

Remaining Present in the Midst of Uncertainty

As we enter into the new year, Indiana AID joins many community members and organizations who are gearing up our ongoing support of our immigrant neighbors in the face of political uncertainty. We cannot be sure what the coming days and years will entail, but we remain present and steadfast in our certainty that our country, our communities, our lives are made infinitely richer by the presence of our immigrant neighbors. We will do all we can to support and provide resources, knowledge, connections, and information to our partners in detention, their families, and our larger community. As a part of that, we have pulled together a few different “Know Your Rights” resources. Please note, we are not attorneys and this should not be viewed as legal advice. Please contact an attorney for immigration-specific legal questions.

For immigrants: (information from the Immigrant Legal Resource Center)

- Figure out what documents you should and should not carry with you. Unfortunately, both unauthorized and authorized immigrants can be stopped and harassed, detained, or arrested by ICE. To protect yourself, make sure that you carry the correct documentation:
 - If you have a valid work permit or permanent resident card (i.e. “green card”), carry it with you at all times. If you do not have one, carry a municipal ID, state ID, or driver's license only if it was issued in the United States by a U.S. government agency and *contains no information* about your immigration status or your country of origin. Ask local immigration advocates about what kind of documents are safe for you to carry.
 - Do not carry any documentation indicating your country of origin.
 - Do not carry any false identity or immigration documents.
 - At all times, carry a red card (see an example on the next page) reminding you of your constitutional rights and to exercise your right to remain silent in case you are stopped or interrogated by ICE or police officers.
- Have a Family Preparedness Plan in case of detention:
 - Keep an immigration attorney's contact information readily available.
 - Designate someone to care for your children in your absence.
 - Memorize the number of a trusted friend or relative.
 - Keep a file of important documents, health information and contacts.
 - Tell your loved ones that if you are detained by ICE, they can try to use ICE's online detainee locator to find you: <https://locator.ice.gov/odls/#/search>
- Turn your smartphones off and on again for at least 5 minutes once a day as a cybersecurity measure

In the case of expanded “Expedited Removal”:

- Expedited removal is a process that immigration officials can use to quickly deport certain people from the United States without allowing them the opportunity to see a judge or an attorney before being deported.
- Where previously, expedited removal was used for people arrested within 100 miles of the border (including the coast) who had been in the U.S. for less than 14 days, it’s expected the Trump administration will expand and use the process as much as possible.
- Undocumented individuals who have been in the US for at least two years should gather documents that generally show presence for two years, and that do not reveal alienage or other information about status. For example, photocopies of:
 - School records for you or children; Birth certificates of children born here; Receipts; Leases; Utility bills; Facebook posts with geotag; Mail or any other documentation with your name dating back two years; Tax returns (if proper ITIN or legitimate social security number used); Date-stamped photographs in clear U.S. locations
- Asserting Two-Year Presence in the U.S.:
 - “I have lived in the United States for more than two years and am not subject to expedited removal.”

For allies: (info from the Immigrant Legal Resource Center & the Immigrant Defense Project)

- If you can do so safely, take photos of, video record, document and report raids and arrests.
 - Regardless of immigration status, it is legal to film ICE agents making arrests. Make sure to film openly - some states have laws prohibiting secret recordings
 - Obtain the names and phone numbers of any witnesses
 - Do not physically interfere with the arrest or interaction
 - If directed to do so, back up. Not doing so may result in your arrest
 - If ICE agents or police officers enter without a proper warrant, ask for their names and/or write down their badge numbers
 - For more information & useful videos: <https://www.wehaverights.us/>
- Where applicable/if needed, assist your immigrant neighbors in compiling and organizing their documentation to show presence in the US over the last two years.

From the Immigrant Legal Resource Center’s “Red Cards” - available in multiple languages:

You have constitutional rights:

- DO NOT OPEN THE DOOR if an immigration agent is knocking on the door.
- DO NOT ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS from an immigration agent if they try to talk to you. You have the right to remain silent.
- DO NOT SIGN ANYTHING without first speaking to a lawyer. You have the right to speak with a lawyer.
- If you are outside of your home, ask the agent if you are free to leave and if they say yes, leave calmly.
- GIVE THIS CARD TO THE AGENT. If you are inside of your home, show the card through the window or slide it under the door.

I do not wish to speak with you, answer your questions, or sign or hand you any documents based on my 5th Amendment rights under the United States Constitution.

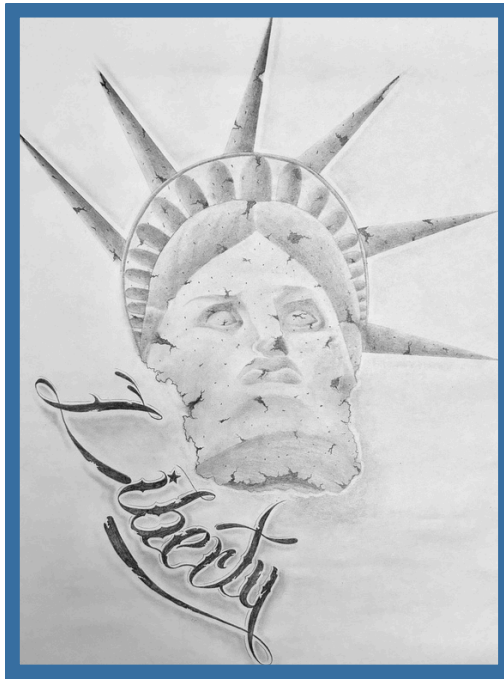
I do not give you permission to enter my home based on my 4th Amendment rights under the United States Constitution unless you have a warrant to enter, signed by a judge or magistrate with my name on it that you slide under the door.

I do not give you permission to search any of my belongings based on my 4th Amendment rights.

I choose to exercise my constitutional rights.

These cards are available to citizens and noncitizens alike.

What Does Liberty Look Like to You?



A portrait done in pencil by one of our incredibly talented detained partners with his depiction and experience of "Liberty."

Creative Connections

An Indiana AID volunteer, Martha, shares an example of one of the many ways our work and support for our partners expand well past our weekly and monthly visits:

M. was a young woman who was sadly arrested in the course of a domestic dispute. She was allowed one phone call, but not her cellphone. These days we tend not to memorize phone numbers and that was her case. She made her one phone call but must have mis-remembered it and called a wrong number. That was it; she was not allowed another call. When she was transferred to ICE custody, she had no way to let family and friends know where she was. I met M. on one of our visits and she asked me for help. I called a person who M. thought would be able to reach her mother, but he was living in a different city and did not have her mother's contact information. I asked M. if she could remember the names of her friends' workplaces so that I could google them and find phone numbers. The first place I called - no answer. The second said they didn't know the person I was looking for. We went back to the drawing board and tried a different friend in a different business. There I was able to leave a voicemail message. The person called me back within the hour. He was glad to know the information and said he would pass it on to the other friends we'd been trying to reach.

Later that day I got a call from a person who shared his deep appreciation for our help in trying to get M. connected - he shared, "I'm everybody's uncle," and that he had been terribly worried about her. From there on the information was quickly passed along to M's loved ones. I was able to talk directly with M's mother and then received a phone call from an attorney whom M.'s mother had contacted to help her daughter's case. I'm grateful that we were able to help reconnect M. to her support network.

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Currently, our greatest needs are for...

- Spanish-speaking visitation partners
- Visitation partners who speak languages other than English and Spanish
- Financial support/fundraising experience
- Website and social media specialists

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- Indiana AID is a volunteer group funded 100% on donations. Please consider a tax-deductible donation via the QR code or link above.
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