How to Talk to Immigrants About Immigration Reform

Meeting the challenges of talking with immigrants about issues surrounding immigration reform

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Talking WITH immigrants
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- Invite them to info sessions in the places they frequent. Use ethnic media to advertise!
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- Create opportunities to empower them by sharing their stories
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• Connect them with an advocacy organization in your region
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• Invite to fun events to discuss the issue and share information: coffee hours, concerts, film screenings…
Practical information to share with immigrants

1. How to prepare for immigration reform:

DO

☐ OBTAIN an ID from your native country.

☐ ORGANIZE personal records of residence, employment and tax filings in chronological order.

☐ IF you have important immigration and legal questions GO to an attorney or BIA accredited representative. (AVOID NOTARIO FRAUD)
Practical information to share with immigrants

1. How to prepare for immigration reform:

**DO**

- BE a good citizen, no criminal activity.
- LEARN English.
- LEARN U.S. history and government.
- SAVE money.
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2. How to take action and work together to advocate for reform:

JOIN the MOVEMENT
www.KeepingFamiliesTogether.net
And share your story
Text Justice to 69866
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3. Join the advocacy for pro-immigrant state policies

- Safe Driving
- Trust Act
- In State Tuition
THANK YOU!

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