



Neighborhood Legal Services  
of Los Angeles County

Help Hotline: 1-800-433-6251

Health Hotline: 1-800-896-3202

# Overview

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- Immigration
  - Agency Plans and Policies
  - Family Preparedness Plan
  - Know Your Rights
- Health Care
  - What is the current landscape?
  - What do we tell our clients?
  - What can organizations do?
  - Where can I get more information?

A close-up photograph of a fountain pen nib resting on a document. The word "IMMIGRATION" is printed in large, bold, black capital letters on the document. The pen nib is positioned above the word, and the background is slightly blurred, showing the texture of the paper and the intricate details of the pen's nib.

# Executive Action versus Legislative Action

- Immigration Benefits
- Executive Actions
  - Enforcement
  - Deferred Action

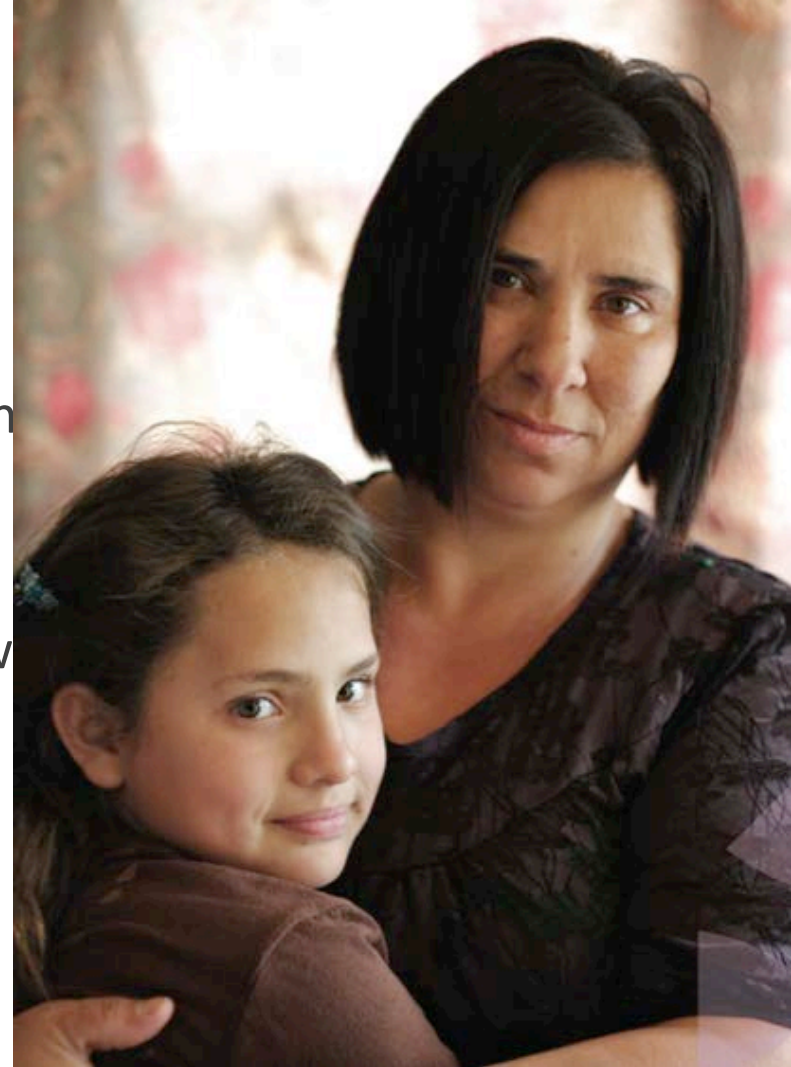
# Protecting Client Information



- Become familiar with the federal and state laws and regulations that protect clients' information from being disclosed
  - Does your agency have to disclose client information pursuant to a warrant or subpoena?
- Are there steps you can take to mask client identifying information?

# Family Preparedness Plan

- Clients should make a Child Care Plan
  - Caregiver's Authorization Affidavit
  - Collect in one place important documents
    - ✦ emergency contact numbers, instructions for medication or information about medical condition or allergies, health insurance cards
  - Get passports for children
- Clients should talk to children. Let them know who can and who cannot pick them up from school, and who will care for them
  - Make sure school/daycare has copies of any restraining orders



# Family Preparedness Plan

- Clients should decide who will care for children if they are unable to
  - List that person as emergency contact at school/day care
  - Memorize their phone number and have children memorize the number
  - Make sure that person knows school location, medications, allergies, medical conditions, etc.
- ICE Detainee locator:  
<https://locator.ice.gov/odls/homePage.do>
  - Make sure family has A-Number, your DOB

