IMMIGRANT FAMILY RESOURCES



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EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS



All students, regardless of their immigration status, have the right to access a free & public K-12 education.

The 1982 U.S. Supreme Court case Plyler v. Doe ruled that undocumented students have a constitutional right to receive a free, public K-12 education. School districts that either prohibit or discourage students from enrolling in schools because they or their parents are undocumented immigrants may be in violation of federal law and the Equal Protection Clause (of the Fourteenth Amendment) to the U.S. Constitution. Schools cannot bar a student from enrolling because the student lacks a birth certificate or social security number or has a record that indicates a foreign place of birth (American Federation of Teachers, 2017).



All students' educational records privacy are protected by federal law.

Under FERPA, schools are prohibited, without parental consent, from providing information from a student's file to federal immigration agents if the information would potentially expose a student's immigration status. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law that protects the privacy of student education records for all students.

KNOW YOURS RIGHTS

All people in the U.S., regardless of their immigration status, have rights. Make sure your family, housemates, and coworkers know them too. You have constitutional rights:

- YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO OPEN THE DOOR. ICE must have a signed judicial warrant.
- YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT. Do not answer any questions from an immigration agent if they try to talk to you. Say: "I want to remain silent".
- YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO SPEAK WITH A LAWYER. Do not sign anything without first speaking to a lawyer.
- IF ASKED, YOU DO NOT HAVE TO CONSENT TO BEING SEARCHED. They do not have the right to search you without your consent or probable cause.

If you come across ICE or federal immigration officers, report & record: Take pictures & video unless you are on federal property. Take notes, badge numbers, number of agents, time, type of car, and document exactly what happened. Visit www.aclunv.org/KYR for more info.

FAMILY PREPAREDNESS PLANS

Every family should have a Family Preparedness Plan in case of an emergency.

- Immigrant Legal Resource Center: www.ilrc.org/resources/step-step-family-preparedness-plan
- Make the Road Nevada: www.maketheroadnv.org/know-your-rights
- Nevada Immigrant Coalition: www.nvimmigrantcoalition.org/

NEVADA RAPID RESPONSE HOTLINE

Text JOIN to 638232 to subscribe to the Nevada Immigrant Coalition notification system

CCSD STATEMENTS

CCSD Upholds Rights to Free and Appropriate Education for All

January 23, 2025

Children in Nevada are entitled to a free appropriate public education, irrespective of their immigration status. The Clark County School District does not check any student's immigration status and is not responsible for enforcing federal immigration law.

Should any law enforcement officer or government agent appear at one of our schools, staff should verify their identity (e.g., ask for identification) and ask for the reason for the visit. If there is a concern with either the identity of the officer or agent or the reason for their visit, staff should immediately contact the Clark County School District Police Department (CCSDPD). Per their General Orders, CCSDPD officers are not responsible for and do not enforce federal civil immigration laws.

In 2017, the School Board of Trustees adopted a resolution reinforcing the District's commitment to students regardless of immigration status.

Resolution: Commitment to Students Regardless of Immigration Status (2017)

A CCSD resolution remains in effect from 2017, when the Board of School Trustees reinforced the district's commitment to students regardless of immigration status. CCSD does not report undocumented immigrants to authorities, nor does CCSD ever ask students or parents about their immigration status.

La resolución de CCSD permanecerá vigente a partir de 2017, cuando la Junta de Fideicomisarios Escolares reforzó el compromiso del distrito con los estudiantes, independientemente de su estatus migratorio. CCSD no reporta a los inmigrantes indocumentados a las autoridades, ni tampoco pregunta a los estudiantes o padres sobre su estado de inmigración.

LOCAL RESOURCES



American Civil Liberties Union of Nevada

- Know Your Rights Support
- Report Civil Rights Violations
- Request a speaker

www.aclunv.org/know-your-rights/immigrants-rights/



Asian Community Development Council

ACDC works to improve the general well-being and education of the Asian, Pacific Islander and other ethnic communities in Nevada.

- Culturally responsive food assistance
- Citizenship
- Vaccine clinic
- SNAP & health insurance assistance

3235 S Rainbow Blvd. Las Vegas, NV 89146

(702) 489-8866



CCSD Family Support Center

The CCSD Family Support Center provides a wide range of assistance for CCSD students and their families. In addition to family engagement activities, adult English classes, a pediatric health clinic, employment assistance, college counseling, and school registration support, we also connect families to many other helpful resources to meet their unique needs.

familysc.ccsd.net/



Fifth Sun Project

Grassroots-led mutual aid, advocacy, undocu-relief fund, & resources.

Instagram: @FifthSunProject www.linktr.ee/fifthsunproject



Fuente de Vida

We are committed to offering quality mental health services that promote personal, family, and social well-being.

Many of our staff are fully bilingual in Spanish and English to help service the Latin American/ Hispanic community in Nevada.

www.fuentedevidanv.org

Admin@fuentedevidanv.org (725) 204-8809

6402 McLeod Dr. Ste 5 Las Vegas NV 89120



Legal Aid of Southern Nevada

Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada offers a wide array of immigration services. Legal Aid Center's immigration project provides direct representation to victims of domestic violence (VAWA petitions), victims of serious crime (U-Visa), victims of trafficking (T-Visa), unaccompanied minors, and children in foster care (Special Immigrant Juvenile Visa). We also provide assistance with other immigration matters.

