

Understanding Resources and Rights for Immigrant Populations in the U.S.

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Sanctuary Locations Definitions

WHAT IS A SANCTUARY CITY OR PLACE?

Cities or places that adopt a policy to not support, communicate with or submit to the demands of federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers. Policies can include speaking out on behalf of immigrant rights, protecting the privacy of individuals and/or refusing to consent to attempts made by federal agents to search without a warrant.

Know Your Rights

Carry a Know Your Rights card with you - it will explain that you are remaining silent and wish to contact a lawyer.

Know Your Rights!	To Whom It May Concern
<p>If you are stopped by immigration or the police:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Hand this card to the officer and remain silent- The card explains that you are exercising your right to refuse to answer any questions until you have talked to a lawyer.	<p>Please be informed that I am choosing to exercise my right to remain silent and my right to refuse to answer your questions. If I am detained, I request to contact an attorney immediately. I am also exercising my right to refuse to sign anything until I consult with my attorney. Thank you.</p>

[PRINT KNOW YOUR RIGHTS CARDS](#) - available in multiple languages

- [Spanish](#)
- [English](#)
- For other languages visit <https://www.ilrc.org/red-cards-tarjetas-rojas>

No matter who is our President, everyone living in the United States has certain basic rights under the Constitution, including undocumented immigrants.

- **Do not open your door** - ICE must have a warrant signed by a judge with your correct name and address
- You have the right to **remain silent** - do not answer questions
- You have the right to **speak to a lawyer** - you may have them there during questioning

- **Always carry a valid immigration document** with you such as a work permit or green card
- If you are afraid you might be arrested by ICE **let the officer know if you have children** - ICE may exercise discretion and let you go if you notify them that you are a parent or primary caregiver of a U.S. Citizen or permanent resident
- If **looking for a family member of friend** who has been detained visit <http://locator.ice.gov>

Additional **Know Your Rights** information for **UC students** – <https://undocu.berkeley.edu/legal-support/know-your-rights>

Ways to Document ICE Raids

Call the [United We Dream](https://unitedwedream.org/) hotline at 844-363-1423

Visit <https://unitedwedream.org/> for additional resources

Family Preparedness Plans

The Immigrant Legal Resource Center has created Family Preparedness Plans to help families plan ahead for emergency situations, including childcare arrangements in case family members are separated. You can download a plan here.

- [Family Preparedness Plan \(English\)](#)
- [Plan de Preparación Familiar \(Spanish\)](#)
- [Family Preparedness Plan](#) (Chinese)

Families and students are encouraged to know their emergency phone numbers and where to find important documentation, which will allow you to be prepared in the event that a family member is detained or deported.

- Emergency Contacts
- Birth Certificates
- Passports
- Social Security Cards
- Doctors' Contact Information
- Medication Lists
- Lists of Allergies

Free and Low-Cost Legal Assistance

- US – [Immigration Law Help](#) to find immigration assistance near you
- California – [Law Help CA](#) to find immigration assistance near you
- SF Bay Area – [East Bay Community Law Center](#) and the [East Bay Sanctuary Covenant](#)
- [FREE higher ed legal services](#) (including Community College)
- [CSU Student Access FREE Immigration Legal Services](#)
- [UC Student Access FREE Immigration Legal Services](#)

Immigration Rights and Protections Under California Law

- You have the right to apply for and secure **housing** without sharing your immigration status. California law prohibits housing providers from asking about your immigration status unless you are applying for affordable housing funded by the federal government. Additionally, housing providers cannot harass or intimidate you by threatening or sharing information about your immigration status to ICE, law enforcement, or other government agencies.
- You have the right to access **emergency medical care**. Federal laws and regulations ensure the rights of all people to access emergency medical care, including undocumented immigrants.
- You have the right to an **attorney**. If you are arrested by police, you have the right to a government-appointed attorney. If you are detained by ICE and/or are facing immigration proceedings, you have the right to seek legal assistance through an attorney.
- **State and local law enforcement cannot ask for your immigration status.** California law expressly prohibits law enforcement from inquiring about a person's immigration status for immigration enforcement purposes.
- **State and local law enforcement cannot share your personal information.** This includes sharing your home or work address for immigration purposes, unless that information is available to the public or unless that information involves previous criminal arrest, convictions or similar criminal history.
- **State and local law enforcement cannot assist ICE** with immigration enforcement, with very limited exceptions. This means they cannot investigate, cannot interrogate, cannot arrest, and cannot detain you unless it is as part of joint federal task force where the primary purpose is not immigration enforcement.

The full "Know Your Immigration Rights" consumer alert is available in [English](#), [Spanish](#), [Chinese](#), [Korean](#), [Tagalog](#), and [Vietnamese](#) at oag.ca.gov/immigrant/resources.

