

# Reducing Stress in the Hispanic Community Amidst New Immigration Policies

The National Hispanic Health Foundation (NHHF) is dedicated to transforming the healthcare system through leadership, research, and education to increase Hispanic health equity.

NHHF is concerned about the new policies around immigration and offer the following information to decrease stress and anxiety in the Hispanic community.

# Understand Your Rights

What to do if and ICE or a law enforcement officer comes to your house or stops you in your community



#### Key Phrases to Remember

- "I choose to remain silent"
- "I do not consent to a search"
- "Am I free to go?"
- "I want to speak to a lawyer"

#### Stay Calm and Silent

 Don't panic. You have the right to stay silent.

#### **Ask for a Warrant**

- A warrant signed by a judge is needed for an officer to enter your home.
- Ask them to show you the warrant through a window or under the door.

#### Don't Sign Anything

 Never sign any papers without talking to a lawyer first.

#### **Document the Incident**

• If safe, record the encounter and document the officers' name and badge number

#### **Documents of Identification**

- Carry important documents (e.g., ID, passport) safely in the emergency.
- Have a list of trusted contacts, including family members and lawyers.

# **Accessing Community Mental Health Support**

## National Alliance on Mental Health (NAMI)

www.nami.org

The Compartiendo
Esperanza initiative by
NAMI provides group
support to help
facilitate discussions
on mental health and
wellness.

### UndocU Health Mental Health Directory

<u>www.unitedwedream.org</u>

The Mental Health
Directory provides a list of
pro-bono or low-cost
mental health
practitioners across the
U.S. that are ready to
help the undocumented
community.

## National Association of Free & Charitable Clinics (NAFC)

www.nafcclinics.org

NAFC provides resources and a local clinic locations for anyone uninsured to access mental health care.