

Immigration Information and Resources

FOR LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS, AGENCIES AND RESIDENTS



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Municipality of Princeton

As a Welcoming City, we will stand united and protect one another.

Princeton is a Welcoming Community that recognizes and celebrates the diversity that makes our town such a special place. We are proud that one of our sister cities, Colmar, France is the birthplace of Frederic Auguste Bartholdi, the sculptor of the Statue of Liberty, a beacon of hope welcoming immigrants to the United States for more than a century.

Everyone – from schoolchildren to seniors - has a role to play in ensuring Princeton remains a welcoming place for all. Now more than ever, simple acts of everyday kindness can help to bind our community closer together at a time when outside forces threaten to divide us.

We are committed to our efforts to make Princeton a safe community for all who live, work, and study here, and welcome the engagement of our neighbors and community partners.

We know these can be difficult times, but Princeton is committed to being there for you and doing everything we can do to ensure that as a resident of Princeton, you feel safe and valued. Through our Human Services office we will provide assistance to residents that need information and resources to guide you and your family.

Safety planning and Know Your Rights is priority. We have put together a resource guide with all necessary information and tools to help. Know Your Rights information sessions are happening in town at ESL classes, the library, through faith-based and other local groups. If you would like to request an information session or have questions, call our **Human Services office at 609-688-2055**.

Building Community, Connecting Neighbors

[Welcoming America](#) is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that is leading a movement of inclusive communities becoming more prosperous by making everyone who lives there feel like they belong. In October 2015, Princeton joined Welcoming America and last year with hundreds of communities across the country, we celebrated [Welcoming Week](#), in efforts to: build community; bring together new and long-term residents in a spirit of unity; and raise awareness of the benefits of welcoming everyone – including new Americans.

Princeton needs all of us! Take action and support your neighbors by getting to know them, creating opportunities and spaces for residents to get to know each other, and building bridges between people of different identities and backgrounds. [Ways to Welcome in Your Community](#) is a great resource of how you can personally put your welcoming spirit into practice in everyday life.

Due Process Protections

If you are in the U.S. with or without lawful status, you have a Constitutional right to due process of law. This means that you cannot be deported without a legal procedure. In this procedure, you must present your case to an Immigration Judge, who then determines if you are eligible to stay in the United States

Refugee & Asylum Status

If you are a refugee or asylee, you should apply for a green card within one year of being admitted to the United States or after the grant of your asylum status. Do this as soon as possible by going to a reputable legal provider.

If you are qualified for protection under U.S. law, which is determined by our approval of various international treaties, such as the UN Convention Against Torture, you cannot simply be removed from the country. The procedure to remove an individual if you previously qualified for protection is long and under current humanitarian law, you cannot be deported. Due process protections also apply to individuals with pending asylum cases and individuals cannot be deported unless and until an Immigration Judge determines that they do not qualify to stay in the U.S. These rights and protections extend to people from all countries, including those from majority-Muslim countries. Any change in due process protections would require action from Congress.

Legal Permanent Residents

If you have been a permanent resident for three or more years, consult with a legal service provider about preparing to apply for U.S. citizenship. Visit the following website for information on applying for U.S. citizenship: <https://www.uscis.gov/citizenship/learners/apply-citizenship>. You will need to file Form N-400, Application for Naturalization to apply. Make sure to check if you qualify for any exceptions and accommodations. If you have ever had an encounter with the police, do not apply unless you have consulted with an attorney. *If you are interested in taking citizenship classes, please refer to page 6 for local classes in the Princeton area.*

DACA Students

On September 5th, 2017, President Trump announced the end to DACA, the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Program (“DACA 2012”), which has provided eligible, undocumented young people who arrived before age 16 an opportunity to remain in the United States and to apply for work authorization. **On January 13th, 2018, due to a federal court order, USCIS has resumed accepting requests to renew DACA applications, until further notice.** This impacts almost 800,000 young people, who are now waiting on Congress to act and pass a permanent protection for Dreamers. These are uncertain times so please stay informed and review the helpful information and resources below:

What You Need to Know:

- On January 13, 2018 USCIS announced that they have resumed accepting requests to renew current DACA applications until further notice. No new applications will be accepted.
- Your DACA is valid until its expiration date
- Advance Parole to travel abroad is no longer available
- Consult with an immigration lawyer as soon as possible. See page 7 for a list of lawyers in NJ
- **LALDEF will be assisting with DACA renewals, effective immediately, at no cost, by appointment. Please call (609) 688-0881 to make an appointment.**
- **If you are in need of financial assistance for the renewal fee, visit www.missionassetfund.org**

