

Informed and Empowered: Protecting Our Students and Communities Together

FLEX Presentation

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Immigration Customs and Enforcement (ICE)

- ICE is a federal law enforcement agency under U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security
 - Enforces immigration laws
 - Arrest, detains, and remove undocumented individuals
- ICE can show up in uniform or plain clothes
- ICE can seek records, search certain areas, or arrest individuals with a warrant, subpoena, or court order

*We refer to “ICE”; however other agencies do work with ICE. When we say ICE, we mean all immigration officials/authorities.

Applicable laws to protect our staff and students

FERPA (Family Education Rights and Privacy Act)

Federal law that protects the privacy of students' educational records and personally identifiable information. What information is protected?

- Social Security Numbers
- Financial aid information
- International students (F-1, M-1, or J-1 visas)
- SEVP can conduct site visits for auditing purposes

SB 54 (California Values Act)

Prohibits local law enforcement from the following:

- providing personal information absent a valid federal order
- contracting with federal government to assist with immigration enforcement
- assisting immigration authorities
- participating in programs that allow federal immigration agencies to contract with local law enforcement to carry out immigration enforcement

Applicable laws to protect our staff and students, cont...

AB 21 (Access to Higher Education for Every Student)

- ✓ Refrain from disclosing personal info absent valid federal order
- ✓ Advise students and staff to notify designee if ICE is on campus to execute order
- ✓ Designate staff person as point of contact
- ✓ Notify emergency contact if someone is taken into custody
- ✓ Allow access to nonpublic areas only if judicial search warrant
- ✓ Maintain contact list of legal service providers
- ✓ Implement AG's policy
- ✓ Help student retain financial aid status if they're detained

Public vs. Private Areas

Public Space

- Courtyards, walkways, quads
- Parking lots
- Building lobbies
- Centers open to the public

Private Space

- Classrooms while class is in session
- Areas that are locked or accessible with only an ID or key card
- Offices or “employee only” spaces
- Areas with signs limiting public access



Los Rios Police Department

Captain Kelly Benitez

What should you do if ICE/immigration officials are on campus?

- Contact or have your supervisor contact LRPD at (916) 558-2221
- Tell the agent(s) that you need to contact the District's designee and your supervisor
- Have ICE wait in a public area while LRPD arrives.
- Do NOT grant ICE permission to enter any private areas.



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What to do if you are approached by ICE/immigration officials

- Remain calm
- Contact LRPD at (916) 558-2221
- Don't give any permissions to access records or non-public areas
- Don't assist in the apprehension of any individual
- Obstructing a federal agent or aiding and abetting is a felony
 - Interference with an officer could subject you to criminal prosecution
- If you're unsure, tell the ICE agent that someone will be of assistance
- Don't be afraid to tell them that you don't know or don't have authority

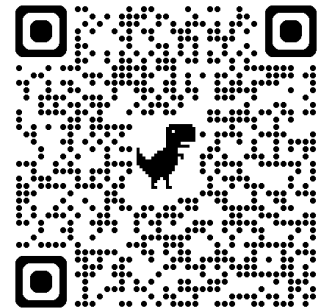
We all have rights...

- You have the right to remain silent
- You have the right to request legal representation
- You are not required to disclose your immigration status without legal counsel present
- Conduct yourself professionally
- Don't engage in casual conversations
- What you say can be used against you
- Don't sign any documents

Yolanda Garcia
AVP, Student Services

Los Rios Resources

- ✓ Dream/Undoc Centers and staff at each campus
- ✓ Workshops for students
- ✓ Workshops for staff/faculty
- ✓ Legal assistance referrals
- ✓ Mental health referrals
- ✓ Financial Assistance



Physical Health

FREE Physical Health Services

- Health and illness assessments
- First aid for minor injuries and illness
- Over-the-counter medications
- Narcan and fentanyl testing strips
- Pregnancy testing
- Sexual health concerns/education
- Condoms (male and female) and lubricant
- Strep throat testing
- TB risk assessments
- Health requirements for academic programs
- Covid self-tests
- Immunizations/titers*
- TB skin test*



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Mental Health

FREE Mental Health Services



STUDENT HEALTH
AND WELLNESS

Therapy and Advocacy: Meet with a Student Health and Wellness Center (SHWC) therapist or advocate, **in person or virtually**.



Gender Health Center: Free therapy services (in-person or virtual) for those who identify as **SGL/2SLGBTQIA+ or questioning**.



COUNSELING
COL:LAB

Counseling Col:Lab:
Free therapy services (in-person or virtual).
Spanish-speaking therapist with lived experience



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Peer Support:

Safe, **anonymous, peer-to-peer** platform 24/7, ability to filter to find their global community



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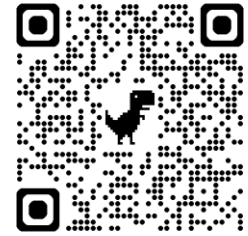
Online Therapy:

Talk to an online licensed therapist during the day, **evenings, and weekends**.



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Immigrant Legal Resource Center



- Tools on how to assert rights
- How to prepare for emergencies
- Resources for Advocates
- For up-to-date information, get added to their listserve @ <https://ilrc.groups.io/g/main>
- QR code for listserve info



Other organizations to follow or get added to their listserv:

- [NorCal Resist](#)
- [Immigrants Rising](#)
- [California Immigrant Policy Center](#)
- [Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund \(MALDEF\)](#)
- [Opening Doors](#)
- [Sacramento Family Unity, Education, and Legal Network](#)

Call to action!

- ✓ **Connect students to Dream/Undoc Centers**
- ✓ **Ensure classroom and advising environments are safe and confidential.**
- ✓ **Stay Informed and Advocate**
 - ✓ Continue to attend related workshops
 - ✓ Social Media: Follow immigration assistance/protection agencies and spread info widely
- ✓ **Create syllabi and classroom environments that affirm all students' identities and experiences.**
- ✓ **Order Know Your Rights Red Cards –send request to immigration@losrios.edu (indicate quantity and languages)**
- ✓ **Be a Visible Ally**
 - ✓ Display supportive signage or materials
 - ✓ Let students know you are a safe and supportive resource.
- ✓ **Report ICE Activity: Call 916-382-0256**
- ✓ **Interested in assisting in future workshops and trainings? Send your info to immigration@losrios.edu**



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Questions?

