

## CLASP Talking Points On Immigration Enforcement in the Interior for Children, Youth, Early Childhood, and Education Groups

### Topline

- The Administration's efforts to ramp up immigration enforcement in the interior is part of a larger agenda to intentionally terrorize immigrant communities, with direct consequences for children, youth and families.
- Immigration enforcement actions--such as worksite raids, home raids, and at-large arrests in the community--tear families apart.
- Separation from a parent due to detention or deportation causes long-term harm to children's health, economic security, and overall wellbeing, including U.S. citizen children. Research shows that children who witness a parent's arrest, particularly in a home setting, are more likely to suffer mental health and behavioral problems.
- Massive raids also put an unnecessary strain on communities, including schools, childcare providers, faith-based institutions, and other organizations that serve immigrant children and families.
- Targeting children, youth and families in an effort to stow fear is misguided, immoral, and runs contrary to who we are as a nation.

### Calls to Action

- We urge the Administration to stop separating families and terrorizing immigrant communities.
- We call on Congress to refuse to fund Trump's mass deportation plan by ensuring that ICE and CBP are not given additional resources to apprehend, lock up, separate, and deport children, youth, and families.
- We urge state and local officials to speak out against immigration enforcement actions that tear families apart and equip their communities with the resources they need to support children and families impacted by such actions.