



## RESOURCES FOR IMMIGRANTS & ALLIES

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### Immigration Enforcement

- [Guía práctica para Familias Migrantes: preparación y respuesta ante una detención migratoria](#) / Practical Guide for Migrant Families: preparation and response to an immigration detention, created by CRECEN and Madres del Parque (Spanish only)
- Know Your Rights materials from ACLU TX:
  1. [Know Your Rights: Interacting with Police and Immigration Officials](#) (Spanish and English)
  2. [How to protect yourself during an immigration raid](#)
  3. [Know Your Rights under Texas' Deportation Scheme SB 4](#)
- [Ready Now app](#) from Human Rights First: Key features of the app include:
  - One-click emergency alerts via SMS to pre-selected contacts
  - Personalized emergency plans for childcare, medical needs, legal support, and more
  - Option to share key information with [National Immigration Legal Response Alliance \(NILRA\)](#) if faced with arrest, a national network of pro bono immigration attorneys
  - Currently available in six languages: English, Spanish, Korean, Mandarin, Haitian Kreyol, and French
- Resources from the [National Immigration Law Center](#) (NILC):

- [“Know Your Rights Under the U.S. Constitution – No Matter Who Is President”](#) (available in English, Spanish, Arabic, traditional and simplified Chinese, Haitian Creole, and Korean)
- [Warrants and Subpoenas: What to Look Out For and How to Respond](#)
- [Know Your Rights for Immigrant Students](#) from the American Federation of Teachers (AFT), the National Immigration Law Center (NILC), the Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP), and United We Dream
- [Rapid Response Deportation Toolkit](#) from Children Thrive Action Network’s (CTAN)
- [Community reporting form](#) from Texans United for Justice for documenting incidents of mistreatment, discrimination, or abuse by law enforcement based on race, ethnicity, national origin, language, or suspected immigration status
- [“Red Cards”](#) from the Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC)
- [Resistance Cards](#) from the Firewall Network
  - “Each card is a business-sized Know Your Rights guide, customized for your profession, designed to be carried in your wallet, shared with colleagues, and used when you're pressured to obey unlawful or unethical directives. Inspired by the [“Red Cards”](#) carried by immigrants, the Resistance Cards prepare professionals to say: **“No. Not in my name.”**”
- [A Love Letter and Support Guide for Families Navigating Harmful Immigration Raids and Policies](#) from Children Thrive Action Network in collaboration with other partners (self-care and safety planning tools)
- [“When children are afraid of a parent’s deportation”](#) (resource prepared by child mental health professionals, describing steps that immigrant and refugee families can take to support their children’s resilience and healthy relationships during this frightening time)

## Detention

[Know Your Rights for parents detained by ICE \(in English and Spanish\)](#) from the National Immigration Law Center (NILC) and Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP)

[ICE Online Detainee Locator tool](#) for finding adults who are in ICE custody

## Immigration Legal Services

We cannot guarantee that free or low-cost representation will be available through the sources below, but here are some places to start your search for immigration legal help:

- [The Texas Habeas Project](#): a centralized resource hub for attorneys, nonlegal advocates, and self-represented Texans seeking habeas relief that includes a [screening form](#) to request legal representation for a habeas corpus petition to challenge someone's detention (created by Texas Immigration Law Council, Texas Civil Rights Project, Texas A&M Law School, RAICES, and American Gateways)
- [Galveston-Houston Immigrant Representation Project \(GHIRP\)](#) (1-866-301-3901; (713) 561-3059; [info@ghirp.org](mailto:info@ghirp.org)) represents clients in all types of immigration cases, including:
  - Citizenship and Lawful Permanent Residency,
  - Asylum,
  - Special Immigrant Juvenile Status,
  - Removal Defense,
  - DACA,
  - Temporary Protected Status (TPS),
  - Work authorization documents, and
  - Visas for individuals who have survived a crime, domestic violence, or human trafficking (U and T visas, VAWA documents)
- [Justice for All Immigrants](#) (Houston: 713-454-6470) provides:
  - Free legal representation to detained immigrants facing deportation from Houston-area immigration detention facilities.
  - General immigration legal assistance to low-income individuals and families.
  - Naturalization and citizenship services.
  - Legal services for immigrant survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and human trafficking who cannot afford legal representation.
- American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) [immigration lawyer directory](#)
- Immigrant Advocates Network's [National Immigration Legal Services Directory](#)
- Texas Immigration Law Council's [searchable portal for immigration legal service providers serving each immigration detention center in Texas](#)

## Family Preparedness

If community members wish to prepare a special power of attorney or other legal documents to make formal arrangements for their property/finances and for the care of their children, they may wish to seek assistance from an attorney.

- **Houston Volunteer Lawyers (HVL)** provides emergency preparedness services for immigrant families by helping to prepare the following important documents to ensure that children have the best care possible in case of a parent or guardian's detention or deportation:
  - Powers of Attorney
  - Non-Parent Authorizations
  - Consents for Travel

You can request assistance by contacting HVL at 713-228-0734 or [preparedness@HVLP.org](mailto:preparedness@HVLP.org), or by applying through their website [www.legalhelphouston.org](http://www.legalhelphouston.org).

The self-help resources listed below provide general information for those who will be creating these documents on their own (they are not a substitute for legal advice):

- The [Appleseed Foundation](#)'s June 2025 "Deportation Preparation Manual for Immigrant Families: Make a Plan to Protect Your Kids and Finances in the Face of Deportation" is available on their website in [English](#) and [Spanish](#). This resource is designed to help families plan ahead to protect their children and finances in the event of detention or deportation.
- Texas Immigrant Alliance (TIA) has created a Preparation Kit (published Feb 21, 2025) that can be downloaded in English and Spanish [here](#). This resource contains template documents and information about creating a special power of attorney.

Additionally, here are some resources for community education regarding emergency preparedness planning:

- 2-page flyers about how to create a family preparedness plan, in [English](#) and [Spanish](#);
- [6 social media graphics](#) to share a summary of this information on Facebook and other sites (English only);
- a 6-page [guide to preparing a family emergency plan](#), including a checklist of the documents families should gather (only available in English); and
- for those looking for a deep dive, a [197-page Deportation Preparation Manual for Immigrant Families](#) (only available in English).

## Resources for Service Providers

- [A Guide to Creating “Safe Space” Policies for Early Childhood Programs](#), the Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP), 2022 (UPDATED TO REFLECT 2025 CHANGES). This guide provides practitioners, advocates, and policymakers with information and resources to design and implement “safe space”
- Children Thrive Action Network’s [“Resources for Providers on Protecting Locations from Immigration Enforcement”](#) (updated June 27, 2025) includes specialized resources for
  - Childcare and Early Education Providers
  - K-12 Schools
  - Institutions of Higher Education
  - Healthcare Settings and Hospitals
  - Homeless Shelters and Homeless Service Providers
  - Gender-Based Violence Support Organizations/Service Providers
  - Houses of Worship
  - Nutrition and Food Assistance Providers

## Resources for schools

- [Texas K-12 Educators' Toolkit](#) (published in May and updated July 2025)
- [Guidance on Immigration Issues at School for Educators and Families](#) from the National Education Association (NEA)
- [An Educator’s Checklist for Supporting Immigrant Students in Schools](#) from the National Newcomer Network and the Century Foundation
- [Education Providers and Immigration Enforcement: Know Your Rights & Your Students’ Rights](#) from the National Immigration Law Center (NILC)