[Removal Proceedings Workshop](#), UCSD Undocumented Student Services Team

California Guidance for P-12 Students and Families **Educational Rights of Immigrant Students and Their Families**

From the [Office of California Attorney General Rob Bonta](#)

- **Right to a Free Public Education:** All children have a right to equal access to free public education, regardless of their or their parents'/guardians' immigration status.
- **Information Required for School Enrollment:** Schools must accept a variety of documents from the student's parent or guardian to demonstrate proof of child's age or residency and schools are not required to keep a copy of the document used as proof of a child's age.
- **Confidentiality of Personal Information:** Federal and state laws protect student education records and personal information. These laws generally require that schools obtain written consent from parents or guardians before releasing student information, unless the release of information is for educational purposes, is already public, or is in response to a court order or subpoena.

The complete two-page **Guide for Students and Families** is available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) at oag.ca.gov/immigrant/resources.

The complete two-page **Quick Reference for School Officials** guide is available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) at oag.ca.gov/immigrant/resources.

SF Bay Area Resources

LEGAL AND COUNSELING SERVICES AVAILABLE IN OUR AREA

ATTORNEY REFERRALS AND LEGAL SERVICE

API Legal Outreach

1305 Franklin Street, Suite 410, Oakland
510-25-2844

Catholic Charities of the East Bay

433 Jefferson Street, Oakland
510-768-3100

Centro Legal de La Raza

3400 East 12th Street, Oakland
510-244-4311

East Bay Community Law Center

2921 Adeline Street, Berkeley
510-548-4040 x 395

East Bay Sanctuary Covenant

2362 Bancroft Way, Berkeley
510-540-5296

SELF-HELP CLINICS

East Bay Community Law Center Public Benefits Self-help Clinic

Tuesdays 11am- 2pm by appointment
2921 Adeline Street, Berkeley, CA
510-548-4040 x 699

IMMIGRATION COUNSELING AND SERVICE

International Institute of the Bay Area

405 14th Street, Suite 500, Oakland
510-451-2846

Canal Alliance in San Rafael.

91 Larkspur St, San Rafael, CA 94901

(415) 454-2640

Additional resources available [here](#) (scroll down)

Supporting College Students

Below is a **UC specific** toolkit that contains pertinent information related to immigration and tips for serving undocumented students:

- Relevant university policy, guidance and resources including:
 - [Frequently Asked Questions for University Employees About Possible Immigration Enforcement on University Property](#)
 - [Statement of Principles in Support of Undocumented Members of the UC Community](#)
 - [Campus Immigration Customs Enforcement \(ICE\) sweeps briefing for students, staff, faculty, and administrators](#)
 - [Policies Applying to the Disclosure of Information From Student Records – PACAOS 130](#)
- If UC students need **advice about personal immigration issues** or enforcement, please **refer them to the [UC Immigrant Legal Services Center \(UCIMM\)](#)**. The UCIMM can provide students and staff and/or their families with specific advice about their circumstances in a privileged environment, and it has relationships with other immigration resources throughout the state.

- Refer periodically to the [UC Undocumented Website](#), where the university system will list other information or provide updates to any guidance issued thus far.

Berkeley International Office Resources

- Berkeley International Office (BIO) will regularly update their website with any changes to federal immigration policies and updates
- Reminder: See the BIO web page how to properly maintain your [F/J student Status](#) or your [J Scholar status](#) or your [H1-B status](#).
- Also How to contact BIO with questions or advising hours, appointments:
<https://internationaloffice.berkeley.edu/contact-us>

Resources for People Supporting Undocumented Individuals, Families and Communities

Higher Ed UndocuAlly Training – Created by Sacramento State University

This **research-informed UndocuAlly training** video was created to help faculty, counselors, administrators, and staff at Sacramento State to **learn about the experiences of undocumented and mixed-status family college students, as well as ways to support these students' practical and psychological needs**. The video features real stories from undocumented and mixed-status college students and is organized into three modules:

- Basic Immigration Terms and Policies
- Living with Undocumented Status
- Supportive Practices and Resources

K-12 UndocuAlly Training – Created by Sacramento State University

This training is for educators, counselors, administrators, and others working with undocumented students at the K-12 level. It helps viewers learn about students' experiences and how to be supportive. The training consists of a pre-recorded video and a discussion guide to facilitate group conversation and/or personal reflection. The video features expert scholars, educators, and undocumented students who share their experiences and provide practical recommendations for support. The training can be used for individual viewing and/or to facilitate group trainings.

Undocumented Stress Cycle Webinar Series – Created by Sacramento State University

This four-part webinar series is for professionals seeking to support the well-being of young people impacted by undocumented status. In the series, Dr. Basia Ellis, sociocultural psychologist, immigration scholar, and Associate Professor of Child and Adolescent Development at Sacramento State, introduces the “undocumented stress cycle.” Dr. Ellis discusses helpful, research-informed practices for educators and other professionals to support undocumented and mixed-status young people.

- Webinar 1: Understanding the Undocumented Stress Cycle
- Webinar 2: Psychological First Aid and Immediate Support for Young People Impacted by Undocumented Status
- Webinar 3: From Concern to Community: Social Supports to Heal and Promote Self-Determined Lives
- Webinar 4: Healthy Activism and Long-Term Well-Being: What does it take?