

LUCE Massachusetts - Steps when someone is detained:

This is a basic overview of what communities can do to help orient families to the next steps when someone is detained.

1. Find out if they have or have had an attorney.
 - a. If so, connect with the attorney ASAP
2. Check the ICE detainee locator to find out where they are:
<https://locator.ice.gov/odls/#/search>
 - a. You need the A number and country of origin, or full name and country of origin (usually A number is easier because spellings can be off)
3. Check their immigration court case status: <https://acis.eoir.justice.gov/en/>
 - a. You need just the A number
 - b. Here you can find out things like if they have a court date scheduled or if they have a deportation order.
4. One time-sensitive thing that might be helpful is file a habeas petition to keep ICE from moving them to different detention centers. This might not always be a priority, but if the person has an attorney already and decides to do it:
 - a. ONLY If they have an attorney, have the attorney email MLRI's habeas project: immigrationhabeasproject@gmail.com
 - b. We are still working on how to address possible pro se assistance for habeas but PAIR might be able to help (see below)
5. The next step is to get them out of detention, which requires asking for bond.
 - a. The best chance at finding pro bono bond assistance is through PAIR (only if they are in Plymouth County Correctional Facility or Wyatt in Rhode Island):
<https://forms.gle/oivDjviZ7pycEt8R6>
 - b. For other legal resources, check the "legal help" folder here, which contains a list of private bond attorneys as well as the BIJAN legal support list:
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1BDwh41loFMOWYd4jtfo4Ou6uwUYAoCEt?usp=drive_link
6. **Request Support from BIJAN/Beyond by calling the family hotline 617-396-7143**
BIJAN Boston works to support immigrants through accompaniment. While we cannot guarantee support of any kind, typical areas we may be able to offer support include:
 - Accompaniment in court or at ICE check-ins
 - Small commissary fund while in detention
 - Legal referrals
 - Contributions for bond or legal fees
 - Letters of support from the community
 - Rides for families to visit loved ones in detention
 - Logistical assistance with paperwork or bond payments.
 - Immediate needs of such as short-term housing and transportation for people released on bond who have no other resources in the community.

If you need support specifically in paying a bond, please [see here for more info.](#)

For more resources on navigating our immigration system, check our "[Resources](#)" page.