Mental Health Resources:

This is a startling and frightening update for many individuals protected by DACA. Please know that there are many resources out there to support you during these times:

- Resources for Children & Adults Dealing with Stress in the Princeton area – click [here](#)
- National Council of La Raza Crisis Counseling & Mental Health Support Resources – click [here](#)
- If someone needs help, call the suicide prevention hotline at **1-800-273-8255**

Additional Resources and Extra Materials:

- Memo from Homeland Security – click [here](#)
- LALDEF Pro Bono DACA Renewal Assistance – click [here](#)
- Catholic Charities DACA Renewal Clinics – click [here](#)
- Attend a Local Event – click [here](#)
- FAQs: DACA Rescission and Workplace Rights – click [here](#)
- FAQs on DACA Termination – click [here](#)
- DACA Renewal Application Timeline – click [here](#)
- DACA Renewal Application – click [here](#)
- AILA Consumer Advisory on DACA – click [here](#)

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!

What to do if ICE agents approach you in public: Agents may call out your name. You don't have to say anything. Remain calm. **DON'T RUN!**

- Before anything else, ask, **"AM I FREE TO GO?"**
 - If they say YES: Say, **"I'd rather not speak with you right now."** Walk away.
 - If they say NO: **Use your right to remain silent!** Say, **"I want to use my right not to answer questions,"** and then **"I want to speak to a lawyer."**
- If ICE agents try to search you say, **"I do not consent to a search."**
 - DON'T LIE or show false documents. Don't run or resist arrest.
 - DON'T ANSWER questions about your immigration status or where you were born. Keep saying you want to call your attorney.
 - DON'T GIVE THEM any foreign documents such as a passport, consular IDs, or expired visas. You can give them a Mercer County ID if you have one.
- If you are in criminal court, ask to speak to your lawyer.

What to do if officers are at your door:

- Find out if they are ICE. Ask what they want. Ask if they have a judicial arrest [warrant](#) from a judge for you or anyone else who lives there. Examine the [warrant](#). Call your attorney for advice before opening the door. If they don't have a judicial arrest [warrant](#), don't let them in.
- Try to stay calm. Be polite. Don't lie.
- You have the right to remain silent. You do not have to answer questions about where you were born, whether you're a U.S. citizen, or how you entered the country.
- If they are local police, find out what they want. Local Princeton police do not do immigration work.
- If you're not a U.S citizen and have valid immigration papers, you should show them if an immigration agent requests it.
- Do not lie about your citizenship status or provide fake documents.
- If they are looking for someone else, ask them to leave their contact information. You do not have to tell them where to find the person. Do not lie.

What to do if ICE agents enter your home:

- Ask them to show you the warrant. Officers can only search the areas and for the items listed on the warrant. An arrest warrant allows police to enter the home of the person listed on the warrant if they believe the person is inside. A warrant of removal/deportation (ICE warrant) does not allow officers to enter a home without consent.
- Tell them if there are children or other vulnerable residents at home.
- Ask them to step outside unless they have a judicial [warrant](#) signed by a judge.
- If they came inside without your permission, tell them, **"I do not consent to your being in my home. Please leave."**
- If they start to search your home, tell them **"I do not consent to your search."**
- If ICE is arresting you, tell them if you have medical issues or need to arrange for childcare.
- **Do not answer any questions. Tell them you are exercising your right to remain silent and ask to be allowed to call your attorney as soon as possible.**

If you are being arrested by ICE, you still have rights:

- You have the right to remain silent. You have the right to speak to a lawyer. Say, **"I want to speak to a lawyer."**
- You do NOT have to share any information about where you were born, what your immigration status is or your criminal record. Ask to speak to a lawyer instead of answering questions.
- You do NOT have to give them any documents or your passport unless they have a [warrant](#) signed by a judge for your arrest specifically.
- Do not sign anything, such as voluntary departure or stipulated removal, without talking to a lawyer. If you sign, you may be giving up your opportunity to try to stay in the U.S
- Know your immigration number ("A" number) and give it to your family. It will help them locate you.