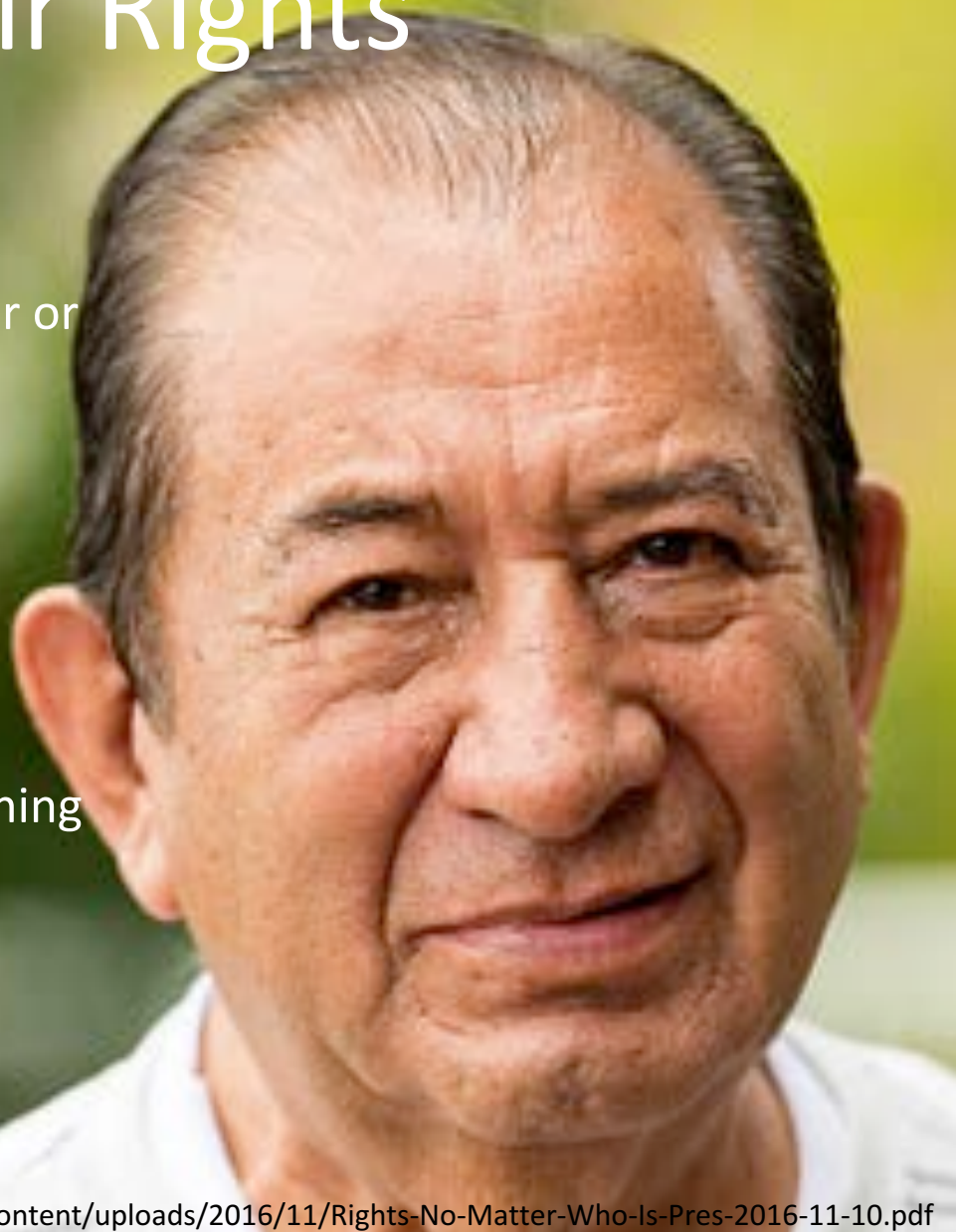
# Teach Clients Their Rights

- You have the right to remain silent. You may refuse to speak to immigration officers.
  - Don't say anything about where you were born or how you entered the U.S.
- Always carry with you any valid immigration document you have
- Do not you carry papers from another country with you
  - No foreign passport or birth certificate from another country
- Do not carry false identification or false immigration documents



# Teach Clients Their Rights

- Don't open your door for ICE or police officer without a signed warrant
  - Ask them to slide warrant under door or hold it against window
  - Must have your correct name and address on it, and signed by Judge
- You have the right to speak to a lawyer. Before you sign anything, speak with a lawyer.
  - You have right to refuse to sign anything before speaking with a lawyer
- Avoid negative interaction with law enforcement.
  - Do not drink and drive. Keep car in working order.





