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# STANDING WITH FAMILIES, DEFENDING IMMIGRANT RIGHTS

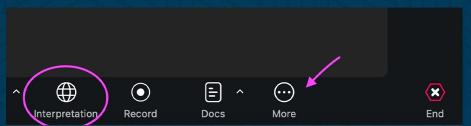
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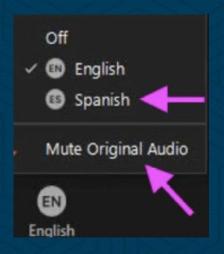
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# Enhancing Communication and Having Important Conversations

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### Talking to Children About difficult topics

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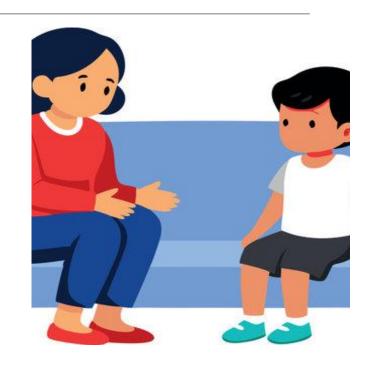
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**A**nswer Questions

Routines

**E**motion Coaching

**D**o It Again



### Probe Gently

- Ask what the child knows
- Start with a generic question or statement:

"What have you heard about immigration/deportation/ICE?"

"Many kids feel sad or scared about the ICE raids."

 Find out what the child heard and what he/she thinks



### <u>R</u>eassure

Think about what the child might really be asking

Often they are wanting to know if they or loved ones are going to be okay

Restore a sense of safety

Describe the ways in which parents and other caring adults are keeping the child safe every day (e.g. wearing seat belts, looking both ways to cross the road)

Explain specific ways adults are keeping selves and child safe (e.g. carrying important documents, emergency phone numbers, family plan in case of emergency, etc.)



### **E**xplain

Address misinformation

Identify inaccurate information

Share where there has been a misunderstanding

Explain clearly and in simple words what happened

Praise them for coming to you and sharing/asking



# Provide Developmentally Appropriate Responses

Does the child have magical thinking?

Do you need to be concrete in the information you provide?

Are there key words the child will understand?

Are there metaphors or stories that might help?

Avoid using euphemisms that may be confusing



### Answer Questions



- Consider cognitive understanding
- Answer one step at a time
- Pause
- Continue to answer questions until there are no more questions or comments

### <u>R</u>outines



- Routines help establish a sense of normalcy and promote predictability.
- Maintain as many routines as possible.
- Keep a schedule, while also being flexible.
- Encourage and practice good sleep hygiene.

### **Emotion Coaching**

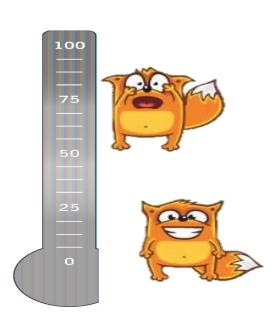
Healthy emotional communication is seen in resilient families

Parents should display and express wide range of emotions

Model parental coping

Describe child coping strategies

Avoid telling a child that they "shouldn't feel xx"



### Do It Again!

Leave the door open for additional discussions by checking in often

Children will grow, develop, and learn new information over time, which can lead to new questions

Answer questions until there are no more

Invite children to talk again whenever they'd like



### **Key Points**

- Stress reactions are normal following community tragedy and distressing events
- As much as possible, focus on safety
- Parents and other supportive caregivers can buffer the impact
- Open the lines of communication; let kids know that they can talk to you



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AB 699 Toolkit

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# PROGRAMS & RESOURCES FOR IMMIGRANTS AND THEIR FAMILIES





### **Agenda**

- **About the Office of Immigrant Affairs**
- II. Protections and Resources for Immigrants



### **What OIA Does:**

- Outreach & Engagement
- Partner Capacity Building
- Supporting County Departments
- Immigration Legal Services
- Language Access
- Case Management
- Immigration Fraud Protection





#### **Resources Hub**

- Know Your Rights Events Calendar
- Presentation Request Form
- Multilingual Resource Materials
- Immigrants.lacounty.gov/kyr

#### **Contact OIA:**

- **Phone:** (800) 593-8222
- Email: immigrants@dcba.lacounty.gov
- Online: oia.lacounty.gov





