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Get Advice Before You Report to ICE

Immigrants Should Talk to a Lawyer Before Participating in ICE's "Self-Deportation" Program

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has announced a new program called "Operation Scheduled Departure" that invites immigrants who have a final order of removal and no criminal history to report to ICE to schedule their own deportation without being detained.

Heartland Alliance's National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC) advises that immigrants who are considering participating in the program should consult with a qualified immigration attorney before reporting to ICE.

Because U.S. immigration law is so complex, the new program puts many immigrants at risk of misunderstanding their legal status and accepting deportation prematurely despite having legal options to remain in the United States.

All immigrants in the United States who face deportation have the right to speak to a lawyer and may have a right to a day in court before being deported.

In the Chicago area, please visit one of NIJC's offices during our weekly consultation hours:

Pilsen

1817 S. Loomis

2nd Floor, Chicago

Tuesday, Thursday and First Saturday of the month

8:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.

(Not handicap accessible; please visit our Downtown or Waukegan offices)

Downtown

208 S. LaSalle St. Suite 1818, Chicago

Wednesday

8:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.

(Handicap accessible)

Waukegan

33 N. County Ave., Suite 520, Waukegan

Tuesday and Thursday

8:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.

(Handicap accessible)

Free or low-cost immigration legal services are available throughout the country and can be found online at <http://www.usdoj.gov/eoir/probono/states.htm>.

The National Immigrant Justice Center, a partner of Heartland Alliance for Human Needs & Human Rights, provides direct legal services to and advocates for immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers through policy reform, impact litigation, and public education.

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