

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
- Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles: (800) 399-4529
- Services, Immigrant Rights, and Education Network (SIREN): (408) 453-3003



For more resources visit
wellbeing4la.org/immigration



UCLA

Public Partnership for Wellbeing

General Resources for Youth & Families

We Have Rights

Short videos demonstrating what to do in different situations, for example, if Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) arrives at the door, is inside the home, approaches on the street, or if one is arrested.

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.

While Creating a Family Plan (Corazón Norte)

Corazón Norte has developed a tipsheet for considerations when creating a Family Preparedness Plan

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.

Los Angeles Councilwoman Heather Hutt, 10th District

The office of Councilwoman Heather Hutt provides various immigration resources from hotlines, legal services, legal clinics, and rapid response numbers.

The Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA)

CHIRLA's website provides information on how to know your rights and avoid detention. It provides tips on how to stay safe as well as information that the entire family should have with them, including documents that may be important to prepare in case of an emergency.

The American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO)

AFL-CIO provides resources to help union members know their rights and ensure they are prepared to defend themselves and the immigrant members of their families and communities in the event of workplace or community raids.

Informed Immigrant

Informed Immigrant provides information and resources on various topics such as new immigration registration, how to find an immigration lawyer, your rights, DACA Renewals, and much more.

Immigrants are Los Angeles

Immigrants are Los Angeles helps with navigating the vast array of available resources on immigrant rights and created this centralized Resources Hub.

We Are One L.A. Unified - Resources (LAUSD)

LAUSD provides families with a digital library of various webinars concerning their legal rights, preparation for uncertain times, and other immigration related resources.

Los Angeles Regional Food Bank - Find a Local Food Pantry

The Los Angeles Regional Food Bank provides individuals with a "Pantry Locator" on their website. Through this website, individuals can enter their address to find a local food pantry in their area.

YMCA FeedLA - Distribution Locations and Schedule

The YMCA of Metropolitan Los Angeles hosts the FeedLA Program, a resource open to anyone in need. FeedLA provides home grocery deliveries, hot to-go meals, and more at no cost. A list of their distribution locations, dates, and times may be found on this website.

National Alliance on Mental Health (NAMI) – Family Support Groups

The National Alliance on Mental Health (NAMI) hosts peer-led support groups for individuals and their families facing mental health challenges. To find a NAMI Family Support Group near you, please visit this website.

Resource Programs (Dream Center)

The Dream Center is a resource center dedicated to support individuals facing hunger, homelessness, and more. The Center hosts Resource Programs to provide education, meals, fitness to communities.

Food Programs (Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation)

The Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation offers food programs for youth, teens, and seniors. Their food programs provide free meals, snacks, and nutrition programs at multiple parks throughout the county.

World Harvest

World Harvest Charities and Family Services is an organization providing food and services to individuals facing food insecurity in Los Angeles County. Some of their programs include community grocery distribution and food voucher programs.

Asian Americans Advancing Justice

Asian Americans Advancing Justice Southern California is dedicated to support Asian American and Pacific Islander communities in need. Through their Immigration webpage, they offer immigration resources such as Know Your Rights and Immigration Relief Eligibility Screenings in languages such as Chinese, Korean, Tagalog, and more.

CARECEN (Central American Resource Center)

The Central American Resource Center of Los Angeles provides low-cost immigration legal services, immigration integration programs, and advocacy for immigrant communities.

Immigrant Legal Services (Los Angeles LGBT Center)

The Los Angeles LGBT Center leads an Immigration Law Project dedicated to provide legal services and holistic support to members of the LGBTQ+ community. Legal services are available at multiple centers in Los Angeles.

Immigration Center for Women and Children (ICWC)

The Immigration Center for Women and Children provides Social Worker Services for individuals ranging in a number of areas, including socio-emotional support, referrals, and case management.

Immigration Services (Catholic Charities of Los Angeles)

The Catholic Charities of Los Angeles offers legal services to individuals including adjustment of status applications, naturalization services, DACA applications, and more.

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

LA Best Babies Network has developed a resource page for providers to share with the families they meet with. Resources for a variety of needs such as mental health support and legal assistance, may be found here.