## AS AN IMMIGRANT, YOU HAVE RIGHTS!

Speak with a counselor and get referrals:

- 320 W. Temple St., Room G10 Los Angeles, CA 90012
- 800-593-8222
- OIA.LACOUNTY.GOV/KYR



#### **Support Services**

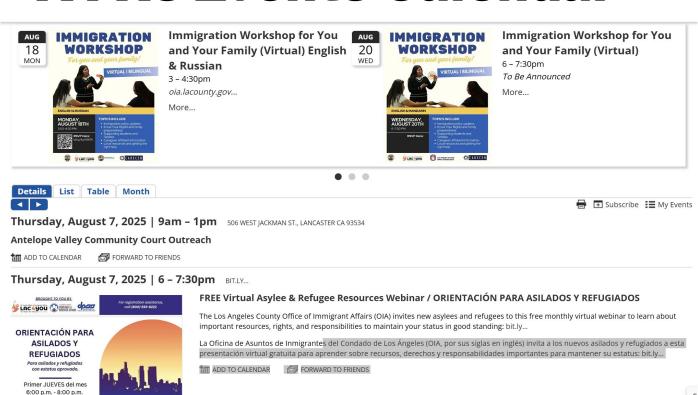
- "Know Your Rights"
   Workshops Near You
- Mental and Emotional Health Services
- Legal Services
- Immigration Fraud
- Worker Protections

#### Protect Yourself & Your Family

- "Red Card" for Immigration Agents
- Family Plans for Detention or Deportation
- Get and Secure Important Documents



### **KYRs Events Calendar**





### **Immigration Services Fraud**

- Who: Immigration consultants, notaries publicos, paralegals
- What: Harm people status, charge high fees
- Help: Investigation, linkage to legal and support services
- Red Flags:
  - "Guarantee" results
  - Know "inside" people, "special" laws
  - Ask people to lie on forms
  - Leave no paper trail
  - Request payment in cash only
  - Charge for "special" fees, services
  - Keep original documents
  - "Highjack" the case process





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### Family Preparedness Plan

## Plan de preparación para la familia





This information is provided for general purposes only and does not constitute legal advice.

¡IMPORTANTE!

Esta información es de carácter general y no constituye asesoramiento legal.

### Concern About the Current Administration

### Preocupación ante la actual administración



#### Protecting Your Children

#### Protegiendo Sus Hijos

- Maintain Family
   Communication
- Have an action plan

- Mantener comunicación entre familia
- Tener un plan de acción



#### Be Prepared

- Keep a folder with all important documents:
  - Birth certificates of your children
  - Social Security cards of your children
  - Passports of your children
  - Copies of the children's health insurance cards
  - Vaccination records of your children
  - List of medications your children takes
  - o Caregiver's Affidavit of Authorization
  - o Form GC-211; Conditional Nomination
  - A numbers of parents if they are known
  - List of emergency contacts

### Esté preparado

- Mantenga una carpeta con todos los documentos importantes:
  - Actas de nacimiento de sus hijos
  - Cartillas del seguro social de sus hijos
  - o Pasaportes de sus hijos
  - Copias de las tarjetas de seguro médico de los niños
  - o Cartillas de vacunas de sus hijos
  - Lista de medicamentos que tomen sus hijos
  - Declaración Jurada de Autorización del Cuidador Familiar
  - Forma GC-211; Nominación Condicional
  - Números "A" de extranjero de los padres si se conocen
  - Lista de contactos de emergencia

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#### Los beneficios de ser un tutor legal de la corte testamentaria:

Los niños que son residentes permanentes y ciudadanos de los Estados Unidos viviendo con un tutor legal pueden ser aprobados para:

- CalWORKS asistencia mensual en efectivo. (El ingreso del tutor no debe ser utilizado para determinar si el niño califica para cualquiera de los programas.)
- Seguro médico por medio de Medi-Cal.
- SSÍ (en los casos de un niño con una discapacidad elegible).
- Beneficios de sobrevivencia.

