

IMMIGRANT RESOURCE GUIDE

IMPORTANT

THIS GUIDE PROVIDES GENERAL INFORMATION AND IS NOT INTENDED AS LEGAL ADVICE. FOR PERSONALIZED ADVICE, PLEASE CONSULT AN IMMIGRATION LAWYER.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR RIGHTS

The current political climate can be overwhelming, but knowing your rights is crucial. This resource provides essential information and resources to help undocumented individuals & immigrants navigate challenges.

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KEY CONTACTS FOR ASSISTANCE

Reporting Immigration-Related Incidents:

- If someone encounters Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), **REPORT** incidents to **local** advocacy groups:
 - [ACLU](#): New Jersey's chapter
 - [Make the Road New Jersey](#): Elizabeth, Perth Amboy, Passaic
 - [American Friends Service Committee \(AFSC\) – Immigrant Rights A](#)- Newark, Red Bank
 - [CASA Freehold](#)- Freehold
 - [Catholic Charities Diocese of Trenton: Immigration Services](#)- Burlington county, Mercer county, and Monmouth county
 - [Latin American Legal Defense and Education Fund \(LALDEF\)](#)- Trenton
 - [Wind of the Spirit: Immigrant Resource Center](#)- Madison
 - [Camden Center for Law and Social Justice](#)- Camden, Bridgeton, Atlantic City
 - [Casa Esperanza](#)- Bound Brook

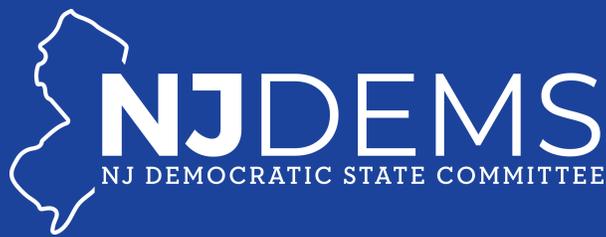
..KEY CONTACTS FOR ASSISTANCE CONT'D

- [El Comite de Apoyo a los Trabajadores Agrícolas \(CATA\)](#) - Bridgeton, Glassboro
- [Catholic Charities](#) - Atlantic County, Camden County, Cape May County, Cumberland County, Gloucester County, Salem County
- [Catholic Charities Diocese of Trenton](#) - Trenton

Check with your local Catholic Charities to see what resources they offer to immigrants.

HOW TO TAKE ACTION

1. **Distribute Know Your Rights Cards (KYR):** Community centers, faith spaces, workplaces, and advocacy groups can request and distribute these materials to those in need. (see below for how to obtain one)
2. **Create Safe Spaces:** Establish support networks where immigrants can receive assistance and information.
3. **Advocate for Policies That Protect Immigrants:** Support local and state-level initiatives like the Immigrant Trust Act, which limits ICE's reach in New Jersey.



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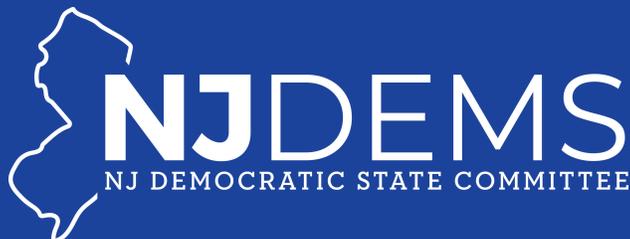
ESSENTIAL RESOURCES

- **Know Your Rights (KYR) Cards:** Available in multiple languages, these pocket-sized guides inform individuals of their rights when interacting with immigration authorities. They can be distributed in community spaces. You can order them from the [ACLU](#).
- **Immigrant Rights and Legal Support Hubs:** Many organizations provide free educational materials, legal assistance, and training on immigrant rights. (Check out the above list).
- **New Jersey Civil Rights Protections:** The state protects immigrants from discrimination and bias-based harassment. Official statements are available in multiple languages- [English](#) | [Arabic](#) | [Chinese \(Simplified\)](#) | [Chinese \(Traditional\)](#) | [Gujarati](#) | [Haitian Creole](#) | [Korean](#) | [Portuguese](#) | [Spanish](#)
- **Immigration Comes to Your Workplace:** [This is a guide](#) from the National Immigration Law Center & National Employment Law Center.
- **County Resident ID:** Check your county to see if it is available for you. This service is usually available by appointment only.

NEXT STEPS

- **HOST KNOW YOUR RIGHTS WORKSHOPS:** EDUCATE COMMUNITY MEMBERS ON THEIR LEGAL PROTECTIONS.
- **DEVELOP EMERGENCY PLANS:** HELP UNDOCUMENTED INDIVIDUALS PREPARE FOR INTERACTIONS WITH IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES.
- **CONNECT WITH LEGAL EXPERTS:** BUILD RELATIONSHIPS WITH IMMIGRATION ATTORNEYS AND ADVOCACY GROUPS.
- **RAISE AWARENESS:** USE COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND SOCIAL MEDIA TO SHARE RELIABLE INFORMATION AND COMBAT MISINFORMATION.

By taking these steps, individuals and organizations can provide critical support to immigrant communities to ensure they have access to accurate information and safe spaces.



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. Is New Jersey a “sanctuary state”?

A. There is no legislation that specifically designates New Jersey a sanctuary state.

Q. Are sanctuary city policies still valid?

A. Sanctuary policies vary by jurisdiction. It is helpful to review and reaffirm commitments at the local level.

Q. Are undocumented individuals safe in healthcare settings?

A. Yes. HIPAA privacy laws prevent law enforcement from accessing medical records without proper authorization.

Q. Can ICE conduct raids in places like schools, hospitals, and community centers?

A. Judicial warrants are required for ICE to make arrests in these spaces. While fear-based rumors exist, actual raids in these locations are rare.

Q. What rights do businesses and employers have regarding ICE?

A. Business owners are not required to allow ICE entry without a warrant.

Q. Are faith spaces considered public spaces?

A. No, faith spaces are not public spaces. However, ICE can enter faith spaces (e.g., church, synagogue, mosque, gurdwara, temple, etc) but they can't execute anything within the space without the consent of the faith institution. There's no law saying they can't enter a faith space but it's about what they intend to do in the space.

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