



## Educator Resource Guide

# Supporting Immigrant Students & Families

## Best Practices Educators Can Do

### 1 ENGAGE WITH AN OPEN MIND



Don't make assumptions and work with students to find out answers

### 2 CREATE A SAFE SPACE



use inclusive language, post safe-space visuals, and share resources with all students

**Inclusive Language**  
Undocumented  
Immigrant  
Mixed-Status Families

**Words to Avoid**  
Illegal  
Illegal Aliens

### 3 LEARN ABOUT RELEVANT INSTITUTIONAL POLICIES & LEGISLATION



Understand local, state and federal policies that impact K-12 students and their families. Visit: [informedimmigrant.com](http://informedimmigrant.com)

### 4 FIND AND ADVOCATE FOR SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL SUPPORT



Keep track share scholarships that don't require citizenship or residency status with students. Visit: [higherredimmigrationportal.org](http://higherredimmigrationportal.org)

### 5 BUILD YOUR OWN EDUCATOR NETWORK



Build relationships and collaborate with other educators who are supportive of undocumented students at your school or district

### 6 CONNECT STUDENTS TO IMMIGRANT LEADERS & ROLE MODELS



Attend immigration related events and build a network of immigrant student leaders

### 7 INVOLVE PARENTS



Share information and resources with parents by distributing Know Your Rights card , emergency plans and college-access information. Visit: [ilrc.org](http://ilrc.org)

### 8 ACCESS REPUTABLE LEGAL INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE



Find reputable, affordable legal service providers in your area. Visit: [immigrationadvocates.org/legaldirectory](http://immigrationadvocates.org/legaldirectory)

### 9 BUILD AGENCY & POWER



Inform students about their rights and share how other immigrant groups have organizing and changing the status quo

### 10 CREATE SPACES FOR STORYTELLING & CREATIVE EXPRESSION



Encourage students to build their own meaning and sense of identity that is different from the negative stigma and stereotypes about undocumented immigrants