

## IF YOU ARE SEPARATED FROM YOUR CHILDREN AT THE BORDER:

- 1. You have the right to make decisions about your children regardless of your immigration status.** The U.S. Constitution protects the rights of families.
- 2. If you are separated from your children, you do not lose your parental rights.** Insist that immigration officials help you. If your children are old enough, tell them to ask for help finding you.
- 3. Ask immigration officials where your children are being taken.** Undocumented children will most likely be placed in a children's facility that is run by the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR). U.S. citizen children may be released to a relative or placed into U.S. foster care. Tell the U.S. government officials where you would like your children to go.
- 4. Ask immigration officials to let you make phone calls to talk to your children.** If you are in an ICE detention center, call the ICE Detention Reporting and Information Line (DRIL line) at 1-888-351-4024 and tell them you have been separated from your children.
- 5. You have the right to talk to an attorney.** Attend a legal information presentation. Tell the attorney that you were separated from your children. Ask the attorney, a family member, or a friend to contact the ORR hotline at 1-800-203-7001 and tell them you have been separated from your children.
- 6. If you are being deported and want your children to come with you, ICE may be able to arrange for you to travel together.** Your consulate may also be able to help.