



How Volunteers Can Organize Know Your Rights Presentations

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Panelists

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**Current Situation**

- Executive orders on immigration
- Termination of DACA
- Decisions on TPS
- Cause:
  - Fear
  - Increase in unscrupulous providers
  - Misinformation
  - Huge demand for services
  - Outpouring of support from the community

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**Services Needed**

- Community education
  - Updates on current immigration law and policies
  - Know your rights
- Screening
- Family emergency planning
- Advocacy
- Quality referrals

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**Organizing Community Events**

- Anyone in the community can organize an event
- Needs assessment
- Planning
  - Location, timing, speakers, materials
- Day-Of Details
  - Roles, materials, set-up

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### Needs Assessment and Planning

- Who lives in your community and what information do they need?
  - KYR, screening, family emergency planning
- Planning logistics
  - Location
  - Ensure expert speakers and service providers
  - Outreach is crucial

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### Event Details

- Who are your partners?
- What is everyone's role?
- How many people are you expecting?
- Logistics:
  - Space, materials, food
  - Accessibility (including language capacity)

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### Demand for Know Your Rights (KYR) Presentations

- Since late January of 2017, Catholic Charities of Arlington has received dozens of requests for KYR presentations
  - Limited staff, who was busy with legal consultations and casework
  - Cadre of over 800 active volunteers that help with other components of our program

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**Demand for Know Your Rights (KYR) Presentations (Cont'd)**

- Volunteer Train the Trainer KYR training for pro bono attorneys and non-attorney volunteers set up in March to respond to the requests:
  - Had 51 people get trained in first training
  - Equipped all volunteers with PowerPoint and materials in English and Spanish
  - Gave 24 KYR presentations as a result, all volunteer-run. All presentations scheduled through our office to control venue/logistics.

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**Tips for Recruiting Volunteers**

- Reach out to your current volunteer pool (ESOL teachers, food pantry volunteers, etc.)
- Reach out to your agency-wide staff (social workers, bilingual staff, etc.)
- Target any volunteers who are bilingual
- Reach out to organizations who are requesting KYR presentations to recruit volunteers
- Partner with other organizations that want to be trained (L4GG, public schools, etc.)

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**Training Tips**

- Provide all materials (handouts, Powerpoint presentation) to trainees so that an internet connection is not needed (ex: basement of a church that doesn't have Wifi is not going to help if you have to show a YouTube video).
- Volunteers can use their own laptops this way.
- Manage the logistics/venue of KYR presentations in-house.
  - Only provide KYR presentations at a church or school (designated "safe space")
  - Know the motive and audience of those that are requesting the presentation

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**Training Tips**

- Make sure the venue can provide a speaker system/projector.
- Advertise for KYR trainings in-house
  - Consistency in the flyer and the message/logo
  - Direct all questions about training back to your office
    - Don't want questions directed at the venue itself
    - Don't want volunteer trainers fielding questions about the training from their personal phones

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**Training Tips**

- Educate on the difference between legal advice and legal education.
- Make sure to stress that NO legal advice be given:
  - Unauthorized practice of law if non-attorney is doing the training
  - Pro bono attorney trainers might not be specialized in immigration law
  - Not the appropriate forum for personal legal questions or consultations

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**Training Tips**

- Provide trainers with the Powerpoint handout that clients will see.
- Add speaker notes for each slide, so they can present slide by slide and refer to talking points below.
- Add in the most FAQs that your staff who has given KYR presentations encounter, so that volunteer trainers are prepared for as many questions as possible.

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### Example of Speaker Notes/FAQs

**NOTE:** Important to stress that these are different situations in which individuals may "encounter" ICE/law enforcement.

**FAQs:**

1. What does a warrant look like?
  - Refer to sample warrant in KYR packet.
2. What are the minimum requirements of a warrant?
  - It must be signed by a judge, justice of the peace, or magistrate
  - It must state the complete address to be searched
  - It must state in detail the area to be searched
  - It has to be current (make sure it is not expired)
3. What if they enter with force or because they have a warrant, what can I do?
  - Observe where the officers search
  - If they take property, you can ask for a receipt
  - Take note if they search beyond the scope of the warrant

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### Example of Speaker Notes/FAQs (Cont'd)

4. What documents will ICE ask you to sign?
  - You do not need to sign any documents before having the chance to have an attorney review them
5. What if the warrant does not fit under the door?
  - Ask them to see if they will place it at the door and step (far) back, OR
  - Ask if they will slide it through a window
6. Should I try to leave/escape?
  - If you are caught outside the home, they do not need a warrant
  - Running could be interpreted as an admission of guilt
  - You may risk escalating the issue further (i.e. giving them reason to believe they now must enter the home due to an emergency/unsafe environment, etc.)

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### Referral Resources

- Refer to competent immigration legal services
  - [immigrationadvocates.org/nonprofit/legaldirectory/](http://immigrationadvocates.org/nonprofit/legaldirectory/)
  - [cliniclegal.org/directory](http://cliniclegal.org/directory)
  - [justice.gov/eoir/recognized-organizations-and-accredited-representatives-roster-state-and-city](http://justice.gov/eoir/recognized-organizations-and-accredited-representatives-roster-state-and-city)
  - [ailalawyer.com](http://ailalawyer.com)
- Report immigration scams
  - [www.uscis.gov/avoidscams](http://www.uscis.gov/avoidscams)

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**Other Resources**

- "A Guide to Your Rights When Interacting with Law Enforcement," by Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC) at <https://cliniclegal.org/resources/know-your-rights-law-enforcement> (available in several languages)
- "Know Your Rights: A Collection of Resources," by CLINIC at <https://cliniclegal.org/resources/know-your-rights>
- Know Your Rights and other plain-language community resources on immi at <https://www.immi.org/info/LearningCenter>

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**Other Resources (Cont'd)**

- Know Your Rights Resources on Immigration Raids, by Unidos US at <https://www.unidosus.org/issues/immigration/resources/rights>
- "Know Your Rights and What Immigrant Families Should Do Now," by the Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC) at <https://www.ilrc.org/know-your-rights-and-what-immigrant-families-should-do-now> (available in several languages)
- "Know Your Rights Handouts: If ICE Visits a Home, Employer, or Public Space," by the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) at <http://www.aila.org/advoc-media/tools/psas/know-your-rights-handouts-if-ice-visits>

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**Questions/Contact**

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