



**Immigration
Law & Justice
Network**

Trump 2.0 immigration Policies: What we are facing & Know Your Rights

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Areas We'll Cover

1. Who We Are
2. Brief Overview of our Organization
3. Recent law and policy changes: the Impact
4. Know Your Rights!
5. what your congregation can do to keep everyone safe
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Our Mission:

We welcome immigrants by providing low-cost or free, high-quality immigration legal services, engaging in advocacy for immigrants' rights, and offering education to communities of faith and the public.

Our History

1940 - UMCOR Founded Us

Since 1949, UMCOR (the United Methodist Committee on Relief) has participated in refugee resettlement in partnership with Church World Service, and the relief, development, and refugee resettlement ministries of 35 Protestant, Orthodox and Anglican denominations in the United States.

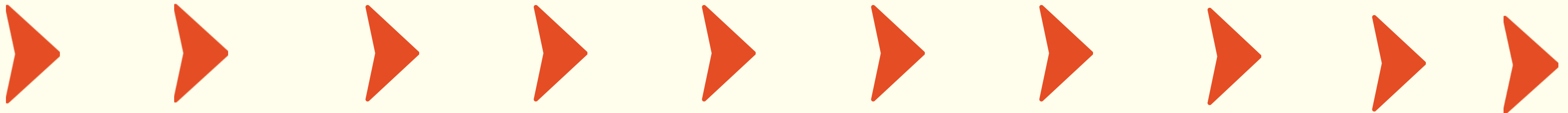
1986- Immigration Reform and Control Act (IRCA)

UMCOR began sending congregations information—including alerts about immigration issues, conducting immigration workshops at Methodist districts, and speaking out about immigration at church events—to enable them to understand and respond to immigration issues.

1999- JFON established as a program of UMCOR

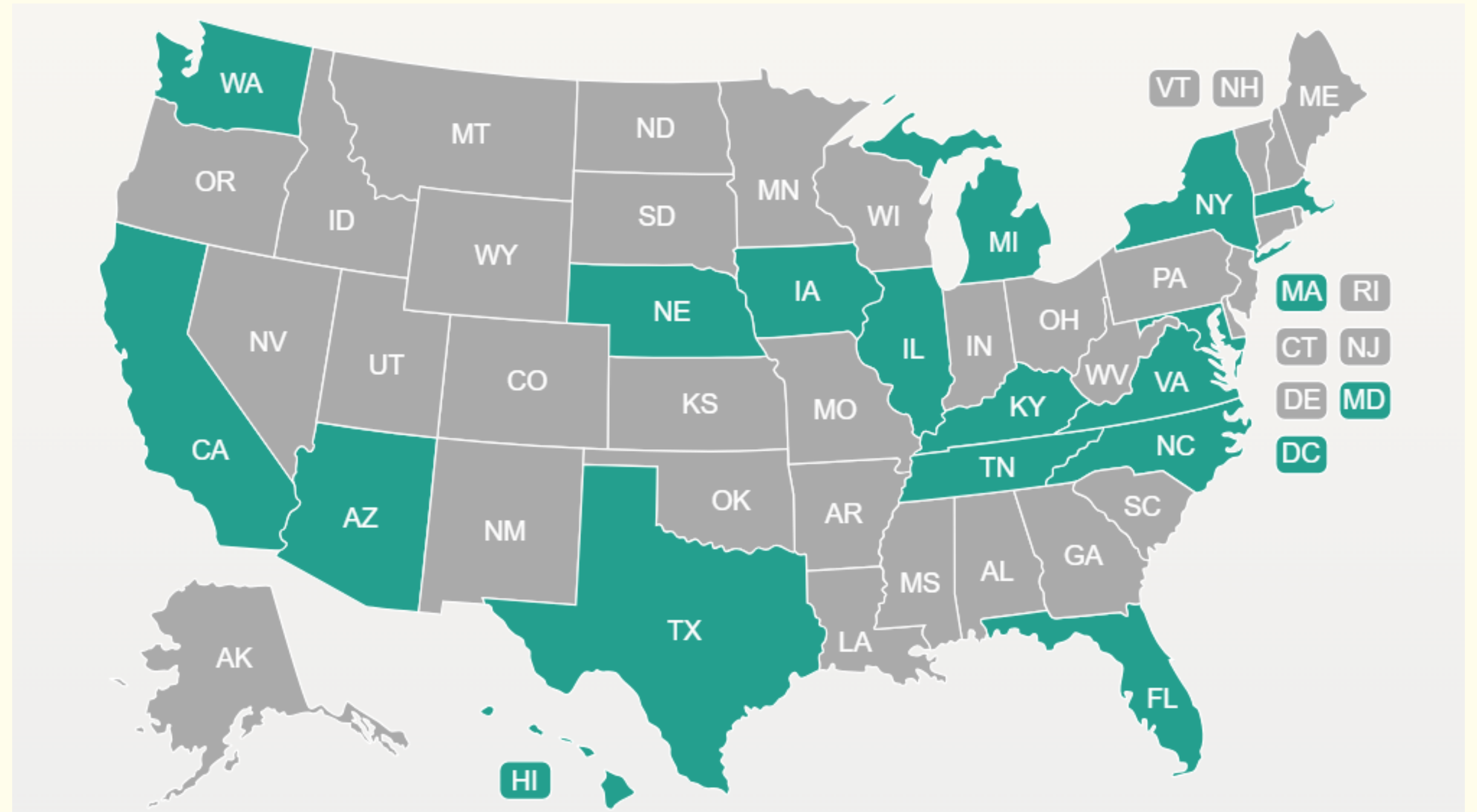
2013- JFON becomes its own 501(c)(3)

