

Supporting a Loved One in Detention



Find and Get in Contact with Your Loved One

- ✓ **If they were detained by police**, contact the city and county jails where they reside.
- ✓ **If they were detained by ICE** or if you believe they may have been transferred to another state, make sure that you have their Immigration Number (Alien #), OR their full name, birthdate, and country of origin. Search through this website: <https://locator.ice.gov/odls/>
- ✓ **If your family member is detained at the Northwest Detention Center (NWDC) in Tacoma**, make sure that you have their Immigration Number (Alien #), OR their full name, birthdate, and country of origin.
 - **Contact the NWDC at (253) 779-6000** (Remember: Never share case information with an immigration official or agent!).
 - **Call the NWDC Message Line: (253) 396-1611**, you can leave a message for a detainee at NWDC. Make sure to leave the full name of the detainee, their identification number (A#), your name and your phone number. The message will be given to the detainee so they can return the call within two days.
- ✓ **Visit the detainee**, visit this website to confirm dates and times of visits: <https://www.ice.gov/detention-facility/tacoma-northwest-detention-center>

Offer Financial Support

- ✓ **Deposit Funds for a detainee** at the kiosk at NWDC or through this website: www.gettingout.com/deposit/
- ✓ **Verify if the detainee is eligible to be released on bond**, the detainee should ask for a bond and if it is approved by the judge, you can call (253) 779-6000 or (206) 835-0650 to speak with the Deportation Agent in charge of the case and pay the bond.

Get Legal Support

- ✓ **If you are unable to afford an immigration attorney**. You can contact Northwest Immigrant Rights Project at: 253-383-0519 or go online for information at: <https://www.nwirp.org/get-help/>
- ✓ **If you would prefer to hire your own immigration attorney**, you can search for one through the American Immigration Lawyers Association at: www.aialawyer.org
- ✓ **If your family member has a pending criminal case**, they will likely have an attorney assigned to them. Contact this attorney first.
- ✓ **If you have another legal matter** such as a family law matter or want to hire your own criminal defense attorney, you can look up Attorney's licensed in Washington through the WA state bar association at: www.mywsba.org/LawyerDirectory.aspx

Support the Family

- ✓ **If the detainee has children and the children were taken by the state**, you should get in contact with the social worker assigned to the case. You can locate the phone number to your local child services office through this website: <https://fortress.wa.gov/dshs/f2ws03apps/caofficespub/offices/general/OfficePick.asp>

Attend Court Hearings

- ✓ **Immigration Information System:** 1-800-898-7180 *24 hours a day*, this automated system gives information about the next court date with immigration, the decision of an immigration court case, and dates of previous deportations. Before you call, make sure to have the Alien ID number of the person detained.

Get informed and Spread the Word

- ✓ **For more information about Immigration processes**, visit this website: <http://www.nwirp.org/resources/forimmigrants>
- ✓ **Stay up to date on what is happening in Washington**, by following these pages in Facebook:
 - WA Immigrant Solidarity Network
 - Northwest Immigrant Rights Project
 - Colectiva Legal del Pueblo

Please Note: This document is intended to provide general information. It is not a substitute for legal advice. For information about legal representation contact Northwest Immigrant Rights Project (NWIRP) at 1-800-445-5771 or Colectiva Legal del Pueblo at (206) 931-1514.