

Important Notice: National Media reports Immigration Enforcement Raids could start on Sunday in Chicago.

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According to <u>a Washington Post article</u> published this afternoon, sources inside the government say that Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) plans to initiate immigration enforcement raids targeting undocumented immigrant families. The WP reports that the family operation raids could start as soon as predawn this Sunday and will be focused in ten major US cities, including Chicago. The article does not specify if the focus is exclusively on the City of Chicago or if the focus includes the metropolitan region.

On behalf of the community that we serve and represent, Mano a Mano is committed to sharing information and resources to keep our community safe. Below is an information alert from our trusted partner, the **National Immigrant Justice Center**. The alert includes information about individual's rights when in contact with ICE, regional legal resources, and even what witnesses of enforcement action can do.

Mano a Mano remains committed to being a source of reliable information and resources, as well as providing immigration legal support to immigrant families in Lake and McHenry Counties.

For immigration legal support, please call Mano a Mano at 847-201-1521.

To request a "Know Your Rights Info Session" at your organization or community group, email us.

# ICE Enforcement Actions Expected To Target Chicago Area Starting Sunday From the National Immigrant Justice Center of

<u>Heartland Alliance</u>

Local Immigration Advocates Condemn Trump Administration's Threats and Remind Communities of Steps to Take to Defend their Rights

Chicago immigrant rights advocates and attorneys condemn potential Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) plans to conduct a nationwide immigration enforcement operation starting Sunday. Credible sources have indicated that Chicago is a target for the operation, which is expected to target families and young adults who entered the United States as unaccompanied children.

Advocates from the National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC), Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (ICIRR), and PASO-West Suburban Action Project are sharing the following critical information for families and communities preparing to defend their rights during these actions:

## **Know Your Rights:**

- 1. Create a safety plan in advance:
  - · Identify your emergency contact and memorize their phone number
  - Provide your child's school or day care with the emergency contact name and phone number and provide authorization for the emergency contact to pick up your child
  - Provide authorization for your emergency contact to make medical and legal decisions for your child

- Keep your passport, identity information, proof of physical presence in the U.S. and financial information in a safe location. Make sure your emergency contact can access them
- 2. Obey traffic and criminal laws and carry a valid state ID and/or work permit. Do not carry any false/fraudulent documents that do not correspond to your identity.
- 3. Exercise your rights during an enforcement action:
  - If you are pulled over in a traffic stop: Ask if the officer is from the local police department or ICE.
     Immigration officers often identify themselves as "police," but it is important to know what agency they represent. If they are ICE officers, you do not need to answer any questions or provide any documentation before you speak with a lawyer.
  - If an officer knocks on your door: Do not open the door. Officers must have a warrant signed by a judge
    to enter your home. ICE warrants are not signed by judges.
  - All people have the right to remain silent. You do not have to answer any questions or show any
    documents to an immigration officer. Ask to speak with a lawyer.

### If You Need Support:

- 24-Hour Emergency Support: Call the ICIRR Family Support Hotline at 1-855-HELP-MY-FAMILY (1-855-435-7693). The hotline is available 24 hours a day in English, Spanish, Korean and Polish.
   Volunteers provide legal and social services referrals and basic legal rights information. For additional resources, visit: <a href="https://www.icirr.org/community-resources">https://www.icirr.org/community-resources</a>
- Immigration legal representation:
  - NIJC and the City of Chicago Legal Protection Fund: Chicago residents are eligible for free legal services from NIJC through the City of Chicago Legal Protection Fund. Immigrants outside Chicago also can obtain low-cost legal consultations and representation from NIJC. Call (312) 660-1370 or email nijcild@heartlandalliance.org to make an appointment.
  - Community-Based Legal Clinics: <u>See ICIRR's list of community-based organizations</u> providing immigration legal assistance.
- Community Support: Look for a immigration community-based organization near you.
- STAY TUNED for next steps! Our organizations are committed to protecting immigrant communities and we will keep the community updated.

# If You Are A U.S. Citizen And Witness An ICE Enforcement Action:

- Help document the action and hold ICE accountable. If it is safe to do so, record the action with your phone and contact the Family Support Hotline or local community advocates to let them know what happened.
- Inquire with your local police department about their role in ICE enforcement operations.

#### Social Media Memes from <u>United We Dream</u>

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