



## Recent Immigration Activity in Princeton

Since earlier this year, the Princeton Department of Human Services has been working with local community organizations to bring information and resources to Princeton's immigrant community regarding the recent wave of Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) raids happening throughout the nation. The purpose was to educate community members on their rights and what to do in the event of an ICE raid.

On Thursday, the Princeton Police Department learned about an ICE raid that occurred on Wiggins street where ICE agents detained two men. The agents were reported to be waiting outside the home, at 5:00 am, waiting for someone to exit. We have been working alongside the Police Department and community partners to get more information about this ICE activity. Human Services and the Latin American Legal Defense and Education Fund (LALDEF) have been in touch with the other residents on Wiggins street to offer assistance and support as needed.

We recognize that these are stressful times for our community and our residents. While we continue to find more information and assist these individuals, below is some important information:

Helpful information handouts regarding Know Your Rights and ICE raids is available at the Human Services office and on the town's website. These materials can help you and your family/friends/relatives best prepare in the event of an ICE raid.

Difficult as it is, we suggest remaining calm.

Keep personal and important documents in a safe and private place. Do not carry your home country passport or your consular card. This is best to be kept away as it can raise flags if that document is provided to an ICE agent as form of identification.

When asked for an ID please show your Mercer County ID. If you don't have one, the card is offered at the Princeton Public Library on Thursdays from 12 pm – 2 pm and again from 5 pm – 7 pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor (Room 232) of the Library. One must bring proof of identification (passport, cédula) and proof of address-lease, utility bill, bank statement.

In the event of a raid, please contact the Human Services office. The department can link family members of a detained person to community organizations that can help you. There are services available that can assist you locate your family member, find legal assistance, offer support for those left behind without a parent/spouse/caregiver as a result of a raid. There is assistance available that can help connect you with your family member/relative in the detention center to offer them assistance and support.

If you want more information and have any questions, please contact or visit our office at 609-688-2055 or at One Monument Drive in Princeton