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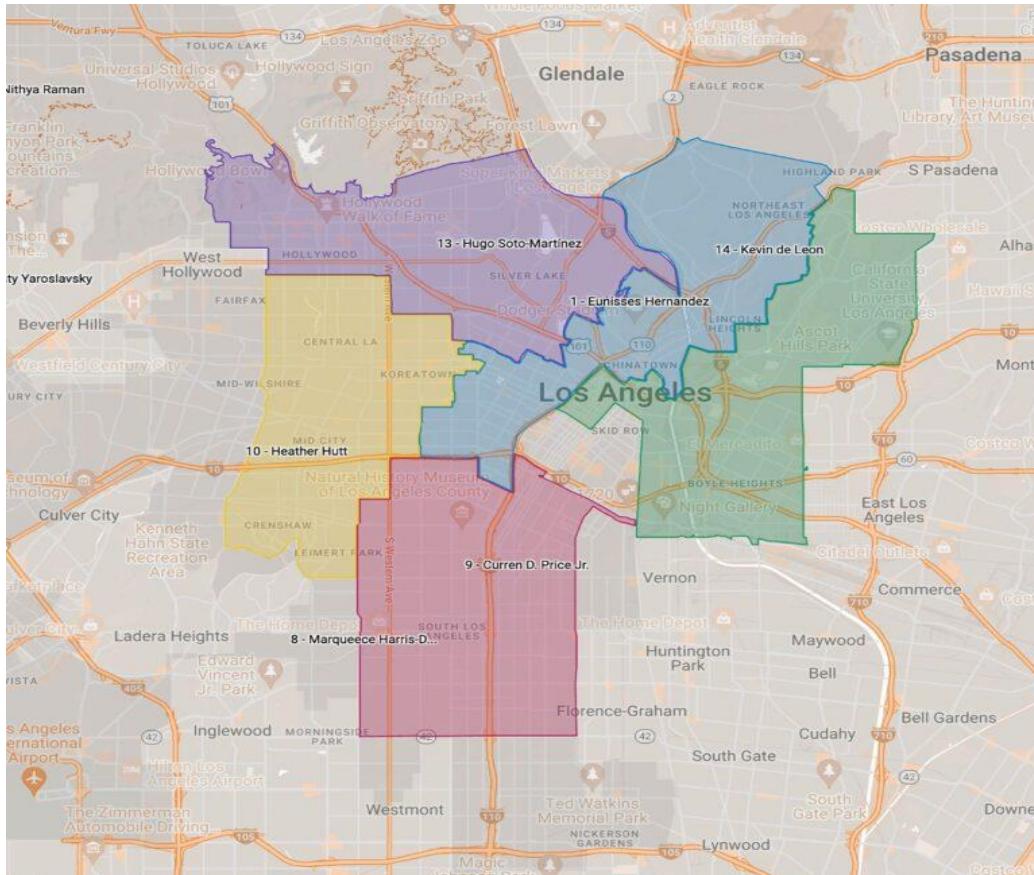


## Street Medicine in the ICE Age

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# Painting the picture: Some quick statistics

- USC Street Medicine's area



- Census.gov

- Los Angeles, CA

- *Population estimate as of 7/2024 3.8 million*
- *Hispanic or Latino: 47.2%*

## Race and Hispanic Origin

<i>i</i> White alone, percent	37.3%
<i>i</i> Black alone, percent (a) (a)	8.5%
<i>i</i> American Indian and Alaska Native alone, percent (a) (a)	1.2%
<i>i</i> Asian alone, percent (a) (a)	12.0%
<i>i</i> Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone, percent (a) (a)	0.1%
<i>i</i> Two or More Races, percent	15.7%
<i>i</i> Hispanic or Latino, percent (b) (b)	47.2%
<i>i</i> White alone, not Hispanic or Latino, percent	28.3%

Many people being impacted by ICE, our unsheltered neighbors included, have deep roots on this land, histories and lives here....