2022- We change our name to the Immigration Law & Justice Network



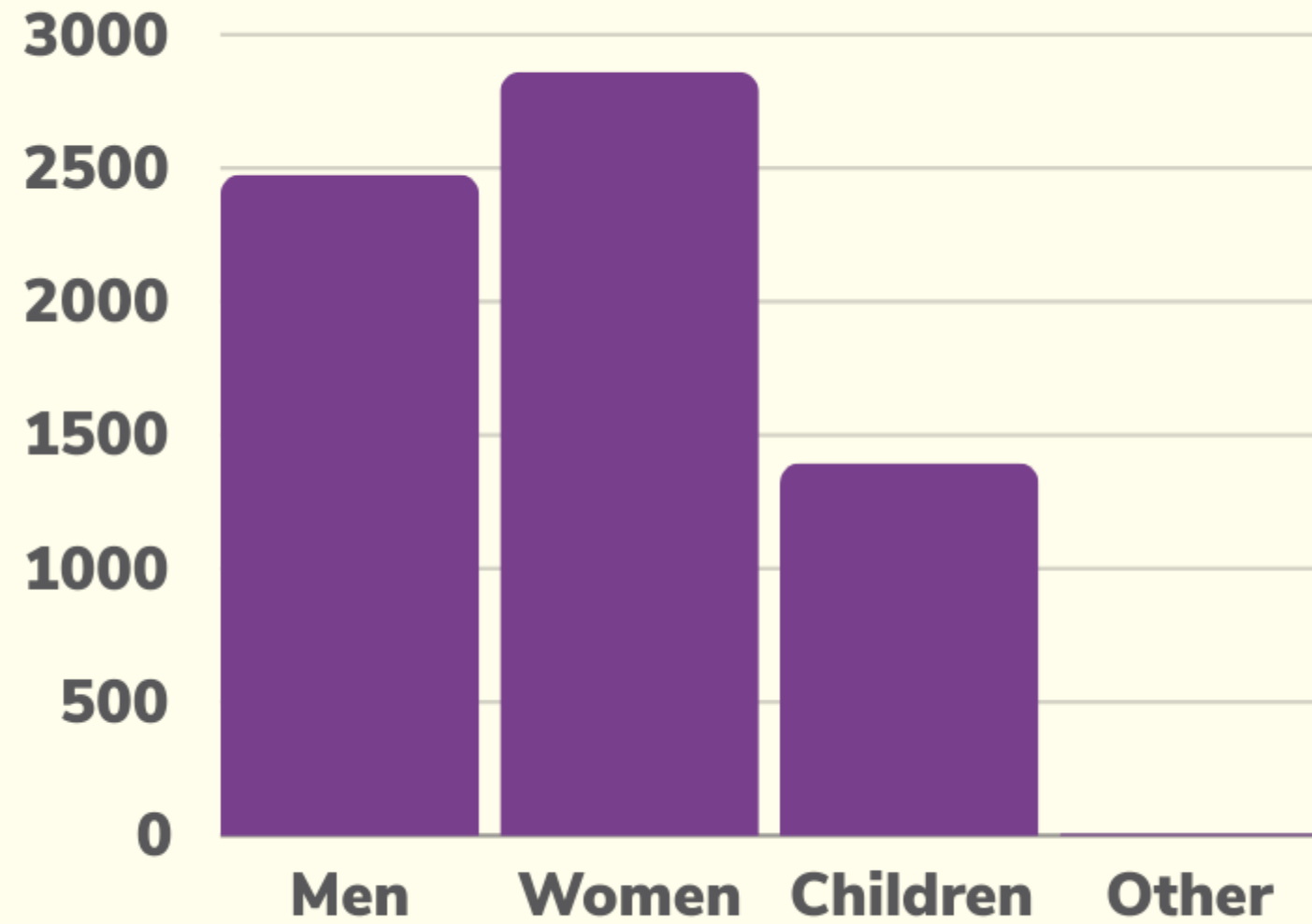
We are a network of 19 locally funded and managed sites that service more than 22,000 cases annually.

