

Supporting Immigrant Youth and Families in LA County

This guide provides essential resources for professionals supporting immigrant youth and families, including shareable tools, training opportunities, and self-care strategies. It is designed to empower families, enhance professional practice, and sustain your own wellbeing.

General Resources for Youth & Families

Resources for Providers

Resources for Educators

Taking Care of Yourself

Crisis Resources

Hotlines

- **Crisis Text Hotline:** Text HOME to 741741
- **Report ICE Activity:** Call or Text (415) 715-9990 (PaseLaVoz, free and confidential)
- **Call 211 to speak to someone immediately.**

Immigration Resources & Legal Assistance

➤ State Resources

- **California Department of Justice - Office of Immigrant Assistance:** (800) 952-5225
- **California Department of Social Services (CDSS) - Immigration Services Unit:** (916) 651-8017; email: ImmigrationServices@dss.ca.gov

➤ National & Regional Organizations

- **Agents of Change Civil Rights Advocacy Initiative:** (888) 462-5211
- **CHIRLA (Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights):** (888) 624-4752
- **ACLU Southern California:** Legal intake: (213) 977-5253
Jails project intake: (213) 977-9543
Media inquiries: (213) 977-5252
Main phone line: (213) 977-9500

Free & Low-Cost Legal Assistance

- [California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation \(CRLAF\)](#): (916) 446-7904
- [ILRC - Immigrant Legal Resource Center](#)
- [Law Help CA - Immigration Assistance](#)



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General Resources for Youth & Families

We Have Rights

Short videos demonstrating what to do in different situations, for example if Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE) arrives at the door, is inside the home, approaches on the street, and if one is arrested. This is an empowerment campaign to prepare for and safely defend rights during encounters with ICE.

Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC) Community Resources

A searchable list of available resources that bring clarity to complicated immigration issues. Resources include a wide range of downloadable tools produced for diverse audiences, from experienced advocates to directly impacted community members seeking answers about the complex world of immigration law.

ILRC Know Your Rights Toolkit

A collection of materials created to educate the community and prepare individuals for possible encounters with immigration authorities. This toolkit includes specific information on knowing your own rights, legal resources, family plans, and more.

ILRC Step-By-Step Family Preparedness Plan

A fillable and printable plan that goes into detail about different childcare options available in case of an absent parent, where to find trusted immigration services in your community, and how to prepare to assert your constitutional rights in the presence of an immigration officer. Available in English and Spanish.

Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County (NLSLA)

[Fillable form for Family Preparedness Plan](#)

[Fillable form for Child Information as part of the Family Preparedness Plan](#)

Know Your Rights & Family Preparedness Video (Informed Immigrant)

All immigrants, undocumented and documented, in the U.S. have certain rights under the Constitution. Learn about your rights and how your family can best prepare for an encounter with immigration enforcement by watching this child-narrated explainer video.

Know Your Rights App (Informed Immigrant and NAKASEC)

This Know Your Rights app, from NAKASEC, can read your rights out loud to an ICE or law enforcement agent and send a message to an emergency contact. It also includes other resources, such as the ability to look up a consulate and a sample family preparedness plan. The app is available in 16 languages, primarily Asian languages, and includes Spanish, Haitian Creole, and Russian.

Undocumented Youth Resources (Youth Development Department-City of LA)

Tipsheet for undocumented youth highlighting Los Angeles-specific resources including legal, educational, work, and family resources. Also includes a list of Emergency Hotlines and several educational-specific resources for educators and students (K-12 and higher ed). Available in several languages.

Youth Justice Team (Bay Area Legal Aid)

Tipsheets specifically for youth encountering law enforcement focused on knowing their rights to best protect themselves. Police or ICE often assume young people don't know their rights and try to take advantage of that. This is especially true if you are a black or brown youth, who are more often mistreated by law enforcement.

Tough Topics for Kids: Family Separation (Colorín Colorado)

Books for youth across age-groups that address tough topics like family separation, incarceration, and deportation. Books are a great tool for helping kids make sense of hard realities and open the dialogue around how they may be feeling about their own personal experiences. Some available in different languages.

[**When Children Are Afraid of a Parent's Deportation**](#) (University of Minnesota Institute for Child Development) [**Spanish Version**](#)

As immigration enforcement orders intensify, many children are afraid of being separated from their parents and other loved ones. This document, prepared by child mental health professionals, describes steps that immigrant and refugee families can take to support their children's resilience and healthy relationships during this frightening time. Available in English and Spanish.

[**Navigating ICE Presence in Schools: Essential Information for Families**](#) (KQED)

Article written for families about what they should know about ICE in schools, how to talk to kids about ICE raids, and what kind of information to share. Resources for legal and other supportive immigration related resources are also linked throughout the article.

