

City of Tucson Resource Guide for Immigrant Families, December 2016

Following the harsh language and statements regarding immigration in the 2016 presidential campaign, we understand that many immigrant families are currently experiencing high levels of anxiety and fear. We know these can be difficult times, but Tucson is committed to doing everything we can do to ensure that as residents of our city, you feel safe and valued. As an Immigrant Welcoming City, we will stand united and protect one another.

The following information was compiled by Tucson in partnership with community stakeholders to guide you and your family in the coming weeks and months.

WHAT TO DO: FOUR KEY POINTS

1. First and foremost, DO NOT PANIC

- Right now, nothing has changed. All existing immigration benefits remain in existence.
- We can't predict what will happen after President-Elect Trump assumes office in January. But the City of Tucson and our partners are committed to continuing to provide the community with information and resources as more information becomes available.

2. Know Your Rights and Report Incidents

All people in our city, regardless of immigration status, have rights under the law.

- **Attend a know your rights presentation**
 - Kickoff Presentation: January 14, 2017, John Valenzuela Youth Center, 1550 S 6th Ave., 3:30 p.m. Questions call 626-9950 or email LaCoalicionDeRedes@gmail.com
 - If you are interested in scheduling a know-your-rights event in your community center, church, or school, call the University of Arizona Law Clinic and leave a message. Tel: 520-621-7331
- **Educate yourself online**
 - <https://www.nilc.org/get-involved/community-education-resources/know-your-rights>
 - https://www.adminrelief.org/resources/item.543575-Know_Your_Rights_English
- **Parents, there is support and information about your parental rights available:**
 - Attend a Family Support Workshop: first one scheduled Thursday, Jan. 26, 9:30-12:30 pm, in Building 2 at House of Neighborly Service, 33rd and Ninth Street. Help from attorneys, social workers and notary with plans to protect your family. For more information and to reserve your place, call (520) 561-5866.
 - Check out the Family Unity Guide from the Florence Project, called "What If I'm Picked Up by ICE in Arizona?" available at <https://firrp.org/resources/prose/parentalrights/>
 - The Mexico Consulate Office of Protection can assist with planning for reunification in the event of deportation or parental departure to Mexico. Tel: 1-855-463-6395
- **Report Crimes Against You and Your Family, including Threats, Harassment, and Crimes Based on Hate, Racism, and Intolerance.**
 - Call 911 if you or your family has been a victim of crime

- Know that the Tucson Police Department is committed to protecting victims without regard to immigration status. Current TPD policy states: “*victims and witnesses of crime should not be the focus of immigration inquiries*” and “*When officers interact with persons who are not suspected of committing a violation of state or local law, officers have no authority to take action based upon suspicion about immigration status. In fact, our members are under orders to release people who have committed no state or local criminal violations.*”

If you know a hate crime has occurred, report it to one of the following offices:

Tucson Police Department	U.S. Department of Justice
270 S. Stone Ave., Tucson, AZ 85701 Non-emergency: (520) 791-6813 Information line: (520) 791-4444 tucsonaz.gov/police	405 W. Congress Street, Suite 4800, Tucson, AZ 85701 Phone: (520) 620-7300 justice.gov/usao-az

The ACLU of Arizona also has resources and support available to victims of civil rights and civil liberties violations. You can learn more on their website, www.acluaz.org/, by calling their office, 602-650-1854, or by downloading their free app: www.acluaz.org/en/mobile-justice.

3. Know your LEGAL OPTIONS

- **Legal screenings are critical:** Talk to an attorney and know your immigration options. Many undocumented immigrants and DACA recipients may be eligible for permanent immigration status based on a range of circumstances including if they are:
 - Victims of serious crimes, including domestic violence and trafficking
 - People who fear persecution or torture in their home countries
 - Minors who have been abandoned, abused or neglected by one or both parents
 - Family members of U.S. citizens and legal permanent residents
- **Consult a qualified attorney or BIA-accredited representative:**
 - Look for an attorney online www.immigrationadvocates.org/nonprofit/legaldirectory/
 - See the community legal resource guide, below
- **Beware of “notaries” offering legal advice or bad attorneys making false promises:** Some individuals may try to take advantage of you. Seek legal consultations from reputable organizations or legal service providers that you know are trustworthy.
 - Report fraud to the State Bar of Arizona's Attorney/Consumer Assistance Program 1(800) 319-0514 x7280
- **Do not sign an immigration document without legal advice:** you have a right to seek legal advice and understand the document before signing it. Do not let anyone force you to sign a document, especially a deportation order.
- **Organize your documents.** It is helpful to have identity documents, children’s birth certificates, and other vital documents in one place. If you have lived in this country for more than two years, create a packet of documents that show you have been a member of the U.S. community and are not a recent arrival.
- **If you are a legal permanent resident, become a citizen!**
 - See community resource list for citizenship-related service providers