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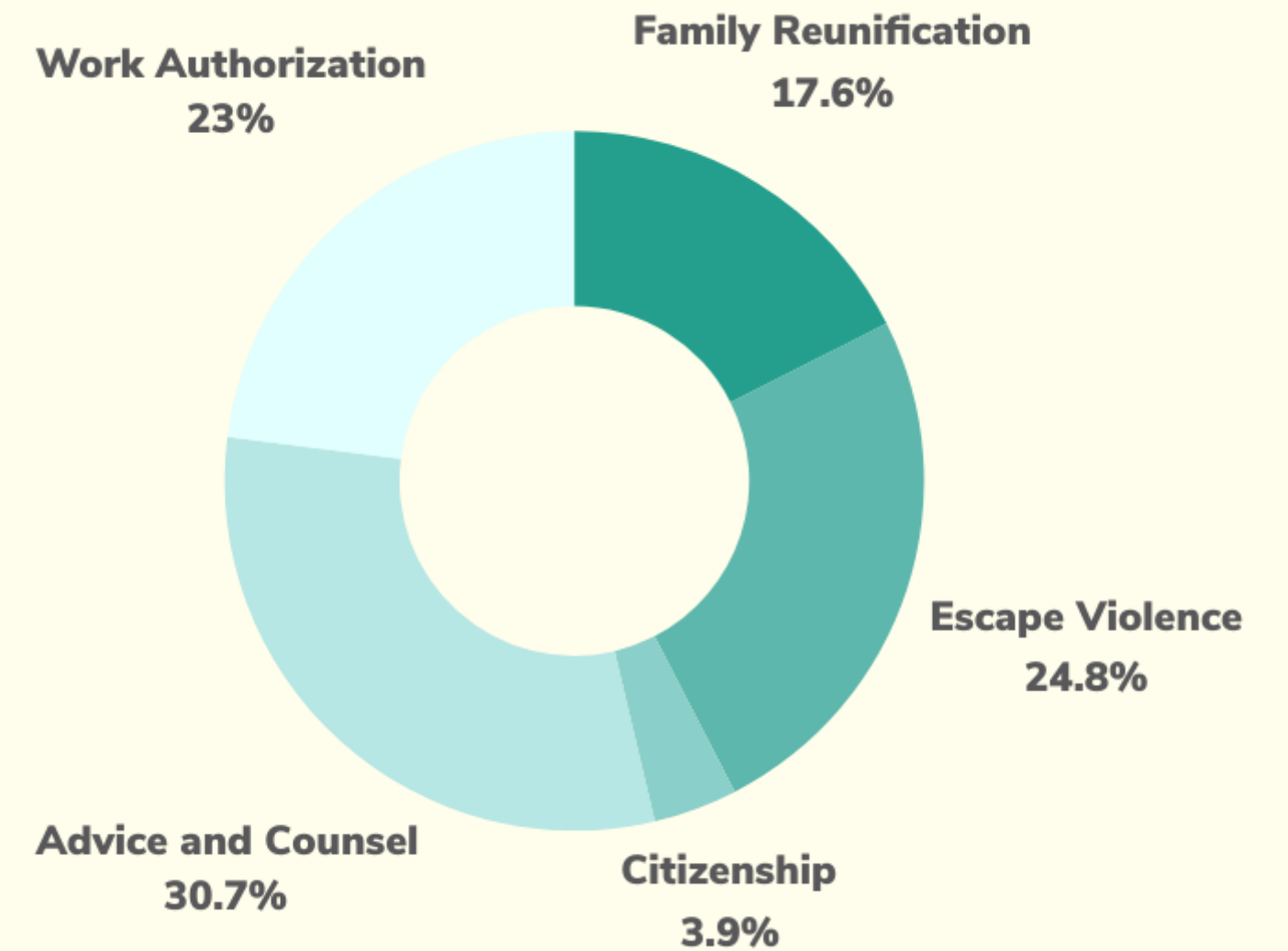