[**Real or Rumor: How to Verify Online Reports of ICE Raids**](#) (WITNESS Online Resource Library)

Misinformation about ICE raids heightens fear and uncertainty in immigrant communities. Together with United We Dream, WITNESS created this resource to help guide folks to make the content they post easier to verify, as well as help people verify online posts of raids and immigration enforcement activity before pressing the share button. Also available to download in Spanish, Arabic, and French.

[**Eyes on ICE**](#) (WITNESS Online Resource Library)

Online resource collection that covers how to safely, ethically, and effectively film abuses against immigrants from ICE agents, Border Patrol, and others through in-person trainings, tip sheets, case studies, videos, and more.

[**Public Counsel Immigration Resources**](#)

A hub for immigration-focused resources that aim to help individuals, families, service providers, and advocates understand key rights and protections in immigration-related encounters, including language to use, navigating Wellness Checks, and registration requirements for non-citizens. Available in English and Spanish.

[**Together for Wellness: Immigrant Support Resources**](#)

Resource Finder which includes Know Your Rights and Immigrant videos and hotlines. Available in English and Spanish.

[**ACLU - Immigrants' Rights**](#)

A list of constitutional rights, regardless of immigration status, and how to express them.

[**Support Resources for Immigrant Families in L.A. County**](#) (LA Best Babies Network)

A continually updated page of resources for immigrant families in LA County, which includes details on upcoming webinars, citizenship clinics, DACA renewals events, how to access legal services, grocery delivery, and much more.

[**Immigration Enforcements Guide for Students and Families**](#) (LACOE)

[**Spanish Version**](#)

This guide helps prepare families regarding immigration conditions and offers resources throughout LA County.

[**Talking to Your Kids Guide**](#) (Corazón Norte)

[**Spanish Version**](#)

A tipsheet for how to talk kids about family preparedness.

BrightLife Kids (CalHOPE Program)

BrightLife Kids is a CalHOPE program designed to offer coaching and guidance to families living in California with children of the age group 0-12. Their coaching services assist families in communication and problem solving as well as assist kids in managing their feelings.

Soluna (CalHOPE Program)

Soluna is a wellbeing app designed to offer coaching, tools, peer connections, and care navigation for teens and young adults aged 13-25 in California. The app is free and confidential for individuals looking for support related to their wellbeing and mental health.

List of California School-Based Health and Wellness Centers (California School-Based Health Alliance)

This website provides a list of California School-Based Health and Wellness Centers. These centers are student-focused and can offer services such as primary medical care, behavioral health services, or dental care services.

How to help kids cope with ongoing ICE raids, deportations (EdSource)

Spanish version

This Quick Guide notes ways families can prepare and help their kids cope with ICE raids and deportations.

Resources for Providers

Familial Trauma: An Immigration Journey

(UCLA Prevention Center of Excellence)

This training explores the immigration journeys of families and individuals, and seeks to understand the impacts of trauma on immigrant communities, as well as the unique challenges and barriers faced by them. It also outlines best practices to support immigrant populations while recognizing their existing strengths and resiliencies.

Sana Sana Peer Support Referral Form (Maternal Mental Health Now)

Maternal Mental Health NOW has an online, Sana Sana Peer Support Referral Form to be able to refer a pregnant/newly parenting caregiver for immediate support and referrals—this can include families who are impacted by the recent immigration stress.

Supporting Young Children Affected by Family Separation Policies

(Zero to Three)

This resource center is designed for early childhood development professionals working with families affected by deportation, forced separation, or the challenges of mixed-status households. It provides trauma informed guidance, tools, and connections to help professionals support the unique developmental and emotional needs of young children and their caregivers.

Resources Related to Refugee and Immigrant Trauma

(National Child Traumatic Stress Network)

A list of existing NCTSN resources related to traumatic separation, refugee and immigrant trauma, and best practices in trauma informed care for refugee and immigrant children and families. Includes fact sheets, webinars, and resource guides, offering information and suggestions for helping refugee and immigrant children who experience traumatic separation from a caregiver, who are unaccompanied when they cross the border into the United States, or who have experienced violence and trauma in their home countries.

Supporting the Wellbeing of Immigrant Children – Resources for Pediatricians

(American Academy of Pediatrics)

The following resources were compiled to assist pediatricians with supporting the health and wellbeing of immigrant children. These resources address common issues related to: 1) Mental and Emotional Health 2) Talking with Children 3) Immigration Status and Family Separation 4) Community Resources 5) Advocacy

Health Care and U.S. Immigration Enforcement: What Providers Need to Know

(Physicians for Human Rights and National Immigration Center)

This guide, produced by Physicians for Human Rights and the National Immigration Law Center, was developed with extensive input from health care professionals, legal experts, and advocates committed to protecting patient rights.