#### ¿Qué pasa si el Departamento de servicios para niños y familias (DCFS) se lleva a los niños?

Por lo general, un pariente recibe una llamada de DCFS después de que un niño ha sidor emovido del hogar de sus padres. Es importante que sus hijos sepan a quién llamar en el caso de que DCFS les pregunte con quién quieren ir a vivir. La persona que uste adsigna para cuidar a sus hijos puede llamar a la linea telefónica de DCFS (1-800-540-4000) y decir que quieren cuidar al niño y que necesitan el nombre y número del trabajador social de emergencia. Deben estar listos para proveer el nombre, dirección edad del niño y los nombres de los padres.

Para información adicional:

Favor de contactar a Angelica Rodriguez a (323) 549-5816 o en arodriguez@bettzedek.org

Para bajar copias adicionales de la declaración del cuidador o este paquete, favor de visitar: https://bettzedek.org/resources/caregiver-affidavit-spanish/



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#### CÓMO PREPARARSE PARA UNA EMERGENCIA FAMILIAR

Con el clima actual de immigración, muchas familias con situaciones mixtas de inmigración están enfrentando una dura realidad que podría ser desgarradora. Le sugerimos que haga un plan de emergencia familiar en preparación en caso de una situación dificil. Esperamos que no tenga que llevar a cobo este plan, pero si usted no tiene un estatus legal o no es ciudadano y tiene hijos menores en los Estados Unidos, es importante mantener en mente lo siquiente:

1. Hablar con sus hijos y su familia:

Hable con sus hijos con anticipación acerca de quién los cuidará mientras usted no está disponible. Identifique a un adulto quien está dispuesto a tomar responsabilidad por sus hijos y hable con ellos acerca de esa responsabilidad.

2. Preparar documentos importantes:

Mantenga todos los documentos e información importante en una carpeta, tales como:

- Actas de nacimiento:
- Pasaporte:
- Tarjetas de seguro social o número ITIN;
- Número-A y cualquier documento de inmigración (permiso de trabajo, tarjeta de residencia, visa, etc.);
- Nombre y número de teléfono de la escuela y los maestros de sus hijos;
- Las tarjetas de vacunación de sus hijos;
- · Copias de las tarjetas de seguro médico de sus hijos;
- La información médica de sus hijos, incluyendo seguro médico, información de contacto del doctor y lista de medicamentos:
- Números de emergencia e información importante de contacto;
   Cualquier orden de restricción/protección involucrando a sus hijos;
- Declaración de cuidador;
- Cualesquier otros documentos que quisiera poder encontrar rápidamente.

Informe a sus hijos, familiares y cuidadores de emergencia dónde encontrar este archivo en caso de emergencia.

3. Decidir quién cuidará a sus hijos:

Hable con su familia y amigos de antemano acerca del mejor plan para su familia si usted no puede cuidar a sus hijos menores.

- Tenga la información de contacto de la persona que nombra como el cuidador de sus hijos para que tal persona pueda cuidar a sus hijos en su ausencia
- Enumere a esta persona como un contacto de emergencia en las escuelas de sus hijos.

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#### Información Importante de Sus Hijos

Guarde esta información para que aquellos que usted Nombre como tutor de sus hijos en su ausencia tengan la información que necesite.

Nombre del Niño/a	
Fecha de nacimiento	
Número del Mobile de su hijo (si es aplicable)	
Número "A" de su hijo (si es aplicable)	
Nombre de la Escuela	
Dirección de la escuela	
El número de teléfono de la escuela	
Nombre del Maestro/a	
Programa después de escuela	
Número de teléfono del programa después de escuela	
Otro Campamento/programa de deportes	
Otro campamento programa de deportes número de teléfono	
Alergias	
Condiciones medicas	
Medicamentos	
Nombre de Doctor	
Número de teléfono del Doctor	
Dirección de la oficina del doctor	
Compañía del seguro de salud	
Número de seguro medico	
Número de póliza	

#### Números de Emergencia e Información Importante de Contactos

Mantenga esta información en un solo lugar para que usted y su familia tengan acceso fácilmente.