Find help: Immigrant Family Resources (First 5 California)

First 5 in California has created a resource page for immigrant families to connect with various organizations and directories to assist with legal and social concerns.

[Understanding mental health: a guide for immigrants \(USA Hello\)](#)

Created by USAHello, this guide introduces mental health definitions and terms for immigrants to understand what they may be feeling.

[ACLU](#)

This video provides tips and information for what to do if you are stopped by immigrant agents or the police.

[Immigration Resources \(The City of Long Beach\)](#)

The City of Long Beach has created a resource page for immigrant communities. This page allows individuals to access community organizations in the area as well as the Long Beach Justice Fund, dedicated to support legal representation for immigrants.

[Reform Immigration for America](#)

Reform Immigration for America is a national grassroots campaign site focused on mobilizing people across the U.S. to support comprehensive immigration reform, defend immigrant communities, and take coordinated political action. It encourages visitors to join advocacy efforts, attend events, contact elected officials, and participate in campaigns that push for fair and humane immigration policies.

[National Immigrant Justice Center \(NIJC\)](#)

The National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC) website is a hub for immigrant rights, offering legal services, advocacy updates, and resources that help protect immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers across the United States. It highlights ways to get legal help, stay informed about policy changes, and support efforts to defend immigrant communities.

[Resources \(National Immigration Law Center\)](#)

The NILC Resources page is a centralized library of expert-curated guides, FAQs, policy briefs, and rapid-response explainers that help immigrants, advocates, and service providers understand current laws, rights, and policy changes affecting immigrant communities. It includes up-to-date analyses on issues like ICE enforcement, public benefits, tax privacy, visa bans, and federal policy proposals.

[Los Angeles County Office of Immigrant Affairs Resources](#)

The Los Angeles County Office of Immigrant Affairs hosts a range of services and resources to support immigrant communities. They have a "Calendar of Events" with various topics, including immigration workshops and resource webinars for individuals to join.

[Emotional Well-Being Family Resources \(Sesame Workshop\)](#)

Sesame Workshop has developed a resource topic page for children's emotional wellbeing. This page offers multiple videos and exercises for children to receive care and comfort.

[Legal Services \(El Rescate\)](#)

"El Rescate is an organization located in Los Angeles that offers legal services to individuals from immigrant communities. They offer services at a fraction of the cost other private practices have.

[Teen Line \(Didi Hirsch\)](#)

"Didi Hirsch has developed a teen line for teenagers to receive support and resources. Operated by teen listeners, individuals can connect via phone, text, or email at no cost and have conversations that are almost all private and anonymous.

[American Immigration Council](#)

The American Immigration Council website offers a range of articles covering immigration topics, including the legal system, immigration reform, immigration relief, and benefits. Individuals seeking pro bono services can also visit the website for information.

The Children's Partnership

The Children's Partnership has created an "Immigrant Health fact sheet" that includes up-to-date information (as of April 2026) on health and social service options for undocumented and mixed-status families in California.

Upcoming Events (Young Center for Immigrants Children's Rights)

The Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights hosts on an ongoing webinar series to inform the public about immigration policies and actions critical to children and their families. This page features upcoming events alongside past webinar recordings.

Toolkit: Lost in the U.S. immigration detention system (Freedom for Immigrants) **Spanish Version**

A Detention Mapping Project to highlight detention sites operated by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Through this project, they developed a toolkit for advocates, friends, and families of individuals who may be in the immigration detention system. Through this resource, folks can learn more about the various scenarios where an individual can interact with ICE.

General Immigration Legal Services (UFW Foundation)

Individuals can access immigration legal services related to DACA and family petitions on the UFW website.

Getting Your Kids the Benefits They Need: A Guide for Immigrant Families (Protecting Immigrant Families)

Protecting Immigrant Families developed a one page handout providing guidance for families who are seeking benefits for their children in the United States. Created for mixed-status families, individuals can seek benefits for food, housing, and health care with these considerations.

KIND (Kids In Need of Defense)

Kids In Need of Defense (KIND) is an organization that provides services to children who may be unaccompanied or separated. Legal and psychosocial supports are offered both in the United States and other countries.

