



## **Statement in Response to Immigration Enforcement Raids in North Carolina**

As an organization dedicated to supporting all survivors of domestic violence and ending intimate partner violence, the North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCCADV) condemns the violent raids by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

The recent raids conducted by ICE put immigrant survivors of domestic violence at an exceptionally high risk of being driven into the shadows. Abusive partners, employers, and other community members exploit immigration status as a means to maintain power and control over immigrant-victims, endangering survivors and our communities. In doing so, victims are convinced that if they reach out for help they will be arrested or separated from their families<sup>1</sup>. ICE raids further marginalize immigrant communities, making them more vulnerable to violence and less likely to seek or receive help. Actions like these continue to promote and enhance fear among immigrant survivors of domestic violence, effectively banning them from the systems designed to shield their families from further violence.

When policies are implemented which further oppress marginalized populations, particularly those who are already at risk for heightened levels of violence, we have an obligation to equally heighten our level of advocacy to meet the increased level of danger. It is as critical now as ever that individuals support immigrant survivors and find ways to impact the systems that oppress them.

By engaging in enforcement activities that bolster tactics used by abusers, DHS and ICE are a part of a system that perpetuates violence. It is paramount that ICE officials refrain from enforcement activities that manifest violence in our communities, especially activities in sensitive locations like schools, health care facilities, churches, courthouses, and public demonstrations, such as a march or rallies.

NCCADV stands in solidarity with immigrants, their families, and those that have been separated through these violent raids.

**NCCADV STANDS WITH IMMIGRANTS!**

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<sup>1</sup> Futures without Violence “Immigrant Power and Control Wheel” Available at:  
<https://www.futureswithoutviolence.org/power-and-control-tactics-used-against-immigrant-women/>