WHO WE SERVE

CLIENT NUMBERS



21,316 Total Cases



To begin with....

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- This is legal information NOT legal advice.
- “Why don’t they just get in line? There is no line for most undocumented immigrants.
- Immigration relief is slowly disappearing and being stripped away under this administration.
- Immigrants are not criminals. Immigration is civil law not criminal law!

Mass raids, expanded detention & increased Deportations

On January 20, 2025, President Trump announced a series of Executive Orders and an Emergency Declaration that expand the detention machine and our country's will and capacity to carry out mass deportations against immigrants.

Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE) is now raiding and detaining immigrants across the country. "Raids" usually means ICE arresting multiple people at their homes, on the streets, in a public place, or at a workplace. Immigrant-owned businesses are particularly at risk, as are businesses that are known to employ immigrants. ICE is targeting immigrants who have final orders of removal or criminal convictions, but the raids are often carried out as collateral arrests meaning anyone in the vicinity who is presumed undocumented is then targeted and detained in the encounter.



Impact of Mass Deportation



- Its not just “criminals”! You look like you could be foreign? You can be scooped up.
 - An individual without any criminal history can become collateral damage in a raid. In fact, anyone who is “removable” under federal immigration laws- can fall victim to a raid. **Children, Green Card Holders, folks with cancer, the elderly, citizens who are suspected of pursuing their citizenship with fraud, etc.**
- Psychic terror on communities
- Millions of immigrant families separated
- Communities destroyed
- Loss of workers across industries
- Loss of contribution to the social security system-\$ 22.6 Billion to social security and \$5.7 billion to Medicare annually.
- Reinstatement of family detention centers

Laken Riley Act

- First act of new Congress and signed into law by President Trump on Jan. 29th
- Bill mandates federal detention without bail for migrants merely *arrested* for theft-related crimes, even if it later turns out that the migrant was innocent.
- It contains no exception for minors.
- It gives state officials unheard of power over immigration.

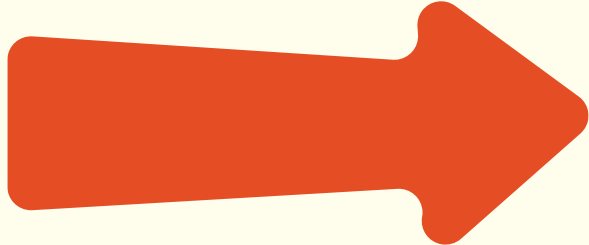
Loss of Due Process rights

- Under HB4 & similar “show me your papers” state laws, local law enforcement may arrest people if they suspect of being undocumented which opens the door to racial profiling. It also allows judges to fast-track immigration cases.
- The federal government recently released a rule that expands expedited removal effective immediately. This means that the government can now use this fast-tracked process to deport undocumented immigrants who crossed the border between “ports of entry” [designated locations where one may lawfully enter a country] and cannot prove that they have been in the country for at least two years before the arrest. Immigrants’ rights organizations have sued to stop the implementation of this expansion of expedited removal. We will follow this lawsuit closely.

Sensitive Locations

An Executive Order rescinds the Sensitive Locations Memo which discouraged ICE from entering places of worship, schools, hospitals, rallies,, etc.

Now, we are seeing ICE enter these locations or wait in their parking lots to pursue immigrants of interest to them. The Fourth Amendment protects a facility from a “warrantless search,” and staff at these facilities can deny ICE entry unless they present a warrant with the signature of a judge that lists the precise location of the facility.



This is being challenged in court. In fact, right now, houses of worship that sued are temporarily protected from ICE. But everyone else needs a safety plan!