Early Edge

Resources to support children and families navigating immigration enforcement.

Know Your Immigration Rights (California Attorney General)

This handout from the California Department of Justice - Office of the Attorney General offers individuals knowledge on their immigration rights and protections under the law.

Talking to Kids About Immigration Enforcement in Their Communities (Children's Hospital Los Angeles) **Spanish Version**

Caitlin Kryl writes a blog post on ways caregivers can talk to their children about immigration enforcement and policies. With expert advice from Dr. Natalie Cruz, they share tips for how to communicate and understand what children may be feeling.

El Centro de Ayuda

"El Centro de Ayuda is a program located in Boyle Heights that offers support services to community members in a number of ways. Their program services include support groups and counseling, employment services, and other referrals to county providers.

Staying Whole & United: A Love Letter and Support Guide for Families Navigating Harmful Immigration Raids and Policies ([Children Thrive Action Network](#)) [Spanish Version](#)

This guide represents a love letter and resource for families who are navigating challenges as a result of immigration policies and changes. Designed to be interactive and informative, this guide offers reflection tools, education, and external resources to connect to.

Preserving Parental Rights in the Face of Deportation: What to Know About the New Detained Parent Directive ([The Center of Law and Social Policy \(CLASP\)](#))

This blog post, written by Wendy Cervantes, shares critical information on the new Detained Parent Directive that was updated by ICE in 2025.

Coping with Immigration & the Family ([Cal Parents](#))

Cal Parents has created a tipsheet in both English and Spanish with guidance for parents and families to help their children understand and cope with immigration policy enforcements. This short guide offers suggestions and resources for preparedness.

Detained or Deported: What About My Children? ([Women's Refugee Commission](#))

The Women's Refugee Commission has created a toolkit for immigrant caregivers to learn what they can do to protect and stay connected with their children amidst immigration policies. This downloadable resource provides guidance on parental rights, care arrangements, and child welfare agencies.

U.S. Citizen Kids and ICE Check-Ins: How to Prepare ([National Immigration Project](#))

Created by the National Immigration Project, this handout serves as a community explainer on how people can prepare for ICE check-ins with their U.S. citizen children. This handout provides guidance on what to make note of if you do or do not want your child to be deported with you.

Mental Health & Political Stress: Know Your Rights ([Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County](#)) [Spanish Version](#)

The Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County created a video to talk about ways to cope with stress and fear induced by political stress. Presented by a social worker, it reviews what political stress is and how individuals can prioritize their mental health.

Baila Network

Benefits Access for Immigrants Los Angeles, otherwise known as Baila Network, is a program that supports immigrant families in the county. Baila Network helps immigrant communities access public benefits and resources with the help of benefit enrollers, legal service providers, and community outreach workers.

The 4 A's of Immigrant Justice ([Immigration Resource Center of San Gabriel Valley](#))

The Immigration Resource Center of San Gabriel Valley has created a flyer to highlight resources and services people can advocate for when supporting immigrant communities. They call this the 4 A's of Service: Activism, Advocacy, Accompaniment, and Acts of Kindness.

Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services

The Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services has created a web page for families to learn more about their services to immigrant children. Their programs include the Special Immigrant Status Unit, the Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, and more.

Featured Fugees Resources (Fugees Family)

Fugees Family has created a resource page for immigrant families. Featured resources include a family immigration resource toolkit and handouts for school scripts and family communication.

Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project

The Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project is a public interest organization that is immigrant-focused. Among their resources, they offer community education, direct representation, and pro bono programs.

Legal Counsel for Youth and Children

The Legal Counsel for Youth and Children has created a resource page for immigrant youth and their families. Communities can access immigrant safety plans in both English and Spanish as well as additional resources and videos.

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.

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 & 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)

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.

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.

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.

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.

United We Dream

A one-stop hub for resources on DACA and all things immigration.

Talking Trauma With Young Children (Zero to Three)

Zero to Three's webinar titled, Talking Trauma with Young Children, presents a conversation between Dr. Renee Boynton-Jarrett, MD and Dr. Chandra Ghosh Ippen, PhD on how individuals can have conversations with young children to support their wellbeing.