Contactos Familiares		
Madre/ Tutor		
Teléfono de casa		
Teléfono Mobile		
Dirección del trabajo		
Teléfono del trabajo		
Padre/tutor		
Teléfono de casa		
Teléfono Mobile		
Dirección del trabajo		

	de Emergencia
Emergencia Inmediata	
Departamento de Policía	
Departamento de Bomberos	
Centro de control de	
Envenenamiento	
Teléfono del trabajo	
Otro contacto de emergencia y	
relación	
Teléfono Mobile	
Otro contacto de emergencia y	
relación	
Teléfono Mobile	
Conta	ctos Varios
Nombre de Dentista	and the state of t
Número de teléfono	
Marca de vehículo/Modelo	
Numero de las placas	
Compañía del seguro del carro	
Número de la póliza del	
carro	
Número de teléfono	
Consulado	
Dirección	
Numero de teléfono	
Abogado/proveedor de servicios	
legales sin fines de lucro	
Dirección	
Número de teléfono	
Iglesia/Templo/Mequita	
Dirección	

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#### Care of Your Children

- Whatever the plan, children will need a family caregiver
- Two types of family caregivers:
  - Informal Caregivers
  - Legal Guardians



#### Cuidado de sus hijos

- Cual sea el plan, sus hijos necesitaran un cuidador familiar
- Dos tipos de cuidadores familiares:
  - Cuidadores Informales
  - Tutores Legales

### INFORMAL CAREGIVERS

## **CUIDADORES INFORMALES**

#### **Informal Caregivers**

- No authorities involved
- Physical care but <u>not</u> custody

#### **Cuidadores Informales**

- No se involucra el sistema judicial estatal
- Cuidado físico , pero no es custodia



# Caregiver's Affidavit Declaración Jurada

## Caregivers Affidavit

- Identifies the informal caregiver
- Grants limited powers:
  - Enroll in school
  - Authorize medical care
- Not notarized
- When needed, signed by the caregiver, not the parent

## Declaración Jurada

- Identifica al cuidador informal
- Da poderes :
  - o Inscribir en la escuela
  - Autorizar cuidado médico
- No necesita ser notarizado
- Se firma por el cuidador, no el padre, cuando lo necesite



#### CAREGIVER'S AUTHORIZATION AFFIDAVIT

Use of this affidavit is authorized by Part 1.5 (commencing with Section 6550) of Division 11 of the California Family Code.

Instructions: Completion of items 1-4 and the signing of the affidavit is sufficient to authorize enrollment of a minor in school and authorize school-related medical care. Completion of item 5-8 is additionally required to authorize any other medical care

1. Name of Minor:			
2. Minor's birth date:			
My name (adult giving authorization):			***
. My home address:	Apt. #, City,	State	Zip Code
<ol> <li>I am a grandparent, aunt, uncle, or other qual definition of "qualified relative.")</li> </ol>			
Check one or both boxes (for example, if one     I have advised the parent(s) or other por     authorize medical care, and have recei     I am unable to contact the parent(s) or     to notify them of my intended authoriza	erson(s) having legal of vived no objection. other person/s having	custody of the	minor of my intent to
7. My date of birth:	No. W		
WARNING: Do not sign this form if any o a crime punishable by a fine, imprisonme	of the statements above		
I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws	of the State of Californ	nia that the for	regoing information is true
Signature	Date:		
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#### DECLARACIÓN JURADA DE AUTORIZACIÓN PARA EL CUIDADOR

El uso de esta declaración está autorizado por la Parte 1.5 (comenzando con la Sección 6550) de la División 11 del Código Familiar de California.

Instrucciones: Llenar los puntos 1-4 y la firma de la declaración jurada es suficiente para autorizar la inscripción de un menor en la escuela y autorizo la atención médica relacionada con la escuela. Además la autorización, se precisa llenar el punto 5.8 para cualquier otra atención médica.

Por favor escriba claramente.