DO's and DON'Ts

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• DO NOT open your door until you know who is outside.• DO NOT let any ICE official into your home without a search warrant for that home or an arrest warrant for someone who is inside it.• DO NOT fear local Princeton police. Local police are not ICE. They do not participate in immigration matters and only share information with ICE in criminal cases.• DO NOT seek the advice of notaries or other so-called “immigration experts.” They are not authorized to represent you in immigration proceedings, and can get you into trouble. Ask for a business card. If they don’t have one, or if it does not say “Attorney” or “Esq.” after the name, leave.• If you have a case open with immigration, DO NOT ignore any correspondence you receive about your case. Discuss it with the attorney or agency representing you and respond before the deadline, if applicable.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• DO exercise your right to remain silent until you have a lawyer.• DO consult with a competent immigration attorney or legal services nonprofit agency to get advice on how to either regularize your status or appeal your arrest. Check the list of legal service agencies authorized by the US Department of Justice at: http://www.justice.gov/eoir/file/ProBonoNJ/download• DO ask your attorney to give you an emergency number you can call after business hours in case you are arrested.• DO keep copies of all the documents related to your case in a safe place.• KNOW your A# (case number). This is a 9-digit number preceded by the letter “A”.• DO tell a trusted family member or friend where you keep your documents and the name and contact information of the attorney or agency familiar with your case.• If you are deportable, DO make arrangements for children and other dependents in your home.
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If you feel your rights have been violated, write down everything you remember, including officers’ badge and patrol car numbers, which agency the officers were from, and any other details. Get contact information for witnesses. If you’re injured, seek medical attention immediately and take photographs of your injuries. File a written complaint with the agency’s internal affairs division or civilian complaint board. In most cases, you can file a complaint anonymously if you wish.

Local Services and Supports

Organization	Contact	Citizenship Classes	ESL classes	Legal Assistance
Princeton Public Library	609-924-9529	x	x	
Latin American Legal & Defense Fund	609-688-0881	X (\$25)	x	X (\$35)
Latin American Task Force	609-924-9529	x	x	x
YWCA*	609-497-2100	x	x	
Princeton Adult School*	609-683-1101		x	

***fees may apply**

Pro Bono, low-cost Legal Service Providers in New Jersey

LALDEF Fridays from 1-7 PM 669 Chambers Street, Trenton NJ 08611 (609) 688-0881	Catholic Charities Trenton 383 West State Street Trenton, New Jersey 08607 (609) 394-3202
Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey 189 South Broad Street Trenton, New Jersey 08601 (609) 393-4900	El Centro Hispano Americano 525 East Front Street Plainfield, New Jersey 07060 (908) 753-8730
Legal Services of New Jersey (LSNJ) 100 Metroplex Drive at Plainfield Avenue Edison, New Jersey 08818 (888) 576-5529 or (732) 572-9100	Camden Center for Law and Social Justice, Inc. 126 Broadway Camden, New Jersey 08102 (856) 583-2950
Human Rights First 75 Broad Street, Floor 31 New York, New York 10004 (212) 845-5200	American Friends Service Committee 89 Market Street, 6 th Floor Newark, New Jersey 07102 (973) 643-1924
The Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS) 333 Seventh Avenue, 16 th Floor New York, New York 10001 (212) 613-1454 or (212) 613-1376	American Military Families Immigration Services, INC (AMFIS) 1177 Clinton Avenue Irvinton, NJ 07111 (973) 264-1111
American Friends Service Committee 89 Market Street, 6 th Floor Newark, New Jersey 07102 (973) 643-1924	Kids in Need of Defense (KIND) 65 Livingston Avenue Roseland, New Jersey 07068 (862) 926-2080
African Hispanic Immigration Organization (AHIO), Inc. 4815 Westfield Avenue Pennsauken, New Jersey 08110 (856) 324-5098	5 Central Avenue Newark, NJ 07102 (973) 370-0907 Be Aware of Immigration Scams and/or Notarios* to report fraud: Princeton Police Department 609-921-2100 Federal Trade Commission (FTC) 1-877-382-4357 Executive Office for Immigration Review 703-305-0470

***notarios:** individuals who represent themselves as qualified to offer legal advice or services concerning immigration or other matters of law, who have no such qualification, routinely victimize members of immigrant communities. (<http://www.americanbar.org/>)

Find out if you or a loved one is deportable:

- Find your “Alien Registration Number.” It is on most immigration papers, including the I-94 card on your passport, green card, or any other document that immigration gives you. The A# looks like: A99 999 999
- Call 1-800-898-7180. This is the hotline for the immigration court (EOIR).
- Press “1” for English or “2” for Spanish.
- Enter the 8 digits of our A-number and listen for instructions. If your number is in the system, then this means that an immigration case existed against you at some time.
- Press “3” to find out if an immigration judge decided your case, including if there is an order of deportation (“removal”) against you.
- If the hotline says you have a deportation/removal order, consult a lawyer specializing in immigration deportation before you to the immigration office, leave the country, or try to adjust your status.

