

## **IF YOU ARE ARRESTED BY ICE INSIDE THE UNITED STATES:**

- 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. You do not have to answer questions from ICE about your children and their nationality or immigration status unless ICE has a warrant with your child's name on it.
- **3.** You have the right to make arrangements for your children's care, even if your children are not physically with you at the time of your arrest. Ask for a phone call or whatever else you need so you can make those arrangements, both at the time of apprehension and while you are detained.
- 4. If you are not able to make childcare arrangements at the time you are being apprehended, ask ICE what they will do to ensure your children are being cared for. Also ask how you will be able to contact your children.
- 5. If your children are in the foster care system, you have the right to participate in child welfare proceedings from detention and after deportation as long as the judge has not terminated your parental rights.
- 6. You have the right to talk to an attorney. Tell them where you want your children to live if you are deported.
- 7. If you are being deported, you have the right to decide whether you want your children to join you in your country of origin. ICE may be able to arrange for you to travel together. Your consulate may also be able to help.

For more information about protecting your parental rights, go to: www.womensrefugeecommission.org