Sanctuary Cities

- A community with a policy that discourages local law enforcement from reporting the immigration status of individuals unless it involves investigation of a serious crime.
- These communities typically do not honor requests by ICE to detain undocumented immigrants whom local agents apprehend for misdemeanor crimes or investigations.
- Sanctuary cities may also refuse to deputize their local officers as federal agents, a necessary technicality if those local officers carry out the duties of ICE agents.
- Some sanctuary cities prohibit local authorities from questioning individuals about immigration status.

Threats to Sanctuary Cities

- Potential criminal prosecution of elected officials
- Potential Loss of federal funding for cities that do not cooperate with mass deportation.
- On her first day as attorney general, Pam Bondi ordered a 60-day pause on funding for sanctuary cities, including New York City.
- Likelihood of more ICE raids in sanctuary cities

the southern border is effectively closed



- Multiple Executive Orders focus on actions to “close” the border and prevent the arrival of immigrants into the country.
- They end various parole programs that allowed people to enter the country and live and work temporarily, like parole programs for immigrants from Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua, and Venezuela.
- The CBP One App is no longer functional, and all appointments have been cancelled. In addition, the Remain in Mexico program has been restarted which forces people seeking asylum to remain in Mexico while their asylum case is ongoing.
- The military is now sending 1,500 troops and military equipment to the border to enforce the border closure.

the “registry”: A Human Rights Disaster

- On February 25, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services [announced](#) that the Trump administration will reanimate a provision of U.S. immigration law that has essentially been dormant for decades: a requirement for all immigrants who did not enter with a visa to register with the federal government after their arrival and carry proof of their registration with them.
- Used these registries during some of the most shameful moments in U.S. history like during WWII when we placed Japanese Americans in internment camps, or made Muslims register following 9/11.
- This will make it a crime for immigrants to fail to register or fail to carry proof of registration. In doing so, the Trump administration is giving itself another tool to use against immigrants: the threat of criminal prosecution. Which has serious implications on their ability to return to the United States if deported.

Targeting Unaccompanied Kids: Another Human Rights Disaster



What Can I do?

- Impacted? Know Your Rights!
 - We all have Constitutional rights just by standing on U.S. soil.
- Not impacted? Strive to become an ally!
 - Allyship is not an identity. It is a lifelong learning process.
 - It is not self-defined. The work must be recognized by those who we want to seek to ally ourselves with.
 - Be mindful of white saviorism
 - Be mindful of language-do not use the terms “alien” or “illegal”
 - Actively listen to impacted immigrants
 - Use privilege to amplify the voices of immigrants
 - Allow migrants to lead the way
 - Educate themselves on immigration policy
 - Reflect on their own bias and work to dismantle them



KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!

The [Fourth Amendment](#) of the Constitution still applies to all of us under the [Trump](#) Administration [regardless of immigration status](#). How these rights are applied with Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents are as follows:



Stopped on the Street?

Ask "Am I free to leave?"

ICE is not allowed to keep asking you questions without reason. Before giving them your name or any information, ask if you are free to go. If they say "yes," stay away from the place. If they say "no" tell them you do not want to answer any questions and you want to talk to a lawyer. In some states, you may have to share your name but that's it!



If ICE is searching you or your belongings, you have the right to say "I do not agree to this search."



DO NOT RUN. If you run, ICE may go after you. It will make the encounter worse.



Stopped in the Car?

If you are detained while driving, it will likely be by police not ICE. When pulled over by police, receiving a ticket is better than having to go to a police precinct, since going to one increases the chance you are referred to ICE.

If you don't have a driver's license do not show any false documents.

Do not answer any questions related to your immigration status or your country of origin. Say: "I want to exercise my right to remain silent" and "I want to speak with a lawyer." If the officer asks to search your vehicle, you have the right to not consent to any search. They cannot do it without a proper warrant, unless there is reasonable suspicion.



If you are driving along border states, you may be pulled over by Border Patrol and could encounter checkpoints. They can pull you over if they have reasonable suspicion of an immigration violation or a crime, and they may ask questions about your status. They can continue to detain you to inquire about your status, **but they cannot force you to speak or to sign anything.**



ICE at your Home or Facility?

Do not open the door. ICE cannot enter your home or facility without a judicial warrant. Also beware of sneaky tactics. ICE often uses tricks to get you to open the door, so be weary of anything they say.



You have the right to ask to see the warrant.