This is my family... We've been here for generations, citizens of this country, and like many others, my loved ones have even fought for this country, but yet so many of us are now feeling the anxiety and fear of ICE



# Protecting Patients: Strategies for Street Medicine Teams

# What we're advised to do:

- Hand out Red Cards
- Know Your Rights Flyers
- Know Your Rights Trainings
- Social Media pages for awareness





# What's actually working:

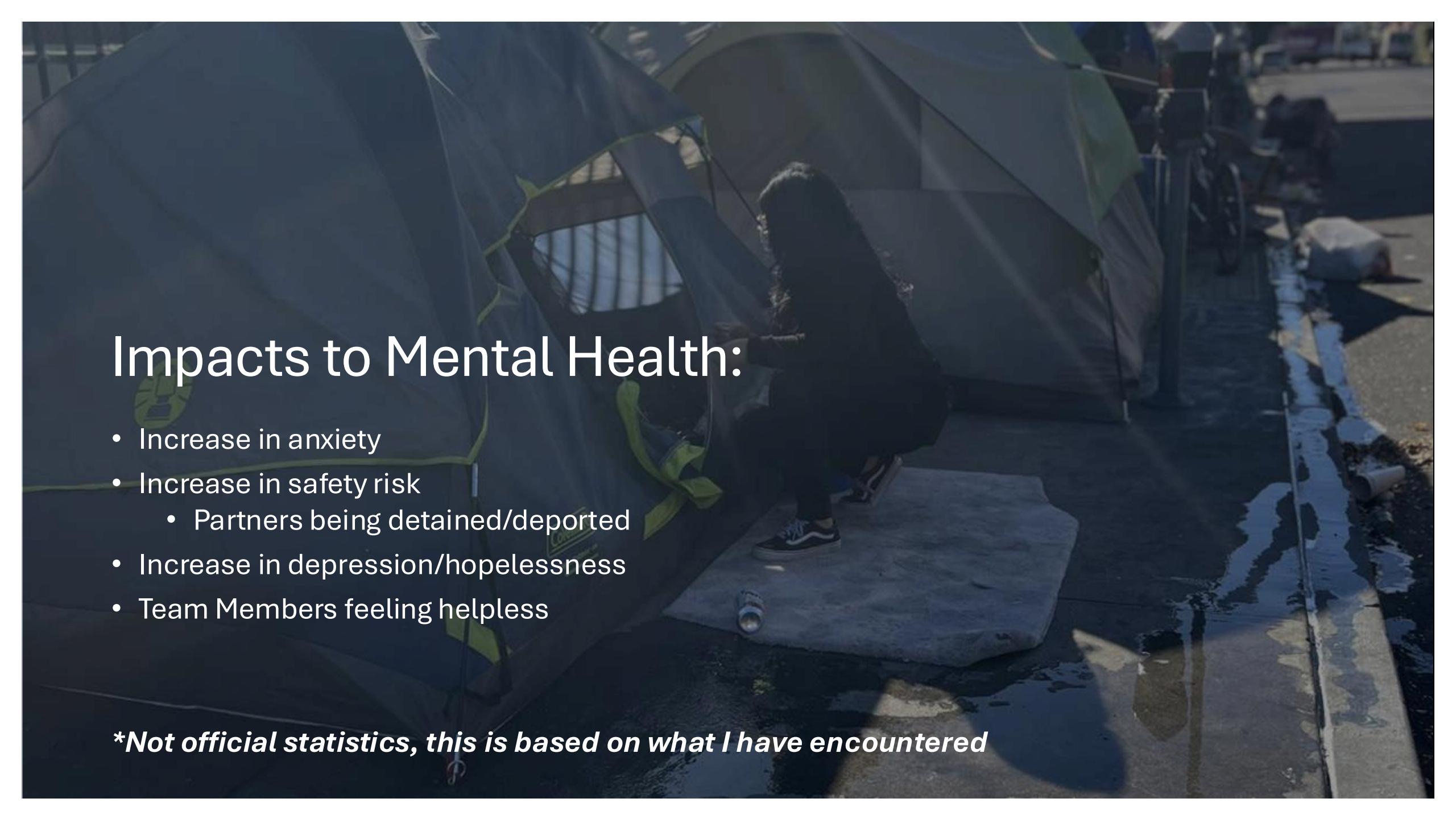
- Being aware of your surroundings
- Evade
- Safety Plans
- Talk with your encampment neighbors
- Understand, Have knowledge of where to “look up” Patients who have been detained
- Know numbers “by hard/heart”

*\*Patient's garden in her encampment, her partner was detained at this spot, and quickly deported*

For a population  
that is already  
marginalized, how  
safe can cards and  
flyers make you feel  
when this is the  
reality of what is  
happening around  
you...



