

Community Support Guide for Los Angeles County: Immigration Resources

Know Your Rights

No matter your immigration status, you have constitutional rights.

If ICE approaches you:

- DO NOT open the door unless they show a judicial warrant signed by a judge.
- DO NOT speak or sign anything without a lawyer.
- Say: "I choose to remain silent. I want to speak to a lawyer."
- Use a Red Card to assert your rights: www.redcardorders.com

If You Are Arrested or Detained

- Clearly state: "I am afraid to return to my country."
- Request a Credible Fear Interview (CFI). Repeat your request if ignored.
- DO NOT sign any documents unless reviewed by an attorney.
- Call the ImmDef Rapid Response Hotline:

(213) 833-8283 - Monday to Friday, 9AM-4PM

www.immdef.org/resources

Detained Immigrant Bond Fund – CLUE Justice

In partnership with the Immigrant Defenders Law Center, the Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice (CLUE) has set up a "Detained Immigrant Bond Fund" to provide individuals detained by law enforcement with bond money to get out of detention.

If ICE Comes to Your Home or Workplace

1. Remain calm. Don't run or resist.
2. Do not open the door unless presented with a valid judicial warrant.
3. Ask: "Am I free to leave?" If yes, walk away calmly.

4. Do not give any information without legal support.

If ICE Targets a Shelter or Service Center

- Post signs labeling areas as "Non-Public".
- Request judicial warrants before allowing ICE access.
- Train staff on how to verify valid warrants and refuse administrative ICE warrants.
- Document all interactions and notify legal counsel immediately.

Family Preparedness Plan

- Memorize 2 emergency phone numbers.
- Create a plan for childcare and medical needs.
- Prepare a folder with:
 - Birth certificates
 - Immigration documents
 - Emergency contacts
- Visit: <https://www.ilrc.org/resources/step-step-family-preparedness-plan#item-4324>

Court & Legal Advice

ICE in Immigration Court:

- If your case is dismissed, ICE may arrest and deport you quickly.
- You have the right to:
 - Oppose case dismissal
 - Request legal counsel
 - Appeal the judge's decision

Credible Fear Interview (CFI) Preparation

Questions to consider:

- What happened to you and why?
- Who harmed you? How do you know them?
- Is there a safe place in your country? Why not?
- Did you go to the police? What happened?

Finding Detained Loved Ones

Use the ICE Detainee Locator: <https://locator.ice.gov/odls/#/search>

Required info:

- Full name
- Date of birth
- Country of origin
- A-Number (if available)

Minors will not appear in the ICE system. For minors, contact:

- ORR National Call Center: (800) 203-7001 | information@ORRNCC.com

Financial & Emergency Assistance

Los Angeles County DCBA:

- Rental assistance available regardless of immigration status.
- dcba.lacounty.gov

Inclusive Action for the City:

- Emergency cash assistance via debit cards and low-interest loans.
- www.inclusiveaction.org
- development@inclusiveaction.org

STEP Fund by Better Angels:

- Interest free loans with low barriers to accessing.

- [STEP FUND](#)

Los Angeles County Immigration Resource

Office of Immigrant Affairs

- <https://oia.lacounty.gov/>

State-Sponsored Immigration Resources

California Immigration Support:

- www.ca.gov/immigration/

- oag.ca.gov/immigrant/resources

CDSS Legal Services:

- Assistance for DACA, SIJS, Naturalization, and Removal Defense

- Multilingual Know Your Rights materials

- [Legal Services](#)

ILRC Red Cards:

- www.ilrc.org/red-cards

Worker & Employer Protections:

- Employers must notify workers within 72 hours of ICE inspections (Labor Code §90.2)

- AB 450 Immigrant Worker Protection Act FAQ:

- https://www.dir.ca.gov/dlse/AB_450_QA.pdf

Additional Resources:

This guide is created from a collection of community resources, legal guides, and advocacy materials to support individuals in Los Angeles County impacted by ICE raids/immigration enforcement. *It includes contributions from the following organizations and sources:*

- CHIRLA - Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights
- ACLU - American Civil Liberties Union
- United We Dream
- CARECEN-LA
- Immigrant Defenders Law Center (ImmDef)
- National Homelessness Law Center
- California State Immigration Resources

The following websites and documents have been used:

- <https://homelesslaw.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/ICE-Guidance.pdf>
- <https://www.carecen-la.org/>
- <https://www.immdef.org/>
- <https://www.ca.gov/immigration/>
- <https://oag.ca.gov/immigrant/resources>
- <https://www.immigrantsarela.com/>

****Please be sure to visit each individual website for additional information and deeper understanding of resources/services offered. ****