If the agents say they have a warrant, tell them to pass it under the door before opening it. If you are at a facility, you can ask to review the warrant while waiting outside the front entrance.

Check the warrant thoroughly. Confirm the name and address on the order to make sure it is precise to your location. Also verify that it is signed by a judge. An ICE warrant is not the same as a court mandated, judicial warrant. **During raids, agents often say they have a "warrant" when all they have is an ICE warrant.**



If in a facility, designate "private spaces" with closed doors. If ICE comes to your facility, people inside have stronger privacy rights when out of "public spaces" like waiting rooms, kitchens, sanctuaries, etc.

When Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents go to homes or in the community to arrest non-citizens, they often tell lies or “ruses” about who they are and what they are doing. ICE agents use ruses to get into homes without judicial warrants, to obtain information, or to arrest people outside of their homes. A common ICE ruse is that agents pretend they are local law enforcement. ICE agents will say they are “police” and purposefully not identify themselves as ICE agents. This can be confusing as they are often dressed in plain-clothes or in uniforms that do not indicate that they are ICE. ICE police ruses can also happen over the phone.

Ruse (In Person)

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General Investigation Ruse
 “We are conducting an investigation and want to ask some questions.”
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Criminal Investigation Ruse
 “We are investigating a crime, can we ask you a few questions?”
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Identity Theft Ruse
 “Your son is the victim of identity theft, and we need to talk to him.”
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Photo Ruse
 “Have you seen this suspect?”

Ruse (By Phone)

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Lost ID Ruse
 “We found a lost ID.”
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You’re a Suspect Ruse
 “We’re investigating a crime and you are a suspect.”

“Can we come inside?”

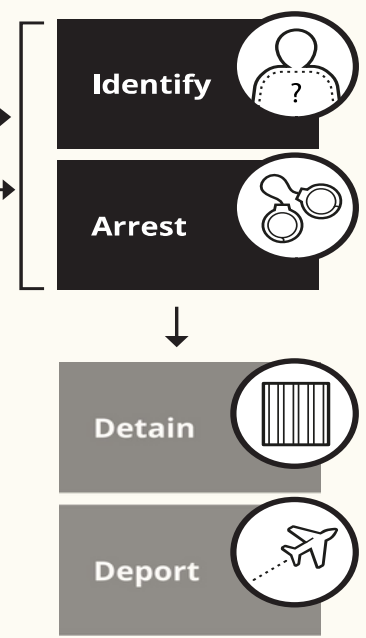
“Can you come outside?”

“Can we come to you?”

“Can you come to us?”

“POLICE, open up”
 “I’m Detective [name]”
 “We are the warrant squad”
 “We are from the XYZ precinct”
 “I’m calling from [local court name] to confirm your address”
 “I’m calling from the District Attorney’s office”
 “We are looking for X, who is a victim of identity theft”

Goal



For more information on ICE ruses and raids and for IDP’s Know Your Rights materials, go to immdefense.org/raids
 To report a raid where ICE has used a ruse, contact IDP’s hotline at 212-725-6422 (c) Immigrant Defense Project 2020

Judicial warrant vs. Administrative warrant

When ICE shows up at your home, facility or business you DO NOT have to let them in. Ask to see their warrant. If they slip you or hand you an Administrative Warrant, be brave! Say "I do not consent to a search" and ask them to leave.

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judicial warrants are issued by a court!

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judicial warrants are signed by a judge!

! this sort of title is a give away that it is an admin warrant!

! admin warrant issued by dhs not a court!

! admin warrant signed by an immigration officer not a judge!



What your congregation can do:

- Show up at organizing spaces. It's time to participate!
- Attend rally's, marches and protest!
- Draft letters to the editor and position statements
- Donate to immigration non-profits and grassroots organizers
- Provide messages of welcome and support and make it visible!



What your congregation can do:

- Create Healing Spaces
 - Work with mental health providers and art therapists
 - Organize support groups



What your congregation can do:

Assist Immigrants with Safety Planning:

- Power of Attorneys & Caregiver Authorization Affidavit
- Financial Resources
- Car repairs
- Document medical issues and medication
- Copies of vital records
- A Number



What your congregation can do:

Create an Accompaniment Program:

- Go with immigrants to ICE check-ins or court hearings
- Visit immigrants when detained
- Assist the families of those who are detained.



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