*\*Videos taken during street rounds*

A photograph of a woman sitting inside a dark-colored tent. She is wearing a dark top and pants, and is looking towards the camera. The tent is set up in an outdoor area with other tents and a car visible in the background. The image has a dark, slightly grainy texture.

## Impacts to Mental Health:

- Increase in anxiety
- Increase in safety risk
  - Partners being detained/deported
- Increase in depression/hopelessness
- Team Members feeling helpless

***\*Not official statistics, this is based on what I have encountered***

How do you  
support  
when you're  
experiencing  
the same  
fear and  
anxiety?



# What's working so far

- Trauma/Healing Centered approach
  - How do we do this in a realistic manner
  - Inability to escape the threat
  - Continued stress, increase in hypervigilance
- Holding Space with our Patients
- Acknowledging the current circumstance
- Validating our Patients, this is real for us

# Street Medicine and ICE

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# The ACLU of Hawai‘i

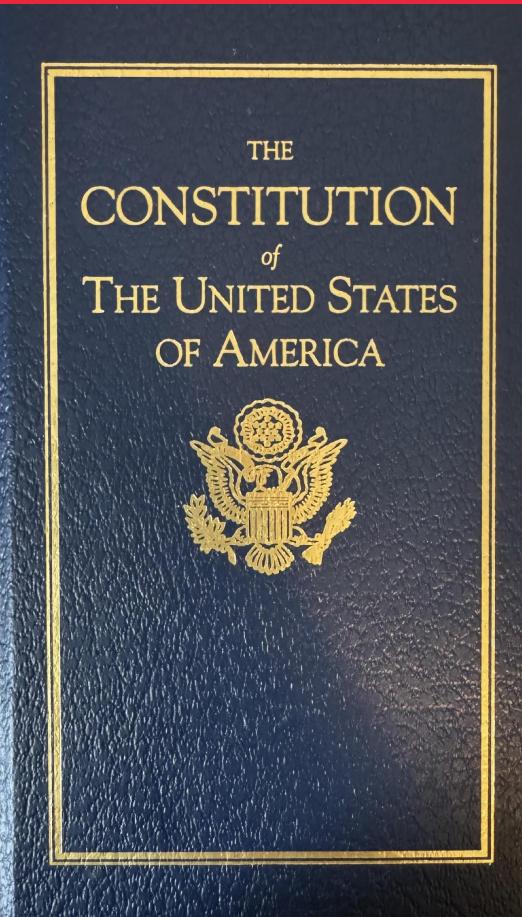
## I. What is it?

- Non-profit
- Non-partisan
- Civil rights / civil liberties watchdog

## II. What does it do?

- Litigation
- Policy advocacy & lobbying
- Organizing
- Public education & press





# We all have rights.

**You Have Rights:** (even if you are a non-citizen)

- DO NOT ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS. You have the right to remain silent. You do not have to tell anyone your name or immigration status. If you are not a U.S. citizen, you must show your immigration papers if an Immigration Agent (ICE) requests.
- DO NOT CONSENT TO A SEARCH. You have the right to say "no" if an ICE agent asks to search you.
- DO NOT SIGN ANYTHING without talking to a lawyer. You have the right to talk to a lawyer.
- DO NOT OPEN THE DOOR. ICE agents must have a warrant signed by a judge before they can enter your home.
- ASK IF YOU ARE FREE TO LEAVE. If you are stopped outside your home, ask if you can leave. If they say yes, leave calmly.

# Disclaimer

- This presentation is for information purposes, **this is not legal advice**
- Consult with a lawyer if you have specific questions about your (or someone else's) circumstances
- We cannot guarantee the administration will follow the law



We all have the right to . . .

## Be silent.

- **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT:**
  - Name or place of birth
  - Immigration status (will need to disclose at border; LPRs have to disclose)
  - Criminal History
- Does not give you the right to lie or provide false documents
- Might need to provide name/address and driver's license during traffic stop by police in certain jurisdictions

# ACTIVITY

**Think about what ID documents you or the people you work with might have...**

What document could ICE use to try to deport someone?

- A. U.S. Driver's License
- B. Library Card
- C. ID from another country (e.g. passport or consular ID)
- D. Staff ID

# What documents can ICE use against you?

Do not include information about immigration status

- Municipal ID card
- Library card
- U.S. driver's license
- School or workplace IDs

Could be used to determine immigration status or should not be given to law enforcement

- Non-U.S. Passport
- Consular ID or Matricula
- Fake ID
- Someone else's ID
- \*Non-citizens **should** carry around proof of residency for the past 2 years to avoid expedited removal.

