

**PRACTICAL GUIDANCE**  
**FOR THE JUVENILE DEPENDENCY PROCESS**  
**RELATED TO PARENTS DETAINED BY ICE**



# Goals



- Improve Awareness of All Parties Regarding the Detention of Parents in Immigration Related Matters
- Improve Access to Parents Detained at ICE–Eloy who have Children in State Child Welfare System
- Improve Success at Engaging Parents Earlier & Better
- Improve Permanency Outcomes for Child & Family

# Did You Know?



- **5.5 M Children with One Undocumented Parent**

Pew Research Hispanic Center, *Unauthorized Immigrants: Length of Residency, Patterns of Parenthood*, 12/1/11

- **Net Migration from Mexico at a Standstill,  
Deportations & Voluntary Returns are Up**

Pew Research Hispanic Center, *Net Migration from Mexico Falls to Zero—and Perhaps Less*, Updated 5/3/12

- **ICE Deported Over 200,000 Parents of U.S. Citizen  
Children(July 2010- Sept. 2012)**

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, *Deportation of Parents of U.C. Citizen Children July 1, 2010- September 30, 2013*, as cited in *Children in Harms Way: Criminal Justice, Immigration Enforcement, and Child Welfare*, January 2013

- **Over 5,000 US Foster Children with Detained or  
Deported Parents**

Applied Research Center, *Shattered Families*, November 2011

# Backdrop



- Sudden Arrest, Detention, and Deportation
- Immigration versus Child Welfare Timelines
- Parent's Ability to Communicate is Severely Hampered
- Permanency Options – Reunification, Child Repatriation, Kinship Placement, Immigration Status Adjustment



# Locating the Parent

- Online Detainee Locator System (ODLS),  
<https://locator.ice.gov/odls/homePage.do>
- Correctly Spelled First Name & All Last Names
- Aliases Known to be Used by the Parent
- Birth Date & Country of Birth
- Alien Registration Number (“A” Number) – *if known*

# Other Options



- ICE Detention-Eloy, 1705 E. Hanna Rd., Eloy, AZ 85231; (520) 464-3000
- Florence Service Processing Center, 3250 N. Pinal Parkway, Florence, AZ 85232; (520) 868-5862
- Supervisory Detention & Deportation Officer
- Consulate of Parent's Country of Origin
- Florence Immigration & Refugee Project; (520) 868-0191 ext 123; [cschlosser@firrp.org](mailto:cschlosser@firrp.org)

# Keep in Mind...



- Call Early and Call Back – Parent may be Detained or in Transit and Unable to Communicate for Days before Arriving at Designated Detention Facility
- Several Facilities at which Parent may be Housed
- Parent in Distress and will Welcome Any Contact



# OMIT Bullet 2Parents in Court

- Juvenile Court Creates a Request/Order Regarding the Need for the Parent to Appear Telephonically
- Case Manager/Parent's Attorney to Email/Fax to Assigned Deportation Officer (ASAP Prior to Hearing)
- Interpreters – Court Will Provide with Notice



# Visits in Detention

- CPS Can Arrange for Visit with Parent in Detention
- Child to be Accompanied by “Approved Adult”
- Detained Parent can Initiate Visit by Providing Information for Child & Accompanying Adult
- Visiting Hours – Differ by Facility, “Special Visits”
- Optimal 48 Hour Notice

# Phone Calls



- CPS Can Arrange for Calls between Parent & Child in the Facility
- CPS to fax or scan/email request to the detained parent's Deportation Officer
- If Approved, Parent Allowed Use of Phone in Private Area at Agreed Upon Time (Outgoing Calls Only)
- Optimal 48 Hour Notice
- Parent Required to Pay for Use of Phone

# Mail



- All Mail is Searched Before Going to Parent
- “Legal Mail” – Opened in Presence of Parent
- No Confirmation of Delivery to Parent
- Parent Pays for Outgoing Postage



# Your Thoughts?

- What are the permanency options for these children?
- What supports do they need?
- How are they the victims of trauma?
- What additional information would be helpful so that you can better serve and communicate with detained parents?