El m	enor nombrado a continuación vive en mi casa y tengo 18 años de edad o más.			
1. N	ombre del menor:			
2. F	echa de nacimiento del menor:			
3. M	i nombre (adulto que otorga la autorización):			
4. M	i dirección particular:			
	o soy un abuelo, tía, tío, u otro pariente calificado del menor de edad (véase el reverso de ste formulario para una definición de "pariente calificado".) Otros:			
	arque uno o dos casilleros (por ejemplo, si un padre fue avisado y el otro no puede ser calizado.			
	1 He avisado a los padres u otra(s) persona(s) que tienen la custodia legal del menor sobre mi intención de autorizar la atención médica, y no he recibido ninguna objeción.			
	□ No puedo ponerme en contacto con los padres u otra(s) persona(s) que tienen la custodia legal del menor en este momento, para notificarles de mi autorización prevista.			
7. M	i fecha de nacimiento:			
B. Li	cencia de conducir o tarjeta de identidad del Estado de California:			
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irm	a: Fecha:			
in 2. E	na persona que se basa en esta declaración jurada no tiene obligación de realizar cualquier consulta o vestigación. sta declaración no afecta los derechos de los padres del menor o el tutor legal con respecto al cuidado, odia y control del menor, y no significa que el cuidador tiene la custodia legal del menor. a ejecución de esta declaración jurada no es válida por más de un año después de la fecha en que se uta. Esta declaración jurada es sólo para propósitos de inscripción y no otorga derechos a la educación. Doc. 20277/ajs – Translated by the LAUSD Translations Unit.			
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#### CAREGIVER'S AUTHORIZATION AFFIDAVIT

#### TO CAREGIVERS:

- "Qualified relative," for purposes of item 5, means a spouse, parent, stepparent, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, nephew, first cousin, or any person denoted by the prefix "grand" or "great," or the spouse of any of the persons specified in this definition, even after the marriage has been terminated by death or dissolution.
- The law may require you, if you are not a relative or a currently licensed foster parent, to obtain a foster home license in order to care for a minor. If you have any questions, please contact your local department of social services.
- If the minor stops living with you, you are required to notify any school, health care provider, or health care service plan to which you have given this affidavit.
- 4. If you do not have the information requested in item 8 (California driver's license or I.D.), provide another form of identification such as your social security number or Medi-Cal number. Staff is to only visually verify the other form of identification and enter in item 8 the following: "Another form of identification verified." If a Social Security card, Medi-Cal card, or passport is provided, these documents can NOT be copied or recorded. If the caregiver is unable to provide a document to verify identification, provide the Affidavit of Parent/Legal Guardian Identification form.
- If above criteria is not met use "other" and specify relationship to child(ren).
- 6. Affidavit must be renewed on a yearly basis.

#### TO SCHOOL OFFICIALS:

- Section 48204 of the Education Code provides that this affidavit constitutes a sufficient basis for a determination of residency of the minor, without the requirement of a guardianship or other custody order, unless the school district determines from actual facts that the minor is not living with the caregiver.
- The school district may require additional reasonable evidence that the caregiver lives at the address provided in item 4.

#### TO HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND HEALTH CARE SERVICE PLANS:

- 1. No person who acts in good faith reliance upon a caregiver's authorization affidavit to provide medical or dental care, without actual knowledge of facts contrary to those stated on the affidavit, is subject to criminal liability or to civil liability to any person, or is subject to profession disciplinary action, for such reliance if the applicable portions of the form are completed.
- 2. This affidavit does not confer dependency for health care coverage purpose.

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#### DECLARACIÓN JURADA DE LA PERSONA A CARGO DEL CUIDADO Y LA PROTECCIÓN DEL ALUMNO QUE FIRMA LA AUTORIZACIÓN

#### PARA GUARDIANES

- "Pariente calificado," para el propósito de articulo 5, quiere decir cónyuge, padre, padrastro, hermana, hermana, hermanastro, hermanastra, medio hermano, media hermana, tio, tia, sobrino, primo hermano o otra persona que sea abuelo/a. Bisabuelo/a o el cónyuge de cualquiera de las personas específicadas en esta definición, aunque el matrimonio ha sido terminado por muerte o disolución.
- 2. La ley requiere que usted, si no es pariente o un padre de crianza con licencia actual, que obtenga una licencia para cuidada de crianza en su hogar para poder cuidar al menor. Si tiene preguntas, por favor póngase en contacto con su departamento de servicios sociales.
- Si el menor deja de vivir con usted, se requiere que usted le notifique a la escuela, proveedor de servicios de salud, o el plan de servicios de salud a quienes usted ha entregado este Afidávit.
- 4. Si no tiene la información requerida en el artículo 8, (Licencia de manejar en California o I.D.), necesita proveer otra forma de identificación tal como su número de seguro social o número de Medi-Cal. El personal solo debe verificar visualmente la otra forma de identificación e ingresar en el punto 8 lo siguiente: "Otra forma de identificación verificada". Si se proporciona una tarjeta de Seguro Social, tarjeta de Medi-Cal o pasaporte, estos documentos NO se pueden copiar ni registrar. Si el guardián no puede proporcionar un documento para verificar la identificación, proporcione el formulario de Declaración Jurada de Autorización Para el Culdador.
- 5. Si los criterios anteriores no se cumplen, utilizar "otro" y especifique la relación con el(los) hijo(s)
- 6. La Declaración Jurada deberá ser renovada anualmente.