Talking with Clients Expressing Fear and Distress Related to Potential Immigration Enforcement Actions (The Center for Adjustment Resilience and Recovery [CARRE])

This guide created by The Center for Adjustment Resilience and Recovery (CARRE), offers support and suggestions for providers when interacting with clients who may be facing fear and distress related to potential immigration enforcement actions.

Health Care Providers and Immigration Enforcement: Know Your Rights, Know Your Patients' Rights (National Immigration Law Center)

This guide created by the National Immigration Law Center notes the rights health care providers and their patients have regarding immigration enforcement.

Welcoming and Protecting Immigrants in Healthcare Settings (Doctors for Immigrants)

This toolkit developed by Doctors for Immigrants highlights how healthcare workers can welcome and protect immigrants. Using findings from a multi-state study, the guide highlights how change can be implemented in healthcare settings.

Immigration Advocacy Toolkit (Society for Academic Emergency Medicine)

"Developed by the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine, this toolkit provides guidance for emergency department clinicians, workers, and teams to support and advocate for immigrants seeking care.

Supporting Immigrant Clients (Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health)

The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health offers tips and resources to care for yourself after ICE encounters.

Mental Health of Newcomer Children and Adolescents: Pediatric Mental Health Minute Series (American Academy of Pediatrics)

This video demonstrates key approaches pediatricians and providers can take when providing care to newcomer children and adolescents.

Resources for Immigrant and Migrant Families (Association for Child and Adolescent Counseling)

This website by the Association for Child and Adolescent Counseling, provides information for counselors to support families, children, and clients facing deportation.

Resources for New Asylees and Service Providers (City and County of San Francisco)

This page highlights resources for individuals who have recently been granted asylum by the United States federal government including health access, support programs, and legal resources.

National Immigration Legal Services Directory (Immigration Advocates Network)

This website provides a directory for individuals to search for free or low-cost immigration legal services by state, county, or detention facility.

Resources (Right to Be)

Right to Be offers resources for individuals looking to support themselves or others through various situations. Resources include guides for resilience and bystander intervention trainings to support immigrant communities.

Resources for Providers to Prepare for ICE Presence at Health Care Facilities (Physicians for Reproductive Health (PRH))

Physicians for Reproductive Health has created a resource page for providers to prepare for ICE activity in health care facilities. This site includes printable resources and materials that can be shared with communities, such as signs designating private health care areas.

Healthy Harbors Addressing Health Consequences of Immigration Policies (California Academy of Family Physicians (CAFP))

The California Academy of Family Physicians has created a guide for family physicians, clinics, and health care teams who may work with immigrants communities. This guide covers policies, resource, and strategies to protect and support immigrant patient health and privacy.

Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC) Special Considerations for LGBTQ Immigrants

This handout from the Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC) provides a clear overview of the unique immigration issues LGBTQ immigrants may face and outlines available legal protections, safety planning tips, and resources for support. It explains rights under U.S. immigration law, options for victims of crime or persecution, and practical steps to prepare for interactions with immigration authorities.

Unidos US

UnidosUS is the largest Latino civil-rights and advocacy organization in the United States, focused on advancing economic mobility, immigrant rights, education equity, and political representation for Latino communities. It combines research, national advocacy, and a network of nearly 300 community-based affiliates to address the social, economic, and political barriers affecting Latinos.

Mexican American Legal Defense Fund (MALDEF)

MALDEF (the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund) is a national civil-rights organization that uses litigation, policy advocacy, and community education to protect and advance the rights of Latinos in the United States. It focuses on issues such as immigrant rights, voting rights, education equity, and employment discrimination.

Supporting Your Child in Times of Uncertainty: Immigrant Caregiver Resource for Early Childhood (3–10 Years)

The handout is designed to help immigrant parents support children ages 3–10 during times of stress and uncertainty. It explains common emotional and behavioral reactions children may have and offers practical, age-appropriate strategies caregivers can use to support both their child's wellbeing and their own.

