

To Area Directors, Assistant Area Directors, and Local Office Managers:

As you may know, the federal Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has begun to carry out raids of workplaces and previously protected spaces to identify, locate and detain undocumented residents. The following locations are no longer entitled to immigration enforcement protections:

- Schools, such as known and licensed daycares, pre-schools, and other early learning programs; primary schools; secondary schools; post-secondary schools up to and including colleges and universities; as well as scholastic or education-related activities or events;
- Medical treatment and healthcare facilities, including COVID-19 vaccination locations;
- Places of worship or religious study, such as churches, synagogues, mosques, and temples;
- Places where children gather such as a playground, recreation center, childcare center, before- or after-school care center, foster care facility, group home for children, or school bus stop;
- Social services establishments such as a crisis center, domestic violence shelter, victims services center, child advocacy center, supervised visitation center, family justice center, community-based organization, facility that serves disabled persons, homeless shelter, drug or alcohol counseling and treatment facility, or food bank or pantry or other establishment distributing food or other essentials of life to people in need;
- Disaster or emergency response and relief centers;
- Religious or civil ceremonies or observances, such as funerals and weddings; and
- Public demonstrations, such as parades, demonstrations, or rallies.

As a result, DCF is anticipating a potential influx of calls from various sources to the State Central Registry for situations in which parents are being detained by ICE and their child(ren) is (are) left without a caregiver. As an agency we are seeking to track these specific circumstances and we want to make sure you are immediately made aware. Therefore, after SCR properly screens and assigns the case for response to the Local Office, SCR has been advised to send the screening summary to the following groups and individuals:

- DCF-CPP Central Office Leadership: <u>CPP.CentralOfficeLeadership@dcf.nj.gov</u>
- Deputy Commissioner Bonny Fraser: <u>Bonny.Fraser@dcf.nj.gov</u>
- Immigration Legal Specialist Georgiana Romero-Ochoa: <u>Georgiana.Romero-Ochoa@dcf.nj.gov</u>
- Chief of Staff Nicole Brossoie: Nicole.Brossoie@dcf.nj.gov
- Local and Area office leadership (AD, AAD, and the LOM)

Please note that this is only applicable for the intakes in which a DCP&P Local Office will be responding due to a child(ren) being left without a caregiver due to an ICE detainment.

We anticipate there may be circumstances where Area and Local Office leadership become aware of a situation of this nature on open cases that does not come through the SCR. In these cases, notification should be made to the groups and individuals listed above.

Further, please remind all DCP&P staff that should ICE representatives contact staff in a Local Office, they should not divulge any case-related information about parents, addresses, next of kin, employment, etc. The Local Office is to safeguard personal case information as we would under all other circumstances. If outreached by ICE on a specific case, the Local Office can follow up with the assigned DAG. SCR was advised of this as well and in the event they are outreached by ICE seeking information on a family, SCR will notify local and area office leadership (AD, AAD, and LOM) via email for the Local Office to follow up with the assigned DAG.