#### PARA OFICIALES DE LA ESCUELA

- Sección 48204 del Código de Educación provee que este afidávit constituye suficiente base para determinación de residencia del menor, sin el requisitó de tutela o otra orden de custodia, a menos que el distrito escolar determine basado en hechos que el menor no vive con el quardián.
- Puede ser que el distrito escolar necesite más evidencia que el guardián vive en el domicilio proveído en el artículo 4.

#### PARA PROVEEDORES DE SALUD Y PLANES DE SERVICIO DE SALUD

- Ninguna persona que actúa en buena fe confianza por el affidávit de autorización para proveer cuidado médico o dental, sin el conocimiento de hechos contrarios a los declarados en este afidávit, será sujeto a obligación criminal u obligación civil a ninguna persona, o es sujeto a acción disciplinaria, por tal confianza si las secciones aplicables están completas.
- 2. Esta Declaración Jurada no confiere dependencia para propósitos de protección.

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## Power of Attorney / Notarized Letters

Cartas Poder / Notarizadas



### Power of Attorney / Notarized Letters

 In California, the custody of a minor cannot be transferred from a parent to a relative without a court order from a probate judge.

## Cartas Poder / Notarizadas

 En California, la custodia de un menor de edad no se puede transferir de un padre a un familiar sin orden de un juez testamentario

## LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP

TUTELA LEGAL



## What is Legal Guardianship?

- A legal process
- Parents' rights suspended

## ¿Qué es la Tutela Legal?

- Proceso legal
- Derechos de los padres son suspendidos

## Rights of a Legal Guardian

- Right to:
  - Act on behalf of the minor
  - Make same decisions as parent

## Derechos de un Tutor Legal

- Derecho de:
  - Actuar a nombre del menor
  - Tomar decisiones como los parientes

## Free Legal Assistance

- Bet Tzedek Legal Services
  - o (323) 939-0506
  - https://bettzedek.org
- Contact our team's legal assistant, Angelica Rodriguez, at (323) 549-5816 or arodriguez@bettzedek.org

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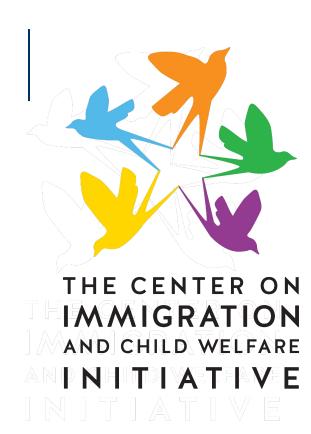
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A Conversation on Support, Safety, and Resources

# UCLA PRITZKER CENTER STANDING WITH IMMIGRANT FAMILIES

UCLA Pritzker Center for Strengthening Children and Families | August 6, 2025 Kristina K. Lovato, PhD, MSW, Assistant Professor of Social Welfare, UC Berkeley





**Our Mission:** To improve programs and policies related to immigrant children and families involved in the public child welfare system to achieve positive outcomes of safety, permanency and well-being.

**Our Work:** We work to build the capacity of the U.S. child welfare system to respond to the unique needs of immigrant families and children through:

- original research
- resource development and dissemination
- training and technical assistance to bridge practice and policy
- national leadership, e.g., national workgroups, conferences, and symposia

**The CICW Research Workgroup:** Brings together scholars whose research focuses on intersection of child welfare and immigration issues, including unaccompanied minors.

## SHIFTS IN POLICIES

Increased border enforcement and detention

Increased interior enforcement

Removing and reducing legal protections and status

Budget cuts that impact immigrant families

Reducing access to public benefits, supports, and education





Most families impacted by deportation will not enter the child welfare system in California because:

Deportation alone is an insufficient reason to enter the child welfare system.

Child welfare system involvement is tied to risk assessment (Welfare & Institutions Code: WIC 300)

Sanctuary Provisions-Sanctuary provisions in CA, protect families. ICE should not take custody of non-detainable children.