Supporting Children After a Parent's Deportation or Detention (Minnesota Association for Children's Mental Health)

The Minnesota Association for Children's Mental Health provides a clear, supportive overview of how to help children cope when a parent is detained or deported. It explains common emotional and behavioral reactions, offers practical guidance for caregivers, and links to multilingual resources created by child-development experts.

AACAP Resource Library on Children, Families & Immigration (American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry)

The American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry has developed a resource library for clinicians to access materials and resources related to children, families, and immigration.

Protecting Mothers and Babies: Advocating for Families Amid Immigration Enforcement (Start Early)

Start Early has developed a webinar series for champions and changemakers. In this webinar, the topic of protecting mothers and babies is discussed. Presenters share ways to advocate for families amidst immigration policies.

Empowering Head Start Communities to Support Immigrant Families (Start Early)

Start Early has developed a webinar series for champions and changemakers. In this webinar, Start Early discusses ways to empower their communities to support immigrant families.

Traumatic Experiences (Sesame Workshop)

Sesame Workshop has developed a resource topic page for traumatic experiences. This page offers multiple videos and exercises for caregivers to help children through experiences such as these.

The 2025 ICE Detained Parents Directive: Practice Advisory for Child Welfare Agency Administrators & Practitioners (The Center on Immigration and Child Welfare Initiative)

The Center on Immigration and Child Welfare Initiative has developed a guide for individuals to understand the shift in the ICE Detained Parents directive that was revised in 2025. This resource highlights key changes and best practices when considering ICE protocol and the arrest, detention, and removal of people.

Children's Institute Resource Guide [Spanish Version](#)

Children's Institute's We Are One initiative provides safety-planning tools, family preparedness resources, and mental-health support to help immigrant families stay informed, protected, and connected during times of fear or uncertainty.

U.S. Committee For Refugees and Immigrants

USCRI's Children's Services program supports unaccompanied migrant children with home studies, post-release services, and case management, connecting them to legal, medical, mental-health, and school resources so they can stay safe and thrive in their new communities.

ICE Raid Guidance for Homeless Service Providers: What to do Before, During, and After a Raid (National Homelessness Law Center)

The National Homelessness Law Center has developed a guide for homeless service providers amidst the rise of ICE raids. This guide offers steps for how homeless shelters and their staff and providers can protect their clients when an ICE raid takes place.

Supporting Immigrant Communities: A Preparedness & Response Guide for Shelter Providers (Unseen)

"Developed to support immigrant communities and their providers, Unseen has created a 56-page guide titled ""Supporting Immigrant Communities: A Preparedness & Response Guide for Shelter Providers"". This guide offers homeless service providers tools and information as they work with individuals who may be facing challenges with immigration policy changes.

Immigration Resources (SEIU- United Healthcare Workers West)

The Service Employees International Union-United Healthcare Workers West (SEIU-UHW) has created a resource page with immigration-related supports including community resource guides in English and Spanish.

Resources for California's Immigrant Communities (State of California Department of Justice)

The California Office of the Attorney General has a dedicated webpage with resources and guidance to individual rights and protections under immigration laws and policy enforcements.

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)

Communications 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.

Mental Health Connector for Students in California (Immigrants Rising)

The Mental Health Connector, developed by Immigrant Rising, connects undocumented students in California to confidential therapy services at no cost.

Resources for Educators (UTLA: United Teachers Los Angeles)

The United Teachers of Los Angeles (UTLA) has developed resources for educators to support and create safe environments for students.

Supporting Immigrant Educators, Students, and Families (California Teachers Association)

The California Teachers Association has created an information page with resources for educators to remain informed on how to support immigrant students and communities. Resources include Safe Space posters and a guidance booklet.

Immigration Resources for Educators and School Support Staff (American Federation of Teachers: Education Healthcare Public Services)

The American Federation of Teachers has developed resources for educators and school support staff including but not limited to guides, toolkits, and FAQs. These resources are available in multiple languages.

Resources to Include Immigrant Families (California Department of Education)

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Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE)- Immigrant Relations & Services

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

Supporting Immigrant Families and Students (ED Justice)

The National Education Association has created a toolkit for individuals to support immigrant communities. Their website provides resources, guidance, and articles for how to create a safe school environment for students.

