization list](#)
- Avoiding fraudulent legal providers is important. Here is a guide for what to look for when obtaining legal assistance and what to avoid. **National Immigrant Justice Center:** [Know Your Rights-Avoid Immigration Fraud](#)

- **Creating a Family/Individual Preparedness Plan**

- **Individuals who are immigrants can take steps to make sure all information is gathered and actions are taken to protect their family members, financial resources, etc.**
- Here is a checklist that outlines the different action steps an individual should take now to have all information gathered and precautions in place in case of detention or deportation: [CLINIC Emergency Planning Guide](#)

- **Providing Presence for Immigrants**

- With the constantly shifting landscape, here is a great resource for ways you can provide presence to individuals who are immigrants in your community: [Justice for Immigrants-Ten Things You Can Do](#)

- **Places for Up to Date Information**

- [Immigrant Legal Resource Center](#)
- [National Immigrant Justice Center](#)
- [CLINIC](#)