702-386-1070, option 4 725 E. Charleston Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89104

www.lacsn.org/



Make the Road NV

- Family preparedness plans
- Know Your Rights
- Community support

www.maketheroadnv.org/know-your-rights



Mojada Inc

- Movement & cultural work
- Poetry & storytelling
- Workshops, trainings, & facilitations

mojada.inc@gmail.com

Resources: www.bit.ly/ImmigNV



Nevada Immigrant Coalition

The coalition focuses on strengthening a network that provides services, resources, and deportation defense to immigrants and refugees across the state while strategically organizing around issues that are important to all Nevadans. We believe in working towards a Nevada that welcomes, respects, and protects everyone regardless of their immigration status.

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www.nvimmigrantcoalition.org



Puentes

Puentes mission is to be an innovator in the development of comprehensive, collaborative and culturally relativistic initiatives that seek to provide permanent, sustainable solutions through addressing root causes, disparities and inequities in our social order.

www.puenteslasvegas.org/ info@puenteslasvegas.org (702) 592-0056





Food and grocery assistance.

Find a food pantry near you: www.threesquare.org/get-help/find-food

(702)765-4030



UNLV Immigration Clinic

Legal defense for unaccompanied children, detained adults, and DACA renewals.

702-895-3000 1212 S. Casino Center Blvd, 2nd Floor Las Vegas, NV, 89104

law.unlv.edu/clinics/immigration

RELEVANT RESEARCH



"We Are Not Invisible": Latina girls, mental health, and Philadelphia schools (Rivera-Calderón, et al., 2017)



<u>Understanding and Supporting Undocumented Students in Schools</u>
(Menendez & Suárez-Orozco, 2024)



<u>Immigrant Students' Legal Rights: An Overview (Colorín Colorado,</u> 2018)



Social Science & Medicine

U.S. immigration policy and family separation: The consequences for children's well-being

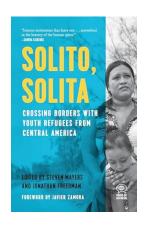
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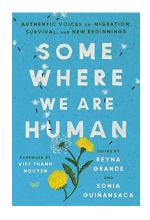
U.S. immigration policy and family separation: The consequences for children's well-being (Dreby, 2014)

NON-FICTION BOOKS



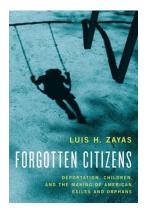
Solito, Solita: Crossing Borders with Youth Refugees from Central America

Edited by Jonathan Freedman and Steven Mayers

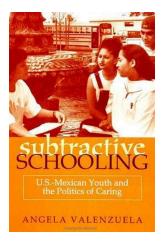


<u>Somewhere We Are Human: Authentic Voices on Migration, Survival, and New Beginnings</u>

Edited by Reyna Grande and Sonia Guiñansaca



Forgotten citizens: deportation, children, and the making of American exiles and orphans by Luis H. Zayas



<u>Subtractive Schooling: U.S. Mexican Youth and the Politics of Caring</u> by Dr. Angela Valenzuela

EDUCATOR SUPPORT

1 in 5 Nevadans are immigrants.

1 in 7 U.S. citizen children live with at least one undocumented family member in NV.

Studies show that, regardless of status, anti-immigrant policies impact the mental, social, & physical well-being of children of immigrants.

Children of immigrants can develop anxiety, depression, complex post-traumatic stress disorder, & suicidality from the persistent and cumulative stress, fears, and worrying of immigration enforcement activities & family separation. In a 2017 study, close to half of all U.S. Latina high school girls felt persistently sad or hopeless to the point of being unable to engage in usual life activities due to fears of deportation.

Educators report chronic absenteeism, reduced engagement, and reduced access to support services by children of immigrants during heightened raids & enforcement. Educators play a critical role in supporting & protecting student well-being in schools by connecting them to community resources.

HOW TO SUPPORT IMMIGRANT STUDENTS IN THE CLASSROOM

☐ Visibly and consistently demonstrate your support for immigrant communities.
☐ Use inclusive language.
 Learn about the impact of deportation & family separation on children.
☐ Share community resources with all students & families regularly, including family
preparation plans & know your rights information.
Provide flexibility when families experience fear or instability.
☐ Foster a welcoming, safe, & supportive environment by affirming student rights.
☐ Teach lessons that promote global perspectives, memoirs, and celebrate culture.
Center immigrant and undocumented artists, writers, and thinkers.
☐ Use your voice and expertise as an educator to push for inclusive policies at the school
and district level.

CLASSROOM RESOURCES

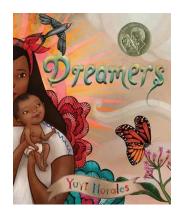


RESOURCE- Co-libre Education

Collective liberation through education

- Resources
- Lesson plans
- Workshops & consulting

www.co-libre.org



BOOK- <u>Dreamers/</u> by Yuyi Morales



POSTER- "Migration is Beautiful" by Favianna Rodriguez



BOOK- Rebeldita the Fearless in Ogreland by Dr. Oriel Maria Siu