

Neighbors Helping Neighbors Guide

- **Step One: 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.
 - Provide hard copies of “Red Cards” in different languages, [here](#).
 - Here are some videos to help understand rights in different settings created by We Have Rights: [Rights Videos](#) (Available in 8 languages)
 - [Know Your Rights Resource with different scenarios \(English Version\)](#)
 - [Know Your Rights Resource with different scenarios \(Spanish Version\)](#)
- If an individual encounters immigration officials, here is a link from the National Immigrant Justice Center: [Know Your Rights: If You Encounter ICE](#) (Downloads available in English, Spanish, Haitian Creole, and French)
- 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. Here is a great resource on the [documents to carry and how to store](#).

- **Step Two: Create 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](#) (English and Spanish available; Here is also a translated [Haitian Creole version](#).)
- Complete a Power of Attorney for Children and financial resources
 - Here is a helpful [FAQ](#) if families have questions about what a POA is and how to get one.

- **Step Three: Find 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](#)

- **Places for Up to Date Information**

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

- **Helpful numbers and apps for families:**

- **Indy Rapid Response:** Call this number to report a possible sighting and trained volunteers will confirm 1-855-589-4639
- [ReadyNow !App](#): Provides Know Your Rights; Emergency Contact Alerts, etc.

We have not vetted or examined these documents for accuracy or applicability, but we believe the organizations to be reliable. Before using any information in these links, please consult legal counsel. Legal counsel can be found on the [Legal Aid page](#).





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We envision our immigrant neighbors thriving with dignity in Central Indiana with access to a unified and responsive Network of Support.

Advocacy Strategies

Belonging as Action

- Host community meals that bring together immigrant neighbors and local residents
- Provide transportation for individuals to attend appointments, school, or complete errands
- Organize walking groups, conversation cafés, and similar community gatherings
- Assist with grocery pickups, deliveries, and other essential needs
- Build partnerships between community organizations and newcomers

Knowledge as Power

- Share Family Preparedness Plans and coordinate safety planning clinics with attorneys
- Spread the word about rapid response networks to support families in urgent situations
- Conduct Know Your Rights presentations and distribute Red Cards
- Educate community members on how to find trustworthy and reputable legal counsel

Legislative Action as Justice

- Advocate against the 287(g) program and encourage sheriffs not to contract with ICE
- Monitor and respond to issues at Miami Correctional Facility and other Indiana detention facilities
- Track and mobilize around upcoming Indiana legislation impacting immigrants
- Support court-watching programs and accompaniment efforts

Time and Resources as Solidarity

- Raise funds for commissary accounts and assist families in locating detained loved ones
- Collect donations to cover legal representation, necessary filing fees, basic needs
- Provide translation and interpretation services to increase accessibility
- Volunteer with local nonprofits and community organizations serving immigrants

Narrative as Change

- Launch social media campaigns to dispel myths and highlight immigrant contributions
- Facilitate community dialogues about the impact of immigrants in local communities
- Share accurate and timely information about immigration-related developments
- Engage with local media to promote informed and compassionate coverage