

# ICE ENFORCEMENT – HOW TO HELP IMMIGRANTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

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## **INFORMATION ABOUT DETENTION**

1. ICE Online Detainee Locator: <https://locator.ice.gov/odls/#/index>  
Find a friend or relative who has been detained by ICE. This may not be up to date. You will need the A# if possible. The A# is the “Alien registration number” and will be on the “Notice to Appear” (NTA) that ICE issues with the reasons for charging the person as being deportable/removable. If you do not have the A#, you can also search by biographical information. Once your friend/relative calls you, ask the person for the A# on their NTA.
2. Call the Immigration Court at 1-800-898-7180 to find out status of the case. You must have the A#. It also might not be up to date, so keep trying. “No Match” might mean the NTA has not been logged into the court. There could also be multiple A#’s if the person had older or prior encounters with the court or used other names. More detailed messages should say what happened last or when the next hearing is and where. You can also find local court specific information here: <https://www.justice.gov/eoir/eoir-immigration-court-listing>
3. About the Northwest Detention Center (NWDC) in Tacoma, WA:
  - a. <https://www.ice.gov/detention-facility/tacoma-northwest-detention-center>
  - b. <https://www.nwirp.org/resources/about-the-nw-detention-center/>
  - c. The Northwest Immigrant Rights Project conducts legal orientation programs at the NWDC. <https://www.nwirp.org/our-work/community-education/>
  - d. There are some resistance and assistance organizations concerning the NWDC: <http://www.nwdcresistance.org/>
4. Learn about the GEO Group, which runs the NWDC with ICE, and the private prison business (follow their stock):
  - a. <https://www.geogroup.com/>
  - b. <http://investors.geogroup.com/>
  - c. <https://www.globalresearch.ca/the-prison-industry-in-the-united-states-big-business-or-a-new-form-of-slavery/8289>
  - d. <https://www.investopedia.com/articles/investing/062215/business-model-private-prisons.asp>
  - e. <https://www.npr.org/2017/11/21/565318778/big-money-as-private-immigrant-jails-boom>

## **WHAT CAN YOU DO?**

1. Adopt a family and help them with supplies, cooking, childcare or other basic needs including financial assistance. Most often the breadwinner is in detention.
2. Write your Congressperson that ICE needs oversight of its detention facilities; that rounding up families with no criminal history is immoral, that separating families is even more immoral and cruel, and that mass deportations are an abuse of taxpayers' money to support the deportation machine, foster care, more Americans needing public services when immigrant parents are deported. Lots of sample letters here:  
<http://www.aila.org/advo-media/tools/advocacy-action-center#/>
3. Attend Congressional Town Halls and voice your concerns to your representative
4. Support (with money or volunteerism) legal services agencies that work in the detention centers and provide direct services to immigrants– Examples:
  - a. Northwest Immigrant Rights Project (Seattle @ NWDC) <https://www.nwirp.org/donate/>
  - b. Kids in Need of Defense (KIND) (Seattle @ NWDC and nationally) <https://supportkind.org/our-work/legal-services-2/>
  - c. Colectiva Legal Defense (Seattle @ NWDC) <https://colectivalegal.org/support-our-work/>
  - d. CARA Pro Bono Project (Dilly Detention Center, Texas) <http://caraprobono.org/>
  - e. The Florence Project (Florence Detention Center, Arizona) <https://firrp.org/>
5. Support legal services (with money or volunteerism) engaged in mass impact litigation and/or policy/advocacy and/or Know Your Rights
  - a. OneAmerica (Seattle) – [www.weareoneamerica.org](http://www.weareoneamerica.org)
  - b. American Immigration Council – [www.americanimmigrationcounsel.org](http://www.americanimmigrationcounsel.org)
  - c. American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) – [www.aclu.org](http://www.aclu.org)
  - d. Immigrant Legal Resource Center – [www.ilrc.org](http://www.ilrc.org)
  - e. National Immigration Project – [www.nationalimmigrationproject.org](http://www.nationalimmigrationproject.org)

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