



Creating a family immigration raid emergency plan

Some parents at risk of deportation may be reluctant to develop an emergency plan or even talk to their children about the risk of separation, but it's extremely important to be prepared. An emergency plan can help ease anxiety of the unknown, increase the chances of families being able to stay together should separation occur, and keep children from unnecessarily entering the child welfare system. Parents should create a plan and share as much of that plan as possible with their children. Don't wait—be proactive and plan ahead.

Getting started:

Seven steps to help prepare your family for an immigration raid

- 1 **Identify a legal aid organization**, legal advocate or pro bono attorney, and write down the organization's or person's contact information.
- 2 **Identify at least two willing caregivers** and write down their complete contact information.
- 3 **Collect important documents for children**, such as passports, birth certificates, Social Security cards, and school and medical records.
- 4 **Save money for legal fees/bonds**. Write down your information regarding financial records, bank statements, savings accounts, credit cards, etc.
- 5 **Consider establishing a power of attorney** for a designated caregiver, authorizing that adult to care for your children under the age of 18.
- 6 **Do not carry any false documents**.
- 7 **Have your documents ready and organized**: passports, IDs, attorney contact information, financial records, letters from immigration, and your Alien Registration Number, or A-Number, if you have a pending immigration case. All of these documents should be organized in a folder or binder for easy access in a place where your children, housemates or trusted relatives will be able to access it in case of an emergency.



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