

# Organizing

## K-12 Undocu Protection Coalition

*The coalition serves to ensure the physical safety and emotional well-being of King County K-12 children and youth who are undocumented. We work in collaboration to ensure our schools are a safe and inviting for all students and their families because we know this is paramount to students being able to achieve.*

### **COALITION ORGANIZATIONS**

- 21 Progress
- Asian Counseling and Referral Service
- Colectiva Legal del Pueblo
- College Access Now
- College Success Foundation
- Community Center for Education Results
- Latino/a Educational Achievement Project
- OneAmerica
- Power to Define
- Storytellers for Change
- Washington Dream Coalition

# FAFSA/WASFA & FERPA



Student information and their family's is protected:

Both [FAFSA](#) and [WASFA](#) require students and families to submit personal information which can cause concern for them. It is important to remember that any information supplied on your financial aid applications is covered under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA 1974), which prohibits schools from voluntarily providing any outside agency - including the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) or U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) - with any information from a student's school file.

# Support undocumented folks



- Check and risk your privilege
- Self education: update yourself on relevant policies and legislation
- Remember that ally and advocate work is a process, not a fixed state or declaration
- Come out as an unafraid educator (community member) who is with and for undocumented students and their families
- Make information and resources accessible, such as easy to find and in multiple languages
- Create multiple safe spaces
- Do not tell undocumented people's their stories, without consent
- Do not take over, let undocumented folks lead the way— work WITH undocumented folks
- The best bet in holding space: listening and believing
- Know what to do when I mess up as a dominant group member.
- Challenge normative systems and practices.
- Recognize that this is foundational work, and building foundations is slow.

# Next steps



## 1. **Release a Public Statement:**

- Vowing to create safe spaces for undocumented students and their families

## 2. **Reaffirm commitments to students' education and human rights:**

- Restriction of ICE agents' access to your schools and districts
- Protection of student information and their families under FERPA
- Transparency of hate crime and/or hate language reporting process and incidents

## 3. **Provide Resources and Trainings**

- Train teachers, staff, and administrators on supporting undocumented students and families
- Provide spaces where students and families can learn about their rights

# Our roles as educators and service providers



## **Finding and sharing resources**

- Working through process of enrollment, scholarships, and applications and navigating different institutions and organizations

## **Creating a welcoming space by changing practices and language used on a daily basis**

- Challenging people, current policies, or practices that hinder undocumented folks success

## **Work with and for undocumented folks, young people have led this fight for many years, however, and need you to join them**

- Creating and increasing resources available to undocumented students, young people, and their families (and being public about it).

# If folks encounter ICE



## **Do Not Open Doors**

- ICE cannot come in without a signed warrant or if you let them in. Tell them to pass the warrant under the door before you open.

## **Remain Silent**

- ICE can use anything you say against you in your immigration case so claim your right to remain silent!
- State the following: “I Plead the fifth and choose to remain silent”

## **Do Not Sign**

- Do not sign anything ICE gives you without talking to an attorney.

## **Report The Raid!**

- Report immediately, UWD hotline 1-844-363-1423
- Take pictures, videos, and notes of what happened: include badge number and name of agents!

## **Fight Back!**

- Get a trustworthy attorney & explore all options to fight for your case. If detained you may be able to get bail - do not give up hope!

# Resources



- K-12 Undocu Coalition of Protection Toolkit (January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017)
- Northwest Immigrant Rights Project: [www.nwirp.org](http://www.nwirp.org)
- Educators for Fair Consideration: [www.e4fc.org](http://www.e4fc.org)
- OneAmerica: [www.weareoneamerica.org](http://www.weareoneamerica.org)

## **Supporting Undocumented Students Trainings**

Please fill out this interest form to stay updated with incoming trainings: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TCF97N2>