

Basic Tips in Working with Immigrant Women:

1. Never contact the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS) or Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) to verify a person's immigrant status. Contact an immigration attorney or ASISTA at www.asistaonline.org, instead, to figure out their status without putting them in jeopardy of being deported.
2. Never tell a non-citizen to go to ICE, CIS or CBP without the accompaniment/advice of an immigration expert.
3. Help non-citizens prepare for encounters with the ICE, CIS or CBP.
4. Encourage non-citizens to talk to an immigration expert before they leave the United States.
5. Tell non-citizens with questions about their immigration status to talk to an immigration advocate with expertise in the options for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking. The Network has a database we can check if you don't know who these people are in your area.
6. Work to ensure non-citizens get necessary public benefits and don't send them to benefits agencies by themselves, since many benefits agencies are not well-educated on non-citizen eligibility for public benefits. Instead of helping them, they may report them for deportation.