

RESPONDING TO WORKSITE RAIDS IN MISSISSIPPI

AND HOW TO PREPARE FOR A RAID IN YOUR COMMUNITY BEFORE IT HAPPENS

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. (John 1:5, NRSV)

Local contacts providing direct service to affected families:

Mississippi Child Protection Services

The Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services has licensed emergency foster beds ready for children in need.

Contact: 1-800-222-8000.

Mississippi Center for Justice rapid response legal team

The Mississippi Center for Justice is coordinating a rapid response legal team to help community members locate detained loved ones, provide immigration legal assistance to those now facing removal, and ensure the care of children whose parents or guardians have been imprisoned, [according to their website](#).

Contact: 601-352-2269.

ACLU

The ACLU of Mississippi is working with Mississippi partners in a coordinated effort. **Contact:** 1-800-222-8000.

Mississippi Immigrant Rights Alliance (MIRA)

The Jackson-based organization has helped immigrants in Mississippi for almost two decades. Helping to coordinate legal counsel for individuals and families.

GoFundMe: The nonprofit has started a [GoFundMe account](#) under the heading "Local immigrant services for ICE raids in MS." They also have a [PayPal Giving Fund account](#) under "Mississippi Immigrants Rights Alliance". All donations raised will go directly to MIRA. You can also donate directly to the organization at yourmira.org.

Church Involvement (which you can support!):

First Presbyterian Church, Canton, MS (coordinating response with Sacred Heart Parish)

Donations are welcome!

They can be sent to:

First Presbyterian Church

202 E Peace St, Canton, MS 39046

Or

Presbytery of Mississippi

P. O. Box 13451, Jackson, MS 39236

If you are sending a check, please add, ICE RAIDS 2019

Members of FPC Canton are donating funds and collecting supplies to stock the legal aid center and childcare center established at Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is providing financial support to aid the response.

You can make a donation to their Disaster Relief – Refugee Emergencies fund at - <https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000095/>. The online tool will allow you to specify that funds be used for the raid response in Mississippi in the comments box.

Scott County Baptist Association

GoFund Me: The group is assisting people in need and has started a [GoFundMe](#) for the Carlisle Crisis Center.

Contact: For additional details on how to get assistance or offer assistance, call Associational Missions Director Reggie Williams at 601-469-1951 or 601-942-6145.

Email: scottbaptasn@gmail.com

To assist organizations as they accompany affected individuals and families:

Mississippi Immigrant Rights Alliance (MIRA)

Hygiene item donations: Small bottles of bath essentials, bathroom products such as shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, dental hygiene essentials, first-aid items, toilet paper, diapers, underwear and socks.

Food items donations: Canned beans, dry beans, peanut butter, or other nut butters, rolled oats, canned fruit, canned vegetables, soups, canned tuna in water, rice, shelf stable milk and milk substitutes, pasta, canned food and cookies.

Address to drop off donations: 4436 N State St Suite A-1, Jackson, MS 39206

Contact: 601-968-5182

[GoFundMe account](#) or [PayPal Giving Fund account](#) for cash donations.

Children’s Defense Fund –

Article, “[Workplace Raids Devastate Families and Communities](#)”

Children’s Defense Fund, Southern Regional Office is working with MIRA, especially in securing space for attorneys to meet with clients affected by the raid.

Worship prayer materials for separated families:

[Lamento que.../Lament that...](#) - prayer written by Rev. Rosa B. Miranda, Associate for Hispanic/Latino-a Intercultural Congregational Support, PCUSA. English translation by Amanda Craft



[God of love, God of grace, God of justice/Dios del amor, Dios de la gracia, Dios de la justicia](#) – prayer written by Rev. Lemuel Garcia, Associate Director of Racial Equity and Women’s Intercultural Ministries, PCUSA. Spanish translation by Amanda Craft

To plan for a possible workplace raid response/rapid response:

[First Presbyterian Church/Iowa Wins raid response workbook](#)

[Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition Worksite Raid Response Toolkit](#)

[Faith Community Work Place Raid Response Toolkit](#)

[Catholic Legal Immigration Network, INC \(Clinic\) Rapid Response Toolkit.](#)

[Office of Immigration Issues Family Care Plan/Preparation Plan](#) – page includes information about how to prepare, know your rights, finding legal professionals, and navigating the immigration detention system.

The Women’s Refugee Commission has created Know Your Rights fact sheets that provide good guidance on immigrant rights (in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#)).

Mississippi Center for Justice for [Sign Up for Legal Services](#)

This [webpage](#) from American Immigration Lawyers Association includes a number of resources for finding legal service providers for families, rapid response hotlines, and additional Know Your Rights information.

Families that are in need of locating an individual who had been detained can utilize this [Online Detainee Locator](#) to locate individuals in ICE custody.

