

Opportunities to support our immigrant friends

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When we ask our immigrant friends how we can support the immigrant community amidst the threat of mass deportations, the consistent themes we hear are

- Keep showing up
- Recruit others to the cause

The resources listed below represent ways to follow that advice.

Immigrant Legal Protection Resource Guide

[This resource](#) is intended to support organizations, legal service providers and allied partners who are working to protect and defend immigrant communities from threats and attacks under the Trump administration.

Know Your Rights (KYR) Presentations / Documentation

All people living in the United States, regardless of status, have certain U.S. Constitutional rights. One of the most practical things that we can do to support undocumented immigrants is to help them understand their rights, especially if ICE agents show up at their homes or places of work.

- The ACLU has created [this in depth](#) overview regarding the topic.
- [The Immigrant Legal Protection Resource Guide](#) (also mentioned above) includes a number of KYR resources.
- You can request a KYR training [here](#) on the Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition (CIRC) website.

Colorado Rapid Response Network (CORRN)

The [Colorado Rapid Response Network](#) is a network of volunteers across Colorado who respond to ICE enforcement through a 24 hour 7 day a week hotline. With the support of 28 on-call dispatchers they provide Know Your Rights information, make referrals and control rumors that cause panic in our community.

- If you are bilingual, CORRN would love to train you up to join their team.
- CORRN Dispatchers take one 12 hour shift every other week, from your own home, calls are forwarded to your cell.
- The training is all online and you will be added to CORRN's Dispatcher What's app group if you need any support. Dispatchers have to be very comfortable in Spanish and English, as callers are often fearful.
- CORRN has dispatchers in Denver, Montrose, Pueblo, Fort Collins and Colorado Springs and would love to have someone on the western slope if you know anyone.
- This position is the heart of CORNs operation and they always need more volunteers to help with the work.

- [Fill this form out](#) in order to receive information about future training opportunities, including training for trainers.

Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition (CIRC)

Per their website, *"The [Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition](#) (CIRC) is a statewide, membership-based coalition of immigrant, faith, labor, youth, community, business and ally organizations founded in 2002 to improve the lives of immigrants and refugees by making Colorado a more welcoming, immigrant-friendly state."*

- They have numerous opportunities to volunteer in support of the immigrant community; more information is [available here](#).

Justice & Mercy Legal Aid Center (JAMLAC)

[JAMLAC](#) provides legal services for low income individuals and families, including immigrants. They provide legal clinics for immigrants, in addition to Know Your Rights materials and presentations.

- They have a well organized and coordinated volunteer program for both attorneys and people without legal expertise. You can learn more [here](#).
- JAMLAC has also prepared planning protection plans for immigrant families. These plans include Know Your Rights information, power of attorney forms, and other guidance
 - [Family Protection Plan](#) (Spanish)
 - [Family Protection Plan](#) (English)

Hope Has No Borders

According to their website, *"[Hope Has No Borders](#) blossomed from Denver's grassroots movement, ignited by compassionate moms and neighbors. Our journey sparked from a heartfelt commitment to addressing a humanitarian crisis as thousands of migrants were bussed into our city."*

- Visit their website to learn about [volunteer opportunities](#) to support recently arrived newcomers to the Denver area.

American Friends Service Committee (AFSC)

The [Colorado chapter](#) of AFSC has been a leader in immigrant advocacy for years. Per [their website](#): *"Taking our direction from people directly impacted by injustice, AFSC Colorado organizes immigrants and allies striving for immigrant justice. By providing leadership development, we resist deportation, lift up positive narratives, and successfully advocate for policy change."*

- You can [sign up here](#) for their email list to stay current regarding advocacy opportunities.

Faith-based advocacy

[Michelle Warren](#) is a faith-based leader who has been active in the immigrant advocacy space for decades. She is in the early stages of pulling together faith leaders to refocus their efforts to support immigrants under the incoming presidential administration.

- If you are a member of a faith community and would like to learn more, you can contact Michelle via email at michelle@michelleferrignowarren.com.

Aurora Immigrant Protection Network (AIPN)

AIPN is seeking assistance to organize in support of immigrants in Aurora. This includes political activism, letter writing, vigils, etc. Details are [available here](#).

Support for detained immigrants

For decades, the US has led the world in terms of immigrant incarceration, under both Democratic and Republican administrations. There are currently more than 38,000 immigrants locked up in detention centers, and those numbers are expected to dramatically increase under the Trump administration.

- If you are an attorney, you can volunteer with [RMIAN](#) (Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network) to provide legal services for immigrants detained in the Aurora detention center. If you do not have expertise in immigration law, RMIAN will provide training and then match you with an immigrant in need of assistance.
- If you would like to support detained immigrants, you can join the Casa de Paz [visitation](#) or [letter writing](#) teams. Volunteers are also needed for the [Welcome team](#) to assist recently released immigrants who are traveling to be reunited with friends or family around the country.
- On a national level, [Freedom for Immigrants](#) is an immigrant-led, abolitionist organization working to end immigration incarceration. You can subscribe to their [email list](#) and also [volunteer with them](#). They are recruiting multilingual hotline volunteers to help answer calls from inside immigration detention centers through their [National Immigration Detention Hotline](#).

Legal resources for detained immigrants

- Some detained immigrants qualify to be bonded out of detention, which can be costly. The [Immigrant Freedom Fund](#) (IFF) provides funding to pay bonds on behalf of immigrants detained in Aurora, Colorado. The IFF team is working to build up the fund, so [donations](#) are always appreciated.
- The [Colorado Immigrant Justice Fund](#) (CIJF) is a legal defense fund for asylum seekers that was founded by Casa de Paz visitation volunteers. CIJF funds legal services for immigrants in the Aurora, CO detention center, underserved detention centers in Louisiana, and the Imperial detention center in Calexico, CA.

- If you would like to donate to CIJF to fund additional services, you can [do so here](#).
- In addition, CIJF created [this Google presentation](#) that provides an overview of immigration and detention trends.