

# Building Strong Families and Powerful Communities Where Children Matter Most

# **Our Commitment To You**

To the families, providers, and communities who depend on us:

During this time of uncertainty and heightened anxiety, especially for our immigrant families, Illinois Action for Children is here to support you. No matter what evolves in this political climate, we remain committed to our values as an organization. This means continuing to advocate for the safety and well-being of all children and their families.

For anyone who may be affected by the recent executive orders, below you will find key information to help you understand your rights, develop a safety plan for your loved ones, and know what resources are available to you. Our priority remains to protect all children and mitigate trauma in every way possible. IAFC learning centers will remain a secure, caring, and peaceful environment for children, and we will ensure our staff members and families supported through our programs can easily access the most current information and guidance.

## **Resources For Families**

Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (ICIRR) has several helpful resources on their website: www.icirr/fsn.

#### **Direct Hotline**

You can call the ICIRR Family Support Hotline at **1-855-435-7693** (available in English/Spanish/Korean/Polish) if you need assistance or need to report ICE (Immigrant and Customs Enforcement) activity.

## **Know Your Rights and Family Preparedness**

All people in the United States, regardless of immigration status, have certain rights and protections under the U.S. Constitution. "Know Your Rights" resources provide important information for families and community members who encounter or interact with ICE.

Scan the QR code with your mobile device to access the resources listed above.



Using a computer? Visit www.actforchildren.org to access the resources above.

#### **Know Your Rights One-Pagers**

- ICIRR's **Know Your Rights one-pager** is available in English, Spanish, Chinese, and French.
- The **Illinois Attorney General's Know Your Rights resource** is available in Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, Hindi, Polish, Serbian, and Urdu.
- The national Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC) has a **Know Your Rights one-pager** with actions that families can take and is available in Spanish, Chinese, Korean, Arabic, Russian, Tagalog, and Vietnamese.

#### **Know Your Rights Printable Cards**

The ILRC's Red Cards can be printed in bulk and distributed to families to help them assert their rights in many situations, such as when ICE agents go to a home. They are available in 16 languages.

### **Family Preparedness Plans**

ILRC has a toolkit for putting together a family preparedness plan that includes steps parents should take to ensure a trusted adult can care for their child if they cannot, including templates for collecting children's information, emergency contacts, and important documents. It is available in English, Spanish and Chinese.

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