



Supporting Colorado's Immigrant Families

Frequently Asked Questions

Federal changes to immigration policy have left Colorado's immigrant families and providers concerned. These frequently asked questions will be updated as policy evolves.

Please share this list widely with families, providers, and all those who care for Colorado's youngest children.

Frequently Asked Questions from Child Care Providers

Can immigration arrests happen at my school or child care center?

Yes. The Trump administration has reversed a policy that treated schools, child care centers, churches, and hospitals as protected spaces.

ICE can enter a private area **only if** they have a judicial warrant signed by a judge. You can read more [here](#).

What should I do if ICE shows up at my early childhood program?

Create procedures to prepare for immigration enforcement. Make sure to practice these procedures with staff. Click [here](#) for more information.

The Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition (CIRC) has created a hotline to report ICE activity. Anyone can call **844-864-8341** to make a report. Learn more [here](#).

Are there licensing regulations I should follow in an emergency?

Colorado has [licensing regulations](#) that specify what to do in an emergency such as law enforcement action.

- **2.217 Required Staff and Supervision.** This rule shares the ratio requirements for emergencies.
- **2.314 Requirements for Emergency Substitutes.** This rule provides the requirements for emergency substitutes.
- **2.509 Emergency Staffing Situations.** This rule gives staffing guidelines for an emergency.

How do I create safe space policies for my program?

With a safe space policy, you can protect families' safety and privacy. You can also reduce the harm of law enforcement action. We suggest [this guide](#) to start creating a safe space policy.

One key recommendation is to have multiple emergency contacts for each child.



What resources can I provide immigrant families at my program?

- You can provide this [packet for families](#). Families can make a family plan, have important documents ready, and defend against deportation.
- You can share [this list](#) of documents all immigrant families should keep on hand.
- [2-1-1 Colorado](#) has compiled a statewide immigration [resource map](#). This map includes resources for legal help, healthcare, education, food access, and more.
- You can share [these resources](#) with someone who has been detained.
- Denver Public Schools has created a Family Resource Toolkit in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

What other resources can my program use?

- You can request a [Know-Your-Rights](#) training.
- You can share these [We Have Rights](#) videos.
- You can visit the [Colorado Rapid Response Network](#). They have information about how to keep immigrant families safe and how to report ICE activity.
- You can use [these resources](#) to protect families at risk of deportation.
- You can view this list of [resources from Denver's Early Childhood Council](#).
- You can consult this list of [national resources](#).

Please share other questions you have using [this link](#). We will continue to update this document as we receive questions.

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