

IMMIGRATION RAIDS IN OUR COMMUNITIES

WHAT YOU CAN DO

We need to do whatever we can to make sure our kids are safe at school. We know when classmates fear immigration raids, or come home to find parents missing — that terrifies all of our kids. The grown-ups in their lives have got to step up, and tell them we've got their backs. That means supporting schools in their efforts to protect all students. Here's how:

- **Talk to friends and family.** All children, regardless of immigration status have a constitutional right to public education in the U.S. (*Plyler vs. Doe*). All children deserve to feel safe and welcomed at school. No child can learn if they are worried about themselves or their friends during the school day.
- **Educate Yourself and Others.** Read up on [immigrant rights](#) and [share information](#) with those who may be impacted.
- **Make Sure Your School District Is Safe.** Many school districts are setting up guidelines to protect students regardless of immigration status. Check the policies in your district and use this [guide](#) to advocate for Safe Schools in your community.
- **Support Friends and Neighbors Whose Families May Be Impacted by Immigration Enforcement.** Make sure they have the resources they need to create a [family preparedness plan](#) in case of arrest.
- **Donate to Local Organizations Supporting Immigrant Families.** The flood of new anti-immigrant policies and executive orders are stretching the resources of groups that support the rights of immigrants.
- **Talk to Your Kids.** Our kids hear everything that is going on around them. If your kids express fear for themselves or their friends, it's important to address their concerns in an open and supportive manner. Use this [video script](#) from Parents Together to help with those conversations.