Can order Know Your Rights cards here:

<https://www.ilrc.org/red-cards>

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**Usted tiene derechos constitucionales.**

- **NO ABRA LA PUERTA SI UN AGENTE DEL SERVICIO DE INMIGRACION ESTA TOCANDO A LA PUERTA.**
- **NO CONTESTE NINGUNA PREGUNTA DEL AGENTE DEL SERVICIO DE INMIGRACION SI EL TRATA DE HABLAR CON USTED.** Usted tiene derecho a mantenerse callado. No tiene que dar su nombre al agente. Si está en el trabajo, pregunte al agente si está libre para salir y si el agente dice que sí, váyase. Usted tiene derecho de hablar con un abogado.
- **ENTREGUE ESTA TARJETA AL AGENTE. NO ABRA LA PUERTA**

**I do not wish to speak with you, answer your questions, or sign or hand you any documents based on my 5th Amendment rights under the United States Constitution.**

**I do not give you permission to enter my home based on my 4th Amendment rights under the United States Constitution unless you have a warrant to enter, signed by a judge or magistrate with my name on it that you slide under the door. I do not give you permission to search any of my belongings based on my 4th Amendment rights.**



**I choose to exercise my constitutional rights.**

*These cards are available to citizens and noncitizens alike.*

# What Allies Can Do

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- Safely take photos, video record, document and report raids and arrests
  - United We Dream 1-844-363-1423
- Form relationships with local law enforcement agencies and identify, and maybe change, practices and policies affecting immigrants

# Get Reliable Advice and Assistance

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- Consult with quality immigration service provider or attorney to see if they can qualify for legal status
  - <https://www.immigrationlawhelp.org>
  - <https://www.nationalimmigrationproject.org/find.html>
  - <https://www.ilrc.org>
- Encourage clients to find out about their immigration options
- Advise clients to avoid *notarios*
- Victims of crimes should still be able to call the police
- It is not recommended to file new DACA applications at this time.

# Public Benefits-Deportation?

- **President Obama deportation plan:** recent arrivals, people with multiples of criminal violations and repeat immigration violations.
- **President Trump deportation plan:** Expands plan of President Obama to include deporting those not charged with crime but believe could be charged with a criminal offense.
- \*\*\* People who receive improper welfare benefits, use fake identity cards, and those who receive federal food assistance.
- \*\*\*\* Block entry to anyone the US believes may use benefit programs such Medicaid. (versus public charge assessment for green card applicants)



# Health Care

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# Health Care and the Current Landscape

- Possible repeal of key provisions of the Affordable Care Act
- Possible defunding of Planned Parenthood
- State budget and policy
- Local efforts including county health programs like My Health LA



# Projected Changes

- **Private Insurance Changes will remain in effect**
- **MEC unknown**
- **Special Enrollment Periods expanded**
- **APTC's eliminated**
- **CSR's potentially removed in a few months**
- **California Marketplace is state run**
- **increased options**
- **remove chronically ill from marketplace**
- **use health spending accounts and pre tax money**

# Medi-Cal Expansion

## ◦ CURRENT:

- The ACA allowed states who chose to do so to expand Medi-Cal
- California opted to do so
- Expansion provided coverage for those 19-64 who previously were not eligible for Medi-Cal

## ◦ Predicted Change

- Medi-Cal will be a block grant
- States will be forced to decide how to spend that limited amount of money



# What Do We Tell Our Clients?

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- Encourage your clients to enroll in coverage. People can still enroll in and renew their Medi-Cal or Covered California coverage.
- The Affordable Care Act is still current law
- We don't know yet what will happen in 2018 and beyond

# What About Immigrant Communities?

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- The Affordable Care Act prohibits the use of information provided in an application for health benefits to be used for any immigration enforcement action. This information can only be used to determine eligibility for health coverage.
- By law, Medi-Cal and Covered California applications can only ask for information on the immigration status of those applying for coverage.

An elderly man with grey hair, wearing a grey and white striped polo shirt, sits on a green lawn. He is flanked by two young children. The child on the left is wearing a white t-shirt with a blue graphic, and the child on the right is wearing a red and white striped t-shirt. In the background, a paved area and the rear wheel of a dark car are visible.

# What About Immigrant Communities?

- You do not need a Social Security number to apply for health coverage.
- Never provide a false Social Security number or any other false information on an application for health coverage or other public benefits.

# What Else Can Organizations Do?

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- Collect and share client stories
- Policy work at the federal, state, and county level
- Collect and share resources
- Outreach and education to the community

# Additional Resources

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- NILC flyer: “Is it safe to apply for health coverage?”  
English - <https://www.nilc.org/issues/health-care/health-insurance-and-care-rights/>  
Spanish - <https://www.nilc.org/issues/health-care/derechos-seguro-y-cuidado-de-salud/>
- Western Center on Law and Poverty – <http://wclp.org/>
- California Budget Project – <http://calbudgetcenter.org/>
- Kaiser Family Foundation – <http://kff.org/>
- Families USA – <http://familiesusa.org/>
- National Health Law Program - <http://www.healthlaw.org/>



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