

Families Living in Fear of Deportation

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Agenda

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Roadmap to Immigration in the U.S.

Select Immigration Status Categories

- Lawful Permanent Resident – Any person not a citizen of the U.S. who is living in the U.S. under legally recognized and lawfully recorded permanent residence as an immigrant. Also known as “Green Card holder” or “Permanent Resident Alien.”
- Refugee - Generally, any person outside his or her country of nationality who is unable or unwilling to return to that country because of persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution based on the persons’ race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion.
- Asylee – “A foreign national in the U.S. or at a port of entry who is unable or unwilling to return to his or her country of nationality, or to seek the protection of that country because of persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution. Persecution or the fear thereof must be based on religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group or political opinion.
- Undocumented – A foreign national residing in the U.S. without legal immigration status.
- Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals – more to come...

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals – “What is happening?”

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

- DACA is a result of executive action taken by President Obama on June 15, 2012.
- DACA status is deferred removal (deportation) for qualifying undocumented individuals for a two-year period, subject to renewal.
- DACA recipients are also eligible to receive work authorization.
- DACA does not provide any pathway to citizenship.

DACA Eligibility

- Were under age of 31 as of June 15, 2012;
- Came to the U.S. before reaching 16th birthday;
- Have continuously resided in the U.S. since June 15, 2012, and at the time of making your request for consideration for deferred action with USCIS;
- Had no lawful status on June 15, 2012;
- Are currently in school, have graduated or obtained a certificate of completion from high school, have obtained a general education development ("GED") certificate, or are an honorably discharged veteran of the Coast Guard or Armed Forces of the U.S.; and
- Have not been convicted of any felony, significant misdemeanor, or three or more other misdemeanors, and do not otherwise pose a threat to national security or public safety.

DACA Recipient Information & Enforcement

- As recently as December 30, 2016, DHS Secretary, Jeh Johnson statement:
 - Since DACA was announced in 2012, DHS has consistently made clear that information provided by applicants will be collected and considered for the primary purpose of adjudicating their DACA requests and would be safeguarded from other immigration-related purposes.”
 - Personal information provided will not be used for immigration enforcement purposes.

Sensitive Locations

- Sensitive Location Memoranda of ICE & CBP
 - Remain in effect under new administration
 - Memos provide that enforcement actions at locations such as schools, places of worship, courts, and shelters “should be generally be avoided” and “require either prior approval from an appropriate supervisory official or exigent circumstances necessitating immediate action.”
 - *Memorandum on Enforcement Actions at or Focused on Sensitive Locations*, Immigrations Customs Enforcement, October 24, 2011 AND *Memorandum of Enforcement Actions at or Near Certain Community Locations*, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, January 18, 2013.
 - Enforcement actions covered include: (1) arrest; (2) interviews; (3) searches; and (4) for purposes of immigration enforcement only, surveillance.

2017 Enforcement Priorities

- On February 20, 2017, DHS Secretary John Kelly issued an implementation Memo on Enforcement.
- The memo directed DHS personnel to prioritize removable aliens who fall within seven categories:

1. Have been convicted of any criminal offenses;
2. Have been charged with any criminal offense that has not been resolved;
3. Have committed acts which constitute a chargeable criminal offense;
4. Have engaged in fraud or willful misrepresentation in connection with any official matter before a governmental agency;
5. Have abused any program related to receipt of public benefits;
6. Are subject to a final order of removal but have not complied with their legal obligation to depart the U.S.; or
7. In the judgment of an immigration officer, otherwise pose a risk to public safety or national security.

DACA updates

- Content will be added day before presentation due to consistently changing landscape

Refugees & Asylees - Supportive Resources & Travel Ban

Refugees & Asylees

- Resettlement Agencies
 - Alliance for African Assistance
 - Catholic Charities
 - International Rescue Committee
 - Jewish Family Service
- Vision for Justice Collaborative
- Survivors of Torture

Travel Ban Update

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Lawful Permanent Residents – “Are green card holders safe?”

