

# Be a Good Neighbor

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# What can we do?



# For Starters

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- Learn implications of current laws and executive orders ✓
- Familiarize yourself with local resources for immigrants
- Do not ask neighbors about their legal status
- Do not draw attention to neighbors who are just trying to blend in (identifying, social media)
- Be mindful of the privacy of minors
- Invite neighbors in and get to know them
- Exchange contact information if neighbors desire this

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- Ask neighbors “are you okay?” or “do you want to share?” but do not pressure people to share beyond what they are comfortable with
  - Actively listen to neighbors so you can hear what their needs are

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- Provide neighbors with groceries and/or meals
  - Be mindful of why neighbors' children might not go to sleepovers
  - Help out with immigration costs
  - Help neighbors assemble family plans (be careful to not engage in unauthorized practice of law)
    - Scanning materials
    - Ordering materials

# About ICE

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- Watch for unmarked vehicles in the neighborhood and alert neighbors to possible ICE encounters
- **Do not interfere** with an arrest
  - Escalation could result in collateral arrests
  - Escalation could potentially result in harsher treatment of person being arrested

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- You can still document encounters
    - Include officer's clothing/vehicles
    - Statements/Documents from officer, any persons arrested, and any witnesses
  - Report ICE activity to the Portland Immigrant Rights Coalition (PIRC) hotline:  
1-888-622-1510
  - Call Oregon Sanctuary Promise Hotline at 1-844-924-7829 to report suspected violations of Oregon's sanctuary laws
  - Familiarize yourself with ICE Detainee Locator

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- Contact person delegated for temporary custody of children to pick up children to avoid DHS/Law Enforcement
  - Meet people at court



# Other Actions

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- Call Senators and Representatives (federal and state level) and tell them not to support anti-immigrant legislation
  - State senators/representatives: ask them to say no to “modification” of 2021 Oregon Sanctuary Law
- Volunteer to give people ESL classes

# Local Resources

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- NOWIA Unete, Center for Farm Worker Advocacy  
27 N Ivy Medford OR 97501  
541-840-9669 or 541-840-9670
  
- Northwest Seasonal Worker Association  
203 N Oakdale Ave, Medford, OR 97501  
(541) 773-6811
  
- Migrant Education  
5465 South Pacific Highway  
Phoenix, OR 97535  
(541) 776-8520

# Useful Resources

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- Online Detainee Finder

<https://locator.ice.gov/odls/homePage.do>

- Portland Immigrant Rights Coalition (PIRC)

<https://pircoregon.org/> or (888) 622-1510

- Oregon Law Center

<https://oregonlawcenter.org/> 1 (800) 520-5292

# Together we can make a difference