If there is no safety plan or they believe there is abuse/neglect, ICE should contact the CPS hotline

What can immigrant parents can do to decrease the risk of child welfare involvement?

## Create a Family Preparedness Plan

Parents can create a family preparedness plan, which may include:

- Identifying and documenting a trusted adult (family or friend) who can care for the child in case of emergency.
- Identifying emergency contacts, medical needs, school information, and legal documents.
- Completing a caregiver's affidavit, power of attorney, or a parental designation form (availability varies by state).
- Compiling important documents such as:
  - School and medical records
  - Certified copies of birth certificates
  - Passports, IDs, immigration paperwork, health insurance
  - Caregiver's Affidavit
- Ensuring children know who to contact if parents are detained.

## Know Your Rights

Educate all household members (including children, when appropriate) about their rights during immigration enforcement actions.

- Can help reduce fear and prevent unnecessary separation during immigration enforcement.
- Families should review "Know Your Rights" materials and make sure children and caregivers know how to respond if ICE comes to the home, workplace, or school

#### **Recommended Resources:**

- Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC): Know Your Rights Materials (Multilingual)
- National Immigration Law Center (NILC): Know Your Rights Guides
- ACLU: What to Do If You're Stopped by Police, Immigration Agents or the FBI

#### WHAT TO DO IF ICE COMES TO YOUR DOOR



#### DO NOT OPEN DOORS

ICE cannot come in without a signed warrant by a criminal court judge. They can only come in if you let them.



#### **REMAIN SILENT**

ICE can use anything you say against you in your immigration case so claim your right to remain silent!

\*Say "I plead the fifth amendment and choose to remain silent"



#### DO NOT SIGN

Don't sign anything ICE gives you without talking to an attorney.



#### **REPORT & RECORD!**

Report immediately: UWD hotline 1-844-363-1423.

Take pictures & video unless you're on federal government property.
Take notes of badge numbers, number of agents, time, type of car and exactly what happened!



#### FIGHT BACK!

Get a trustworthy attorney & explore all options to fight your case. If detained, you may be able to get bail - don't give up hope! Join your local team to defend yourself from anforcement!

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# Connect with local legal aid or immigrant advocacy organizations

Families should connect with local nonprofits offering free or low-cost immigration legal services and family preparedness assistance.

#### **How to Find Help:**

- Immigration Advocates Network: National Legal Directory Searchable directory of nonprofit immigration legal service providers by zip code.
- Catholic Legal Immigration Network (CLINIC)

  Offers legal support through a network of community-based organizations.
- National Immigration Law Center (NILC)

  Policy advocacy and legal information for immigrant families.
- Local Rapid Response Networks Many counties and cities (e.g., San Francisco, NYC, LA, Austin) have rapid response hotlines and networks to support families during ICE actions. Check with local immigrant rights coalitions or the state ACLU.

## Long-Term Strategies: Stability and Legal Safeguards

#### **Explore Legal Relief Options**

• Work with an immigration attorney to assess eligibility for immigration relief (e.g., asylum, U visa, SIJS, DACA, or adjustment of status).

#### Legal Custody and Guardianship Planning

• Consider establishing formal legal guardianship with a trusted individual to prevent child welfare placement in the event of a parental detention or deportation.

## Key Takeaways

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#### Be informed

 Be educated about know your rights information with respect to immigration enforcement and parents' right to make decisions about their children's care. 02

## Develop a stable support network

 Build relationships with teachers, health providers, faith leaders, and local service agencies who can advocate for the child's stability and continuity of care. 03

## Maintain educational and medical continuity

 Ensure that schools, doctors, caregivers have backup contacts and know who is authorized to care for the child if the parent becomes unavailable.



