



Mutual Aid and Engagement Opportunities

Low Specialization

High Specialization

Low Commitment

- Donate to legal, bond, or commissary funds (\$)
- Donate basic needs: food, diapers, formula (\$)
- Contact elected officials regarding proposed and existing policies
- Introduce yourself to immigrants that live in your community
- Take a meal to an immigrant neighbor
- Volunteer monthly at an organization that serves immigrants
- Attend a rally, protest, or prayer vigil
- Provide transportation to appointments, school, errands periodically

- Distribute Know Your Rights materials (Red Cards)
- Discuss family preparedness planning with immigrant neighbors (use trusted resources)
- Provide translation / interpretation services for an event/appointment
- Volunteer at a legal clinic (attorney, interpreter, notary required)

High Commitment

- Host community meals
- Organize walking groups, craft nights, English practice sessions
- Provide transportation to appointments, school, errands weekly
- Assist with grocery pickups & essential deliveries
- Volunteer consistently with local nonprofits
- Provide ongoing housing/basic needs support (\$)
- Raise money in your network to meet needs of an immigrant family impacted by detention or deportation (\$)
- Resource mapping of the local community
- Build relationships with immigrant community members and immigrant serving organizations

- Conduct Know Your Rights presentations
- Volunteer for rapid response, community defender, or constitutional observer (training required)
- Support court-watching & accompaniment efforts (training required)
- Coordinate safety planning clinics with attorneys
- Advocate against 287(g) program & ICE contracts
- Lead and organize a local mutual aid group/safety group in your neighborhood

Local Community Mutual Aid Groups

What Is Mutual Aid?

Mutual aid is community-based support rooted in solidarity, dignity, and shared responsibility.

It is not charity — it is reciprocal care.

Questions to Consider

Are there already groups or organizations doing the work in my local community that I can join in what they are doing?

What skills and resources do I have available?

How much time do I have to commit to my engagement or mutual aid efforts?

Do I have immigrant neighbors that I already am in community with? Start here.

If I am not in relationship with immigrant neighbors, where are trusted spaces I can engage to foster connection?

If you want to create a neighborhood or local mutual aid response network, start here.

1. Pick a geographical area around your neighborhood to focus your efforts.
2. Reach out to other neighbors to determine their interest.
3. Attend a mutual aid training offered by a trusted organization.
4. Decide on the goals of the mutual aid group. Do you want to provide community response due to enforcement? Do you want to provide for basic needs? Do you want to do both?
5. How are you intentionally building community now with your immigrant neighbors? Mutual aid requires trust built over time.
6. Complete resource mapping of the geographical area to know of available resources and gaps in basic need assistance.
7. Attend community defender trainings or volunteer with your local rapid response network, if you want to be able to respond during enforcement actions.