Detention Centers in New Jersey

Detention Center	Address	Phone Number
Middlesex County Jail	Route 130 & Apple Orchard Lane, North Brunswick, NJ 08902	732-297-3636
Hudson County Jail	35 Hackensack Avenue, Kearney NJ 07032	973-491-5566
Bergen County Jail	112 West Street, Hackensack NJ 07601	201-527-3000
Elizabeth Contract Detention Facility	625 Evans Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07201	908-352-3776
Sussex County Jail	41 High Street, Newton NJ 07860	973-579-0875
Monmouth County Jail	1 Waterworks Road, Freehold, NJ 07728	732-431-7860
Essex County Jail	354 Doremus Avenue, Newark, 07105	973-274-7500

Princeton Public Schools

Princeton Public Schools is committed to protecting the rights and safety of all students, regardless of the students' or their parents' status. Given the concerns and questions about the safety of undocumented students, the Princeton Public School District has established safety protocols regarding immigration related matters.

In 2011, the federal government issued a [policy](#) designed to ensure ICE enforcement actions do not occur at nor are focused on sensitive locations [sensitive locations](#) such as schools and churches.

Care for Minor Children

In the case that a parent is detained and/or deported, the children may be at risk. Parents are encouraged to have a **temporary parental consent agreement** form completed indicating who would be the person temporarily in charge of a child(dren) immediately after a parent(s) is detained. **As per the NJ State Department of Children and Families a parent can get a notarized [Power of Attorney](#)**, which gives temporary medical, educational, and personal custody of a child to a representative.

Our office has put together instructions for creating a [safety plan](#) for families, as well as fillable forms. We provide assistance and FREE notary services.

Bullying at Schools

Contact the following School Anti-Bullying Specialists if you believe your child is being bullied at school:

School	Specialist	Title	Phone	Email
Princeton High School	Diana Lygas	Dean of Students	806-4280, ext. 3538	diana_lygas@princetonk12.org
John Witherspoon Middle School	Cathy DiLorenzo Adam Rothschild Jennifer Walters	Guidance Counselor Guidance Counselor Guidance Counselor	806-4270 ext. 5511 806-4270 ext. 5525 806-4270 ext. 6581	cathy_dilorenzo@princetonk12.org adam_rothschild@princetonk12.org jennifer_walters@princetonk12.org
Community Park	Katelyn Hoobler	Guidance Counselor	806-4230 ext. 6181	katelyn_hoobler@princetonk12.org
Johnson Park	Robin Minden	Guidance Counselor	806-4240 ext. 6381	robin_minden@princetonk12.org
Littlebrook	Denise Krok	Guidance Counselor	806-4250 ext. 6581	denise_krok@princetonk12.org
Riverside	Ben Samara	Guidance Counselor	806-4260 ext. 6724	ben_samara@princetonk12.org

Princeton Public Schools Forms and Policies relating to harassment, intimidation and bullying:

- [HIB-Reporting Form A.pdf](#)
- [9160 Civility Policy](#)
- [5512 Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying](#)

Additional Resources

Mental Health Related to Immigration:

- [Mental Health Resources](#)

Safety Planning:

- [Safety Plan Instructions](#)
- [Safety Plan Template](#)
- [Temporary Parental Consent Agreement Instructions](#)
- [Temporary Parental Consent Agreement Template](#)
- [Women's Refugee Commission Guide](#)

Sample Warrants:

- [Sample Search Warrant](#)
- [Sample Warrant of Deportation/Removal](#)

Princeton Resources:

- [LALDEF Community ID](#)
- [Wage Theft Flyer](#)
- [Princeton Passport Services](#)

Know Your Rights: At the workplace

- [Know Your Rights](#)

Know Your Rights: Discrimination Against Immigrants and Muslims:

- [English Resources](#)
- [Arabic Resources](#)
- [Spanish Resources](#)
- [Farsi Resources](#)
- [Urdu Resources](#)

NJ Agencies:

- [NJ Alliance for Immigrant Justice Resources](#)
- [LALDEF](#)
- [ACLU NJ](#)

National Organizations:

- [Black Alliance for Just Immigration Resources](#)
- [Welcoming America](#)

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