## Resources for Child Welfare Agencies on How to Best Serve Immigrant Families

- Designate a point person for immigration within the agency.
- 2. Develop a non-disclosure/confidentiality policy that prioritizes confidentiality as to immigration status and governs any communication with ICE.
- 3. Identify Contact(s) for ICE Detained Parents Directive
- 4. Educate and encourage families to engage in Emergency Family Planning
- 5. Collaborate with Nonprofit Immigrant Rights Organizations



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#### Guidance for Child Welfare Agencies to Prepare for a 2<sup>nd</sup> Trump Administration

By Randi Mandelbaum, Rutgers Law School, and Sophia Sepp, Center on Immigration and Child Welfare Initiative

Fact Sheet | December 2024

On January 20, 2025, a second Trump administration will take office. While we cannot predict the future, based on the past, as decent statements, we anticipes trampr changes to immigration reflorement policies as well as restrictions to various forms of immigration reflet, including worksite raids, expanded enforcement policies and the use of expedited removal, the repeal of DACA and of deferred action and worksite raids, expanded worksite raids, expanded worksite raids, expanded so that the properties of the propriet of the properties of the propriet of the propriet

In light of these anticipated changes, we have compiled 5 top tips for child welfare practitioners and agencies working with immigrant children and families:

- Designate a point person for immigration within the agency.

  A designated point person/liaison can be responsible for keeping abreast of the latest changes in immigration-related laws and policies, answering staff questions, connecting children and youth with
- Develop a non-disclosure/confidentiality policy that prioritizes confidentiality as to immigration status and governs any communication with ICE.
  - There is no duty under federal law to report undocumented individuals to ICE.

immigration legal representation, and liaising with ICE/immigration officials.

- Consider creating a formal policy that outlines confidentiality and that directs staff not to share any information with ICE/immigration enforcement.
- Create a process to route any requests for information from ICE to an attorney or the designated immigration specialist.
- Ensure that staff are trained on what to do if they receive a request for information from ICE.
- dentify Contact(s) for ICE Parental Interest Directive
  The ICE Parental Interest Directive ensures a parent or
  legal guardian arrested or detained by ICE can maintain
  visitation with their child or incapacitated adult for
  whom they serve as guardian, coordinate their care, and
  participate in any related court or child welfare
  proceedings, without regard to the dependent's
  citizenship or immigration status.

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#### ICE Parental Interest Directive Resources

- Fact Sheet for Child Welfare &
- Guardianship Stakeholders (ICE, 2023)

   ICE online Detainee locator system:
- https://locator.ice.gov/odls

  To identify the appropriate Field Office to address your inquiry:

to address your inquiry: https://www.ice.gov/contact/field-

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## **CICW Professional Networks**



## THE CICW IMMIGRATION AND CHILD WELFARE PRACTICE NETWORK

Bridges the policy-practice gap by inviting national policy experts to provide regular legislative, administrative, and court updates on immigration policy.

Platform for ongoing communications & quarterly meetings among child welfare agency representatives who work with families around immigration issues across the country.

## THE CICW RESEARCH WORKGROUP

Brings together scholars whose research focuses on intersection of child welfare and immigration issues, including unaccompanied minors. Past collaborations include:

- Research brief: Post-Release Services for Unaccompanied Minors: Current Gaps and Needed Improvements.
- SSWR 2024 roundtable: Multidisciplinary Approaches to Serving Unaccompanied Children Who Have Been Forcibly Separated from Their Families at the U.S./Mexico Border.

## THE CICW LEGAL NETWORK

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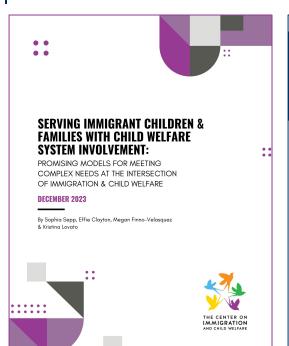
To discuss legal issues e.g., high quality representation of immigrant clients, trauma-centered screening, challenges to permanency for immigrant clients, and more.

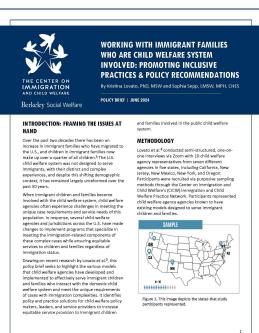




#### Resources can be found on CICW website!

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- ☐ 5-module online asynchronous, self-paced course
- ☐ How service organizations and practitioners can implement policies and practices to increase inclusivity of immigrant families
- ☐ How trauma-informed practice can be tailored to address the unique experiences of immigrant families.
- ☐ Available in English and in Spanish.
- ☐ 6 free cultural Social Work CEUs via NMSU School of Social Work



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