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PREPARATION & RAPID RESPONSE RESOURCES for IMMIGRANTS & COMMUNITY ALLIES

This document contains links to information and resources to aid in preparing individuals, families, and communities for rapid response to shifts and challenges that are expected to take place in immigration law and policy in the United States in 2025. The list below is not exhaustive and the information and links it contains should not be considered legal advice. For assistance with immigration issues, please consult a reputable attorney for appropriate guidance.

Have questions or need additional support?
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Toolkits & Action Steps

Rapid Response to ICE Raids

- Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC), "Step-by-Step Family Preparedness Plan"
- CLINIC Legal, "Rapid Response Toolkit"
    - Creating emergency plans for raids and mass detentions; preparing for ICE Raids for School & Community Partners; and more
- Center for Rural Affairs, "Responding to Immigration Raids in Rural Communities"
- United We Dream, "Real or Rumor: How to Verify Online Reports of ICE Raids"
- American Bar Association, "Rapid Response Immigration Communications and Legal Clinics Toolkit"
- Ready to Stay Coalition, "Immigrant Legal Protection Resource Guide"

Know Your Rights (KYR) Resources

- Immigrant Defense Project, "Know Your Rights With ICE"
    - Printable resources in multiple languages: flyers, infographics, booklets, home raids posters, documenting an ICE arrest, and more
- Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC)
    - Free and printable, ILRC's "KYR Red Cards" (available in multiple languages) help people assert their rights and defend themselves in many situations, such as when ICE agents go to a home.
    - "10 Things Noncitizen Protesters Need to Know"
- ACLU, Videos in multiple languages: "We Have Rights When Interacting with ICE"
- MIRA Coalition, "KYR Recorded Trainings and Multilingual KYR Community Presentation Slides"
- National Immigrant Justice Center, "Know Your Rights: Prepare for Mass Deportation Threats– 5 Things You Can Do Now to Protect Yourself and Your Loved Ones"
    - English
    - Español

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Preparing for Changes Anticipated Under the Trump Administration

- USAHello, "2025 Immigration Guide: Prepare for Changes Under the Trump Administration"
    - What to expect; creating a safety plan; finding legal help; learn about immigration enforcement by state; know your rights; and more.
- Michigan Immigrant Rights Center, "What Can Noncitizens Do NOW to Prepare for a Trump Administration?"
    - This resource is available at the link above in both English and Spanish
- Asylum Seeker Advocacy Project, "Asylum Seekers: Consider Taking These Steps Before January 2025"

Workforce Resources

- UndocuProfessionals Network,
    - "Protecting Your Privacy: Tips for Undocumented Individuals Entering the Workforce"
    - "How to Create Inclusive Opportunities: Shift From 'Just Start a Business' to 'How Can I Support Immigrants?'"
- Higher Ed Immigration Portal,
    - "Resources for Employers Related to DACA and Other Dreamers"
    - "How to Approach Your Employer for Visa Sponsorship"
        - Español: "Hablar con un Empleador Sobre el Patrocinio de Visa de Trabajo"

Messaging Guidance

- Coalition, "Messaging Guidance to Challenge the Detention, Deportation, and Criminalization of Immigrants"

Mental Health & Wellness

- United We Dream, "Resilience & Community Care Toolkit"

Policy Makers & Policy Options

- Fwd.us, "What Federal, State, and Local Policy Makers Can Do Now to Protect Immigrants"
- Immigration Impact, "Policy Options: Protecting Immigrant Communities at the State and Local Level"
- Local Progress, "Protecting Our Communities and Fighting For Democracy: A Toolkit for Local Elected Officials and Their Communities"

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- Fwd.us, "Mechanics of Mass Deportation and Mass Family Separation"
- Brennan Center for Justice, "Trump's Mass Deportation Plans"
- Just Security, "Deployment of the U.S. Military for Immigration Enforcement: A Primer"

Webinar Recordings

- National Partnership for New Americans (NPNA), "We Got Us: What to Do Now to Protect and Defend Immigrant Communities"
- Define American, "How to Survive the Next 4 Years as an Undocumented American"
- Immigrant Defense Project, "Be Informed: What is ICE, How Do They Operate, and What Are Your Rights During an Encounter with Them?" in English and Español
- The Young Center, "The Road Ahead for Immigrant Families, Children, and Youth"
- Path2Papers:
    - "Employment-Based Immigration Options for DACA Recipients"
    - "Advance Parole and Family-Based Options for DACA Recipients"
- Immigrant Justice Network, "The Highest Law of the Land: The Role of Sheriffs in the Deportation Machine"
- RFK Human Rights, "Defending Human Rights During Trump 2.0: Stopping Deportation Through Emergency Court Litigation Alongside Community Organizing"