



**Indiana Undocumented Youth Alliance Statement on Increased ICE  
Surveillance in Central Indiana**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: IUYA STATEMENT REGARDING ESCALATED  
IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT ACROSS CENTRAL INDIANA**

**Indianapolis, IN – September 2, 2026** — On August 29th, 2026 The Indiana Undocumented Youth Alliance joined thousands of people across in demanding an end to ICE detention at Miami Correctional Facility. More than 60 actions took place throughout Indiana that weekend as communities called attention to the conditions faced by people detained there.

Our position has not changed: **No one should be subject to inhuman and unjust conditions because of their immigration status. We continue to demand the closing of Miami Correctional Facility.**

Only days after communities in Indiana raised their voices, Central Indiana began experiencing a significant increase in Immigration and Customs Enforcement activity.

We can not ignore the timing. Whether or not this escalation is directly connected to the statewide actions, its effect is unmistakable: fear is spreading throughout our communities. Families are afraid to leave their homes. Workers are afraid to go to work. Parents are questioning whether it is safe to take their children to school.

We will not allow fear to silence us.

**This is what we know.**

Since August 31, Indy Rapid Response and community members have reported a significant surge in ICE activity across Indianapolis and surrounding communities. Reports have come from Larence, Carmel. Fishers, Speedway, International Marketplace, Beech Grove and throughout 38th St.

This is not what our community has as routine ICE activity.

The number of reports, the geographic spread of enforcement activity and multiple reports occurring within a concentrated period are why **IUYA is treating this as a heightened-response period for Central Indiana.**

Community reports indicate much of the activity is occurring during morning hours 6am-2pm. Agents have been seen stopping work trucks, in apartment complexes where immigrant families live and detaining people beginning their work day. The surge in ICE activity has also been reported to continue into the evening as well when people are going from work.

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We urge our community to remain alert, know your rights, and report suspected ICE activity to Indy Rapid Response. **If you see ICE, call the Hotline: 855-589-4639** (Instagram/Facebook: @IndyRapidResponse)

The Impact does not end with an arrest. Every detention affects an entire family .Somewhere, a child may go to school believing their parents will be home when they return, only to learn that ICE took them away. The trauma does not disappear when the ICE vehicle drives away. It follows children into their classrooms. It follows families into their homes. It affects whether people go to work, seek medical care, buy groceries, attend school events, or simply feel safe stepping outside.

The impact of immigration enforcement is multigenerational.

Our community is already carrying enormous fear, grief, anxiety and uncertainty. We are concerned about the growing mental health consequences of forcing people to live with the constant possibility that someone they love could disappear. Families should not live this way. Children should not live this way.

**To our community:**

We know this fear because these are our families, our friends, our neighbors, and our community too.

We also know that telling people to simply “stay home” is not an answer.

You still have to work.

You still have to take your children to school.

You still need groceries.

You still have doctor's appointments.

You still have lives to live.

**You deserve to live those lives with dignity.**

IUYA is doing everything within our capacity to stand beside you during this heightened period.

If your family has been financially impacted by ICE activity, reach out.

If you need transportation because you are afraid to drive, reach out.

If you need help finding a loved one who has been detained, reach out.

If you need mental-health resources, reach out.

If you simply do not know where to begin, reach out.

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*You can reach us at 855-589-4639, option 2 to speak with someone for resources*

**You are not alone. We are not alone. Our families belong here. Our community deserves safety. And we will not be intimidated into silence.**

**IUYA resources:** <https://www.iuya.org/resources/>

**IndianaAID**

If a loved one has been detained by ICE, IndianaAID can help families locate detained individuals, stay connected, provide commissary support, and navigate the detention process.

Learn more: <https://www.indianaaid.org/>

**Indy Rapid Response**

If you witness ICE activity or need to report enforcement in your community, contact the Indy Rapid Response Network.

Follow them on Instagram or Facebook: @IndyRapidResponse

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**To our Allies:**

Check on the immigrant families in your life. Offer a ride. Help with groceries. Accompany someone who is afraid to travel alone. Learn how to safely respond when ICE is reported in your neighborhood. Share verified information instead of rumors.

And help us make sure families have somewhere to turn when immigration enforcement takes away a parent, a worker, or a family's primary source of income.

**Donate to the IUYA Impact Fund:**

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**We keep us safe,**

**Indiana Undocumented Youth Alliance (IUYA)**

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