

# HOLDING COMMUNITY EVENTS AT A TIME OF INCREASED ICE PRESENCE

Gathering in community is important, but we know many have expressed concerns about potential immigration enforcement at or near community events. There are some steps you can take to make all community members feel more at ease attending community events.

## Consider the space

- Many community events take place in public spaces. However, if your event is private or restricted, ICE officers would only have access if given consent or if they have a judicial warrant.
- Consider whether having attendees register, issuing tickets, or having attendees check in at the entrance is something that may work for your event.

## Train event organizers

- Designate a central point of contact (ideally a lawyer and/or US citizen) to interact with ICE officers if needed, and make sure all event organizers are connected (ex: creating a WhatsApp or Signal chat for event organizers).
- Consider creating an event marshal team and providing them with de-escalation training.
- Make presence of organizers clear to create a sense of accountability (ex: consider having some event organizers wear bright vests for visibility).

## Support attendees

- Make sure that every attendee has a Know Your Rights card
- Provide a KYR resource table and an opportunity for attendees to ask questions (see QR code for multilingual printable materials).
- Consider collecting emergency contact information for those in attendance so you know who to contact if something happens.
- Inform attendees of a designated space where they can gather in case of an emergency situation.
- Think about how attendees will get to the event and back home, and whether there are any supports you can put in place.

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