



## Local Protections

Know Your Rights: Immigration Workshop  
September 16, 2017 from 11am - 2pm

### **What does it mean that Chicago is a “Sanctuary City”?**

Chicago’s Welcoming City Ordinance (passed in July 2013) means that the City will not ask about your immigration status, disclose that information to authorities, or, most importantly, deny you City services based on your immigration status. It provides that the Chicago Police Department will not question crime victims, witnesses and other law-abiding residents about their legal status. It also mandates that City employees treat documented and undocumented immigrants with respect and dignity.

### **Are there any circumstances in which undocumented individuals will be detained by the Chicago Police Department?**

The only situations in which Chicago will detain undocumented individuals are if they are wanted on a criminal warrant by local or federal authorities, if they have been convicted of a serious crime and remain in the United States illegally, or if they are otherwise a clear threat to public safety or national security. **In other words, ICE can access people in police custody and deport them without due process, based merely on the suspicion a person has committed a crime.**

### **What is the Illinois TRUST Act?**

The TRUST Act restricts local law enforcement from collaborating with federal immigration enforcement agents to detain anyone without a judicial warrant. Under the TRUST Act, local police cannot comply with immigration detainers or warrants not issued by a judge. It provides safe zones (schools, hospitals, courts) where federal officials (i.e. ICE) are prohibited from making arrests without valid criminal warrants. Local police also cannot stop, search, or arrest anyone based on their immigration or citizenship status. Local police can still act upon a valid enforceable federal warrant, and can still otherwise communicate with ICE. **In other words, it separates the work of local police from that of federal immigration agents (ICE).**

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#### RESOURCES + Events

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