

IF YOU ARE ARRESTED BY ICE INSIDE THE UNITED STATES:

1. **You have the right to make decisions about your children regardless of your immigration status.** The U.S. Constitution protects the rights of families.
2. **You do not have to answer questions from ICE about your children and their nationality or immigration status** unless ICE has a warrant with your child's name on it.
3. **You have the right to make arrangements for your children's care, even if your children are not physically with you at the time of your arrest.** Ask for a phone call or whatever else you need so you can make those arrangements, both at the time of apprehension and while you are detained.
4. **If you are not able to make childcare arrangements at the time you are being apprehended, ask ICE what they will do to ensure your children are being cared for.** Also ask how you will be able to contact your children.
5. **If your children are in the foster care system, you have the right to participate in child welfare proceedings from detention and after deportation** as long as the judge has not terminated your parental rights.
6. **You have the right to talk to an attorney.** Tell them where you want your children to live if you are deported.
7. **If you are being deported, you have the right to decide whether you want your children to join you in your country of origin. ICE may be able to arrange for you to travel together.** Your consulate may also be able to help.

For more information about protecting your parental rights, go to:
www.womensrefugeecommission.org

IF YOU ARE SEPARATED FROM YOUR CHILDREN AT THE BORDER:

- 1. You have the right to make decisions about your children regardless of your immigration status.** The U.S. Constitution protects the rights of families.
- 2. If you are separated from your children, you do not lose your parental rights.** Insist that immigration officials help you. If your children are old enough, tell them to ask for help finding you.
- 3. Ask immigration officials where your children are being taken.** Undocumented children will most likely be placed in a children's facility that is run by the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR). U.S. citizen children may be released to a relative or placed into U.S. foster care. Tell the U.S. government officials where you would like your children to go.
- 4. Ask immigration officials to let you make phone calls to talk to your children.** If you are in an ICE detention center, call the ICE Detention Reporting and Information Line (DRIL line) at 1-888-351-4024 and tell them you have been separated from your children.
- 5. You have the right to talk to an attorney.** Attend a legal information presentation. Tell the attorney that you were separated from your children. Ask the attorney, a family member, or a friend to contact the ORR hotline at 1-800-203-7001 and tell them you have been separated from your children.
- 6. If you are being deported and want your children to come with you, ICE may be able to arrange for you to travel together.** Your consulate may also be able to help.