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What You Need To Know: Family Preparedness Packet

Important reminders before starting the process:

- We know scenario planning can be stressful to think about, but it is important to remember that this packet is intended to increase your sense of security and increase family stability! This packet was created to organize your personal information in the event the family faces immigration enforcement.
- If you have all the information ready and available, it should take two to four hours to complete fully. Be careful to store your packet in a safe place!

**** This packet is not intended as a means to defend against deportation from the United States. It is important to seek advice and assistance by contacting competent professionals.*

Packet Contents:

- 1) Important Contacts
- 2) Family Plans
- 3) Identification and Important Documents
- 4) Important Personal Documents
- 5) What to do if Arrested?

Questions to Think About BEFORE Filling out Packet:

I. Important Contacts & Resources -

- A. Who are at least 3 trusted people I can share this emergency plan with?
- B. Think about what community resources you can call upon. Who can I call for legal, housing, and medical support? Do you have a lawyer you can call? Do you have a church that would support you? Do you have a contact for your country's consulate?
- C. Collect contact information for family members in the U.S and outside of the U.S.
- D. Have information about your children ready to add to the family packet.

II. Family Plans -

- A. You should think about who in your life could be responsible for your kids, bills, cars, and property? This should be somebody you trust. You should think about having multiple people as backups (family members, friends, neighbors, etc.). Obtain their contact information.
- B. What is the plan if one or both parents are absent?
- C. What information about your history with immigration is important to know?

III. Identification and Important Documents -

- A. Make sure to have these on hand while completing the packet:
 1. Birth Certificates (originals and photocopies)
 2. Identification (photocopies of Colorado driver's license, consular ID, or others)
 3. Immunization records (original and photocopies)
 4. Family Photos
- B. The Packet will include important information regarding:
 1. "Limited Purpose" Power of Attorney form - permits you to delegate a person to make decisions and act on your behalf in regards to financial matters. You can designate as much or as little power as you wish.
 2. Delegation of Power By Parent or Guardian form - the appointed person will have limited authority, for a period not exceeding twelve months, for any power regarding care, custody, or proprietary of the minor (except the power to consent to marriage or adoption).

IV. Important Personal Documents -

- A. It is important to keep track of records that can prove you have lived in the United States. Look for these records:
 1. Lease Records
 2. Pay Stubs
 3. School Records
 4. Bills, statements, receipts, etc.
 5. Immigration applications, court proceedings, ICE proceedings, etc.
 6. Tax Records

REMEMBER: If you have been stopped by police or ICE -

- Stay calm and do not resist or obstruct the agents or officers.
- Do not lie or give false documents.
- Contact your attorney!
- Your family members can look you up if you have been detained. They can use USCIS' Online Detainee Locator System (locator.ice.gov/odls/#/search)

To report an ICE incident or raid, call: 1-844-864-8341