Immigrant and Refugee Children: A Guide for Educators and School Support Staff (National Immigration Law Center (NILC))

The National Immigration Law Center has collaborated with various organizations to create a guide for educators and school support staff on how to best support immigrant and refugee children.

10 Strategies for How Schools Should Respond to Help Children Impacted by ICE Raids (Intercultural Development Research Association)

The Intercultural Development Research Association has created a list of strategies for schools and staff to support students who may be impacted by immigration raids.

Intercultural Development Research Association (IDRA)

This resource page from the Intercultural Development Research Association provides a clear, practical collection of tools to help educators create safe, welcoming, and legally compliant school environments for immigrant and undocumented students. It includes guidance on students' rights, responses to immigration enforcement, anti-bullying strategies, and multilingual materials that support both families and school staff.

Immigration Help (Child Development - Pomona Unified School District)

The Pomona Unified School District has created a resource page for individuals to access immigration help. This website features contact information local to Pomona and larger California referral resources.

Immigrant Connections

Immigrant Connections has developed a resource page featuring tools and free recorded webinars covering a range of immigration topics including supporting immigrant students and engaging families.

Stand Up, Sit In, Speak Out Lesson Plan | Arthur (PBS Learning Media)

PBS Learning Media has developed a lesson plan for educators to implement with students in grades K-2. This lesson focuses on "Stand Up, Sit In, Speak Out" with Arthur and walks students through how activism and movements shape society.

Immigration 101 (PBS Learning Media)

PBS Learning Media has developed a collection of videos for educators to inform their students on the role of immigration in the United States. Created for students in grades 9-12 and in both English and Spanish, various topics such as the history of immigration and policies are introduced.

Creating Safe Spaces- Protecting Child Care Programs Amid Immigration Enforcement (Start Early)

Start Early has developed a webinar series for champions and changemakers. In this webinar, they review ways to protect child care programs amid immigration enforcement and how to create safe spaces for children and their families.

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Resources to Support Immigrant and Migrant Students Experiencing Homelessness (SchoolHouse Connection)

SchoolHouse Connection has created a resource page for immigrant and migrant students who may be experiencing homelessness. This page provides tips and guidance for individuals to support immigrant and migrant communities.

The Immigrant Learning Center (SchoolHouse Connection)

The Immigrant Learning Center is dedicated to providing education and research that empowers immigrants. Their teacher resource page offers programs, webinars, and guides for how teachers and educators can support and educate individuals on immigration topics.

[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) [Spanish Version](#)

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.

[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.

[Wellness Support Groups for Students](#) (Immigrants Rising)

Immigrants Rising's Wellness Support Groups help undocumented people stay grounded and connected with the community.

[Resilience & Community Care Toolkit – A Toolkit for Immigrant Justice Leaders](#) (United We Dream)

This downloadable toolkit offers immigrant justice leaders practical tools to sustain healing, resilience, and community care. It includes guidance for leading collective healing circles, mindful breathing practices, and holistic techniques for emotional and spiritual replenishment. Rooted in Indigenous and decolonial wisdom, the toolkit centers radical self-care and mutual support as essential elements of organizing for liberation. It also provides extensive mental health and wellness resources for undocumented communities and allies.

Undocu-Immigrant Mental Health Grounding and Reflection Toolkit (Immigrants Rising)

This toolkit from Immigrants Rising offers simple, practical strategies to help undocumented individuals reduce stress and anxiety. It includes mindfulness and grounding exercises, breathing techniques, and journaling prompts to promote calm and self-awareness. The resource also guides users in identifying triggers, seeking support, and connecting with wellness and mental health services available to undocumented young people.

Emotional Wellness Workbook for Youth (American Bar Association- Children's Immigration Law Academy [CILA])

This workbook, created by the Children's Immigration Law Academy (CILA), was developed to share self-care practices, strategies, and tools for youth. It covers topics ranging from coping, intrusive thoughts, boundaries, and more.

Immigration and Your Mental Health: Managing Stress and Anxiety (James Immigration Law)

James Immigration Law shares tips for understanding and easing the stress and emotional impact of immigration.

