

DEALING WITH ICE AFTER A RAID OR ARRESTS: SOME SUGGESTIONS

1. Contact the ICE **Field Director of Detention and Removal**: If your organization wants to advocate on behalf of community members in detention, inform the Field Director of your organization's involvement with persons in detention. The Field Director manages the local ICE Detention and Removal office (ICE-DRO).

Suggested action plan:

- **Meet** with the ICE Field Director and DRO staff to obtain details of the arrest or raid
 - **Request that ICE not transfer individuals to another facility**. If you believe that ICE plans a transfer, consider contacting attorneys and civil rights groups to bring a lawsuit to stop the transfer. (See Pages 12-13)
 - **Raise specific medical, humanitarian concerns or abuse of detained persons with the Field Director and the Officer-In-Charge (deportation officer in jail), if OIC exists**.
 - Those who require regular/prompt medication or who have specific conditions, such as diabetes or pregnancy.
 - Individuals who present good cases for release, such as individuals with young children, elderly parents, disabled family members, etc.
 - Inform them if you know or believe that civil rights violations were committed during the jail or in the detention center, such as arrests based purely on racial profiling.
 - **If you feel some cases are particularly compelling, ask the Field Office Director to use prosecutorial discretion and cancel removal proceedings**. Prosecutorial discretion is a way of asking immigration not to enforce immigration law against an individual. To ask for this, you will need to involve local elected officials and other community members. This is a long-term campaign. To develop a prosecutorial discretion campaign, consult the Families for Freedom toolkit "ARM" (p. 65) <http://familiesforfreedom.mayfirst.org/files/Deport101-June2007ed-FIRMtraining.pdf>
2. Every person has a **specific deportation officer** in charge of their case. Cases are assigned by nationality or by last name. Get the name of the officer and their direct telephone line! Ask the officer what are the best times to contact him/her.
 3. The staff may attempt to bar access of lawyers or legal advocates to the detention facility. **If the facility is not run by ICE, ask/demand that the Field Office Director or Deportation Officer help facilitate access. Be persistent!**
 - Ask the ICE Officer-In-Charge (OIC) of the facility to call the jail if the staff does not let you in.
 - If the ICE Field Director does not want to assist, consider calling Public Affairs at ICE Headquarters (202) 514-2648 for help to enter a facility.