COMMUNITY LEGAL RESOURCE GUIDE

ORGANIZATION	SERVICES PROVIDED
<u>Catholic Community Services - Tucson (Immigration Services)</u> 140 W Speedway Blvd, Suite 130 Tucson, AZ Tel: 670-0819	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family-based Visas • Citizenship (Naturalization) • Visas for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and other serious crimes
<u>The Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project</u> P.O. Box 654 Florence, AZ 85132 Tel: 520-868-0191 ext. 105 Email: firrp@firrp.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know Your Rights Presentations in Immigration Detention • Representation of Unaccompanied Minors • Limited Removal Defense of Adults in Immigration Detention • Free Spanish and English Informational Packets on All Major Forms of Relief from Removal: https://firrp.org/resources/prose/
<u>Immigration Law Clinic, University of AZ</u> 1145 N. Mountain Avenue Tucson, AZ Tel: 626-5232	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immigration consultations • Removal Defense (deportation) • Asylum, Protection from Torture • Visas for Victims of DV, labor or sex trafficking, and other serious crimes
<u>International Rescue Committee</u> 2100 N. Kolb Rd, Suite 103 Tucson, AZ Tel: 319-2128	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Visas • Citizenship (Naturalization)
<u>Keep Tucson Together</u> First and third Saturday of each month, Southside Presbyterian Church, 317 W. 23 rd St., 2:00pm-5:00pm Every Thursday, Pueblo High School, 3500 S. 12th Ave., 5:30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know Your Rights • Citizenship (Naturalization) and derivation • Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) • Removal Defense (deportation) and asylum • Detention and bond application orientation & package preparation
<u>Mexican Consulate</u> 3915 E Broadway Blvd. Tucson, Arizona Tel: 1-855-463-6395	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification documents for Mex. nationals • Consular assistance services for nationals in emergency or vulnerable situations • Orientation to legal service providers in immigration, criminal, civil or labor cases • Deferred Action for Child Arrivals (DACA) • Locating Family Members in Detention
<u>Refugee Focus</u> 120 N Stone Ave, Suite 220R Tucson, AZ 85701 Tel: 520-721-4444	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refugee resettlement and social services
<u>Southern Arizona Legal Aid</u> 2343 E Broadway Blvd Ste 200 Tucson, AZ Tel: 623-9465	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visas and removal defense for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking, and other serious crimes
<u>Workers' Rights Clinic, University of AZ</u> 1145 N. Mountain Avenue Tucson, AZ Tel: 621-7331 Email: workersrights@email.arizona.edu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wage and Hour Violations • Discrimination and Harassment • Safety and Health • Wrongful Termination • Labor Trafficking • Know Your Rights Presentations

4. Know you are NOT ALONE

Many people in the community stand with you. Our city has many organizations that build community and support immigrant families.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTING IMMIGRANTS' RIGHTS

ORGANIZATION	SERVICES PROVIDED
BorderLinks 620 S Sixth Ave, Tucson, AZ 85701 Tel: 520-628-8263	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bi-national non-profit organization that offers experiential educational seminars along the border with a focus on: global economics, militarization, immigration, and popular resistance to oppression and violence
Chicanos Por La Causa 250 N. Silverbell Rd. Tucson, AZ 85713, Tel: 520-884-556	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial education • Housing counseling • Access to small business loans
Coalicion de Derechos Humanos 225 E 26 th St. #2, Tucson, AZ 85713 Tel: 520-770-1373	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducts “Know Your Rights” presentations and other educational programs in immigrant communities, and presents to many delegations. • Documents abuse and assists with documentation of human remains along the border. • Education and advocacy on the criminalization of migration
No More Deaths/No Mas Muertes Phone: (520) 333-5699	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides direct aid and humanitarian assistance • Witnessing and responding • Consciousness raising • Global movement building • Encouraging humane immigration policy
Por Un Arizona Unido 2913 E. 22nd. St Tucson, Arizona (520) 481-6483	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community based advocacy group working with immigrants. • Assists people with limited immigration service. •
Protection Network Coalition LaCoalicionDeRedes@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coalition of immigrant community protection networks
Scholarships AZ PO Box 85935 Tucson, AZ 85745 Phone: (520) 305-9342 Email: info@scholarshipsaz.org Website: www.scholarshipsaz.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides scholarships to & advising about high school, GED, and college • Trains K-12 and college educators how to work with & support undocumented students & families • Offers leadership training & opportunities to youth, young adults, & students • Hosts Know Your Rights trainings & DACA clinics.
Southside Worker Center 317 W. 23 rd St., Tucson, AZ 85713 Tel: (520) 955-8165 Email: southsidecentro@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place for day laborers to get work from employers. • Helps workers advocate for themselves in cases of wage theft. • Support regarding immigration detention for members in the protection network • Training certifications in workers' rights and classes regarding workplace safety
University of Arizona Immigrant Student Resource Center 888 N. Euclid Ave. PO Box 210158 Tucson, AZ 85721-0158 Phone: 520-626-2300 Email: UA.ISRC@gmail.com Web: bit.ly/UA.ISRC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports current and incoming DACA students, undocumented students, students with mixed-immigration status families, and all immigrant students navigate the UA • Trains UA staff, faculty, administrators & students on how to work with immigrant students • Offers campus events and leadership opportunities to campus community focused on immigration