Caring for Ourselves in Stressful Times (Los Angeles County Office of Education [LACOE])

The Los Angeles County Office of Education has created a worksheet for how to care for ourselves in stressful times, including grounding techniques and a daily self-care plan.

Tips For Taking Care of Yourself During Stressful Times (Northern Illinois University Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning)

A list of tips for wellbeing during times of uncertainty or stress.

I'm stressed about current events. How can I practice self-care during uncertain times? (NAMI)

A handout of tips to help practice self-care during uncertain times.

Caring for yourself in times of crisis: Strategies for well-being (ACPA- College Student Educator Internation)

College Student Educators International shares an article on how to take care of yourself during in times of crisis.

Surviving Tough Times by Building Resilience (HelpGuide.org)

Helpguide.org has created an article on how to build resilience during times of stress and crisis.

Taking Time for Yourself (Mental Health America (MHA))

Mental Health America shares some tips on taking time to care for yourself.

American Psychological Association - 10 tips for dealing with the stress of uncertainty

The American Psychological Association has created a list of 10 tips to manage with the stress of uncertainty. This list includes a resource for individuals to locate a psychologist in their area.

University of Pennsylvania - Wellness: Managing Stress in Uncertain Times

The University of Pennsylvania has created Wellness at Penn, a website with resources for students to manage their wellbeing. Under this site, they have a page dedicated to manage stress in uncertain times, including tips, articles, and immediate hotlines.

[How to Practice Self-Care and Support Others During Stressful Times](#) (Brown Health University)

This Brown Health article explains practical, research-based ways to care for yourself and support others during periods of high stress, using principles from Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT). It highlights how to manage difficult emotions, practice self-compassion, maintain healthy routines, and strengthen supportive relationships.

[Take care of yourself under stress](#) (University of Minnesota Extension)

The University of Minnesota offers tips for individuals to take care of themselves under stress.

[Stress relievers: Tips to tame stress](#) (Mayo Clinic)

Mayo Clinic has developed an article noting tips for relieving stress in busy times.

[Managing Stress](#) (U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention)

The U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention has created an article detailing ways we can manage stress in every day life along with additional resources for support.

[Managing Stress and Building Resilience](#) (MIND)

Mind shares an article for how to manage stress and build resilience during times of pressure. Individuals can learn tips and ways to find support from this page.

[Staying calm in turbulent times](#) (Harvard Health Publishing)

Harvard Health Publishing, under the Harvard Medical School, shares an article for how to stay calm during turbulent times. The article provides guidance between recognizing everyday anxiety and anxiety disorders as well as ways to activate the relaxation response.

[Modern Military Association of America](#) (Mindful Self-Care in Politically Stressful Times)

The Modern Military Association of America offers guidance on managing election-related stress, encouraging mindfulness, limited media exposure, and grounding techniques to help people stay balanced during politically tense times.

[Michigan Medicine: University of Michigan](#) (5 ways to manage politically induced stress)

Michigan Medicine outlines five ways to manage politically induced stress, including limiting news intake, practicing mindfulness, staying connected to supportive people, focusing on controllable actions, and using grounding techniques to stay calm during tense political moments.

[Take Space to Pause](#)

Take Space to Pause is an initiative under the California Department of Public Health that helps individuals note and manage their stress. Their website provides personalized "pause plans" and other resources to support your mental health.

[Mirror](#)

Mirror is a no-cost journaling application that lets individuals write, film, or record their own entries. It is safe, secure, and private app that features journaling prompts, guided exercises,, reflection patterns, and links to local helplines and resources.

[Self-Care in an Interprofessional Setting Providing Services to Detained Immigrants with Serious Mental Health Conditions](#) (Cartwright, Hope, and Pleasants, 2019)

This journal article, featured in the Social Work, shares insights and applications for how self-care can be incorporated in interprofessional settings for social workers and lawyers as they work with communities in the field.

[The Importance of Self-Care for Immigrant Advocates](#) (Social Work Today)

Susan Schmidt shares tips and knowledge on the importance of self-care for immigrant advocates in this news article featured in Social Work Today.