Lawful Permanent Residents

- Notice to Appear Guidance
- NATURALIZE!
 - U.S. citizens cannot be deported
 - Non-profit service providers – Catholic Charities, IRC, JFS, Employee Right's Center, UURISE, Legal Aid, and Immigrant Center for Women and Children.
 - Free naturalization events from San Diego Citizenship Collaborative –
www.newamericascampaign.org/events

Emergency Preparedness & Safety Planning

Preparation is Key!

- Difficult conversations
- Knowledge is power
- Decision-making process
- Safeguarding information
- Updating “the plan”
- Save bond money

Immigration Advice

- Know Your Rights
 - Red Cards
 - www.ilrc.org
- Unauthorized Practice of Immigration Law

Critical Resources In Our Community





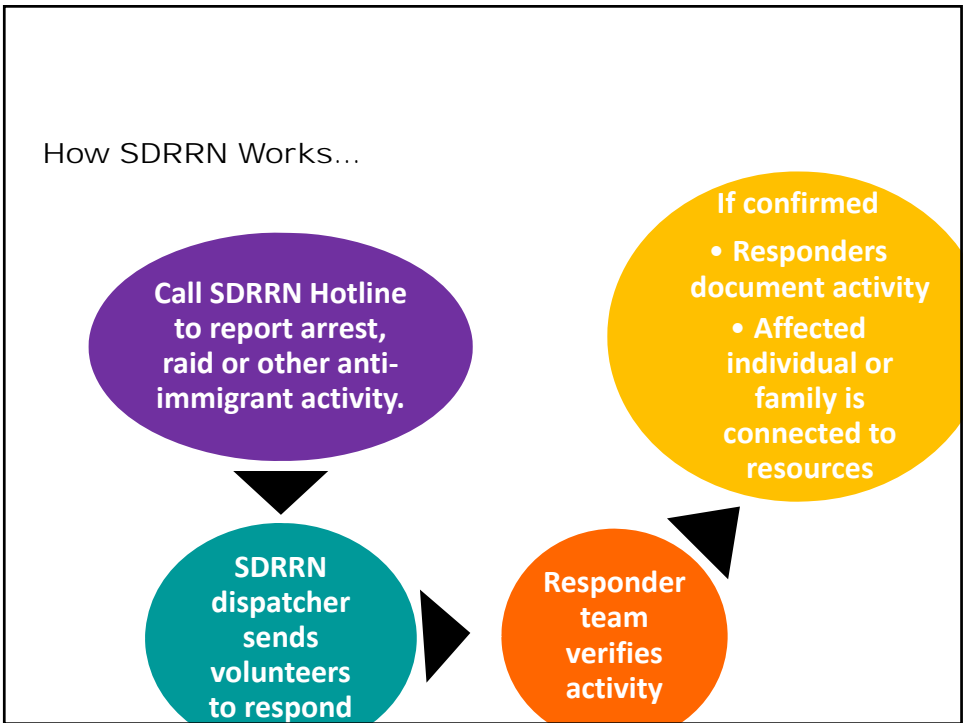
The San Diego Rapid Response Network (SDRRN) is an interconnected system of organizations and individuals working together to respond to dehumanizing immigration enforcement activities, including checkpoints, raids, arrests and harassment, occurring in San Diego County...



SDRRN maintains a 24-hour hotline to document immigration enforcement activity, provide emergency assistance, and connect affected people with resources.


Call our 24-Hour hotline 619-536-0823 to report:

- Immigration Enforcement
- Checkpoints
- Raids
- Arrests
- Harassment



Interconnected System

Hotline
24 Hour Hotline with Dispatcher and Rapid Responders across the community. The purpose of the line is **to report ICE activity in your community.**



Verification and Documentation
Raid Verification/Community Observation and Activation– SDRRN will physically go and verify immigration enforcement activity or announce false alarms to dispel rumors.

Activation
Attorney Activation – If an individual is detained by ICE, SDRRN will activate **non-profit immigration attorneys & volunteer attorneys** to connect with the family and assist with legal representation

HOTLINE PHONE NUMBER:
619-536-0823

WEBSITE:
<http://www.rapidresponsesd.org/>

FACEBOOK:
www.facebook.com/RRNSanDiego/

SDRRN – Participating Legal Organizations

- ABA Immigration Justice



- Legal Aid Society of San Diego



- Casa Cornelia Law Center



- Jewish Family Service of San Diego



- Catholic Charities of San Diego