Everyone Belongs Here

This resource was created and is maintained by a coalition of healthcare providers to support healthcare professionals working with immigrant families. Its goal is to provide an accurate, up to date, and easily navigable source of information on immigration policy, its effects on health, and best practices for those working in healthcare. All resources have been vetted and the list is frequently updated; includes resources for families.

Toolkit: Protecting Immigrant Families Facing Deportation

(Children Thrive Action Network)

This toolkit helps service providers, educators, and community members speak out against immigration enforcement that harms children in immigrant families and helps parents, service providers, educators, and community members protect families at risk of being torn apart by aggressive immigration enforcement.

Guidelines for Child Welfare Agencies to Prepare for Immigration Enforcement
(The Center on Immigration and Child Welfare)

Tips for child welfare agencies preparing for or dealing with immigration enforcement that impacts their clients and communities.

A Toolkit for Organizations Responding to Mass Worksite Immigration Raids
(Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition & National Immigrant Law Center)

An emergency toolkit for responding when ICE conducts a worksite raid.



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[**Supporting Immigrant Students Toolkit**](#) (LA County Office of Education)

Comprehensive toolkit that empowers immigrant students and their families, as well as the school and district staff who serve them, with vital resources and information. This toolkit includes legal assistance, know your rights guidance, emergency planning resources, and support services for students and families.

[**Legal Protections for Immigrant Students: A Guide for Educators**](#) (LA County Office of Education)

A guide for educators on protections for immigrant students, the responsibilities of schools, and how to support students in stressful times.

[**Immigrant Students and Schools**](#) (National Immigration Law Center)

This resource, created in partnership with the American Federation of Teachers, United We Dream, and the Center for Law and Social Policy, provides guidance for educators to help families prepare for a potential immigration raid, including steps like identifying local nonprofits offering legal support, obtaining a "Know Your Rights" card, and creating a family emergency plan. Includes a helpful tip sheet for educators: "15 Things educators, school support staff, and communities can do to help protect undocumented students and their families."

[**How to Support Immigrant Students and Families: Strategies for Schools and Early Childhood Programs**](#) (Colorín Colorado)

This website provides resources for families and educators including: "10 strategies for supporting Immigrant students and families," "Mental Health Support for Immigrants," "How Schools can Partner with Immigrant Families," and "Supporting Young Children in Immigrant Families."

[**Communication Principles for Supporting Undocumented Students and Mixed Status Families**](#) (Immigrants Rising)

Communication Principles for Supporting Undocumented Students and Mixed Status Families is a resource designed to help higher education practitioners refine their language and communication strategies. This guidance was created so educators can clearly communicate information, policies, and available options while acknowledging each student's unique circumstances and educational aspirations.

Taking Care of Yourself

[Taking Care of You](#) (UCLA Prevention Center of Excellence)

It is important to make time to support your own wellbeing. Use this printable to identify the activities that will allow you to be more resilient and present in day-to-day activities.

[Compassion Fatigue and Self-Care](#) (UCLA Prevention Center of Excellence)

A printable tool offering some ways to practice self-care, even if you only have a few minutes.

[Taking Care of Yourself During Crisis](#) (UCLA Prevention Center of Excellence)

A tip sheet to help identify common signs of stress and practical strategies to take care of your own wellbeing while providing assistance to others during crises.

[Toolkit for Immigration and Human Rights Advocates](#) (Corazón Norte)

A guide for immigration and human rights advocates as they navigate changes.

[The California Surgeon General's Playbook for Stress](#) (Office of the California Surgeon General)

This guide reviews strategies and tips to manage stress.

[Caring for Ourselves and Each Other: Support for Educators Impacted by Recent Immigration Deportation Activity and Community Unrest](#)

(LA County Office of Education)

A resource for school-based employees reviewing common stress responses, secondary trauma, and coping skills for those directly and indirectly impacted by ICE raids.

[Guided Meditations](#) (UCLA Mindful)

Free guided meditations for folks in various languages, including English, Spanish, Tagalog, and more.

[Guided Audio and Video Practices](#) (UC San Diego Center for Mindfulness)

A range of guided audio and video practices for folks. Included in this catalog are meditations in English and Spanish for adults, teens, and kids.

[Somatic Series: Widening Our Window of Tolerance](#)

(UCLA Prevention Center of Excellence)

This video series provides an overview of the Window of Tolerance and accessible, experiential body-based mindfulness practices to support yourself or those in your communities.

[A Guided Meditation for Anxiety](#) (Psych Hub)

Take a quick break with our 10-minute guided meditation to help calm anxiety, taught by Psych Hub's clinical manager, Emily St. Amant, LPC-MHSP.

[A Guided Meditation Exercise for Relaxation During Times of Stress](#) (Psych Hub)

Take a stress-reduction break with our short meditation for stress relief. Guided meditation is a stress reduction technique that can be done anywhere.