

AC Health Statement on ICE Targeting Unaccompanied Immigrant Youth

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Alameda County Health has been made aware of a new program launched by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) offering unaccompanied immigrant youth (UIY) a \$2,500 stipend to return to their countries of origin while waiving their rights to see an immigration judge. This program, dubbed "Freaky Friday", is sending notices to UIY and their sponsor relatives or foster families. These notices may be an attempt to scare families into withdrawing the child's application for an immigration benefit, and it includes threats with consequences if they fail to comply.

This is the latest known federal immigration enforcement activity that may impact communities in Alameda County. If you know any youth and families who received such a letter, or are impacted by other ICE activities, please direct them to **Alameda County Immigration Legal and Education Partnership (ACILEP) for guidance at acilep.org or the hotline (510) 241-4011.** We encourage our community partners to share ACILEP as a resource with their networks.

Everyone living in the United States, including undocumented immigrants, has certain basic rights under the Constitution, including:

- The right to remain silent
- The right to not open your door to ICE without a warrant
- The right to consult with a lawyer
- The right to not sign any documents without first speaking with a lawyer

Additional resources are available on the Alameda County Public Health Department's <u>Know Your Rights</u> webpage.