We all have the right to . . .

## Be free from unreasonable seizures.

- Seizure = stop or arrest
- Arrest/detention requires probable cause (reason to believe violation of immigration law)
  - ICE will try to get probable cause during an interaction by asking questions or getting consent to search

We all have the right to . . .

## Be free from **unreasonable searches**.

- No entering private spaces without a warrant\* or consent
- No searching car or belongings without a warrant\*, consent, or arrest
- No searching your person without a warrant\*, consent, or arrest

**YOU DO NOT HAVE TO CONSENT TO A SEARCH**

\* There are exceptions for emergencies/safety considerations

# Entering Private Spaces

- Some courts require a warrant to enter a houseless person's dwelling

“The law is meant to apply to the **real world**, and the realities of homelessness dictate that dwelling places are often transient and precarious. The temporary nature of Pippin’s tent **does not undermine any privacy interest**. Nor does the flimsy and vulnerable nature of an improvised structure leave it less worthy of privacy protections. For the homeless, those may often be the only refuge for the private in the world as it is.” – *State v. Pippin*, 403 P.3d 907, 913 (Wash. Ct. App. 2017).

- Other courts uphold warrantless searches or seizures of dwellings if there is not a legal right to camp on public land

# Personal belongings

- Typically, individuals still have a legitimate expectation of privacy in the personal belongings on their person, in their car, or within a dwelling
- But might NOT be protected if the items are outside of a person's dwelling or control
  - This is true even if it is **LEGAL** to camp somewhere



## If ICE agents say they have a warrant . . .

- Ask if ICE has a warrant signed by a judge
  - They rarely do
- Keep door closed
- Have them slip the document under the door
  - Or hold it up
- If you can, take a picture of that document



## JUDICIAL WARRANTS v. IMMIGRATION WARRANTS

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY  
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

**WARRANT OF REMOVAL/DEPORTATION**

File No: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

To any immigration officer of the United States Department of Homeland Security:

\_\_\_\_\_ (Full name of alien)

who entered the United States at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Place of entry) (Date of entry)

**I** subject to removal/deportation from the United States based upon a final order by:

an immigration judge in exclusion, deportation, or removal proceedings  
 a designated official  
 the Board of Immigration Appeals  
 a United States District or Magistrate Court Judge

and pursuant to the following provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act

I, the undersigned officer of the United States, by virtue of the power and authority vested in the Secretary of Homeland Security under the laws of the United States and by his or her direction, command you to take into custody and remove from the United States the above-named alien, pursuant to law, at the expense of:

**THESE ARE VISUAL CUES THAT THIS IS AN IMMIGRATION WARRANT**

(Signature of immigration officer)

(Title of immigration officer)

If ICE comes...

## Document the interaction.

- Take a photo of any document ICE agents show you
- Ask someone to openly record the interaction (coming up)
- If ICE agents enter your home, CLEARLY say you do not consent to their entry (but otherwise remain calm)
- Do not resist. Do not shout. Keep yourself and your family safe.
- After the ICE agents leave, take photos of any damage. Write down exactly what happened right away.

# Data Minimization as Best Practice

- Collect only personal information necessary to provide services
  - Avoid (where possible) collecting unnecessary information regarding immigration status (unless required by law, regulation, or funding requirements)
- Notify clients of the facility's privacy policy
- Designate a contact person to respond to data requests
  - Require a valid subpoena before responding to any request for information

# How to support your clients

- **Before** an arrest
  - Train on rights
  - Understand pathways to citizenship
- **During** an arrest
  - Remind them of their rights
  - Ensure that short-term needs are taken care of (medicine, cash, phone number for contacts, remaining belongings)
- **After** an arrest
  - Use ICE locator: <https://locator.ice.gov/odls/>
  - Check in with local partners to understand facility landscape

# Other Resources and Ways to Support Immigrants

- Red Cards
- We Have Rights videos
- Local response groups
- Policy advocacy

**WE HAVE RIGHTS**

An empowerment campaign to prepare for and safely defend our rights during encounters with Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Available in eight languages: English, Spanish, French, Arabic, Mandarin, Haitian Creole, Russian, and Urdu.



When ICE Is Outside Our Doors

Inside Our Homes

