

Safety NetWorks/Red de Apoyo y Protección was started in March 2017 in response to the increasing threats to immigrants from the Trump administration, and specifically due to National Immigrant Justice Center’s (NIJC) need to find transportation for those they serve. Ten individual Networks connect volunteers with immigrants needing specific types of support. After piloting and fine-tuning the project within Assembly, **Safety NetWorks** now partners with volunteers from a variety of churches and receives referrals from a number of local organizations that serve immigrants.

Each “Network”, as described below, has coordinators that work with referral partners to receive details about specific needs/opportunities, and to link them with volunteers. Each Network has developed a variety of tools, guidelines, policies, and procedures to provide structure and support to its volunteers.

Safety NetWorks can use additional volunteers. To volunteer, simply click on this link – <http://bit.ly/safety-net-start> - which will take you to an online sign up form. You will be asked to provide contact information, and can indicate which Network(s) you want to volunteer for. When needs arise, you will receive an email invitation to accept a specific assignment; you will always be able to choose when and how you’re able to help.

| Network | Description |
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| Umbrella | Oversees the coordination and functioning of the other Networks. Stays in contact with the Network coordinators and referral partners to ensure the Networks are operating as intended and to identify unmet needs. |
| Transportation <i>Immigrants without drivers’ licenses are being advised NOT to drive at this time due to risk for deportation if stopped for a traffic violation.</i> | Assists immigrants with transportation to legal proceedings and other local needs. Coordinator vets volunteers, provides guidelines and offers resources the volunteer may need while interacting with an immigrant (list of “on-call” interpreters and people with social services expertise). |
| Rapid Response | Coordinates individuals able to quickly mobilize at the site of an immigration raid to document what happens and act as witnesses to increase accountability of law enforcement agents. Coordinator communicates with volunteers when they sign up and provides guidelines for being a raid witness. The coordinator receives and verifies reports of a raid, then activates the Network. After a raid the coordinator receives reports and images from the volunteers, and reports it to local media. |
| Family to Family | Connects immigrant families in need of a variety of forms of support with an individual/family/small group able to provide help. This Network intends to foster a longer term relationship between volunteer and immigrant, with the support such as friendship, transportation, childcare, interpretation, and financial needs (especially if a wage-earner has been deported). |
| Interpreters | Volunteers create a Network of language resources for immigrants as well as for non-bilingual volunteers for the other Networks. |

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| | Assistance may involve interpreting at a medical or court appointment, or helping a volunteer driver and immigrant communicate critical information. |
| Childcare | Connects immigrants needing care for their children with vetted volunteers. |
| Know Your Rights | Organizes presentations to the Hispanic community about how to protect themselves and respond to law enforcement encounters. Coordinators organize volunteers to support these events (location, sound system, child care, snacks, hand outs, etc), with content provided by NIJC. |
| Resource Support Team | Social workers and others with knowledge of community resources provide support to immigrants and volunteers in the other Networks by sharing information on where undocumented people can receive services (such as food, assistance with rent, utilities, etc). |
| Technology | Provides technology expertise and support in developing and managing the online sign-up, and in developing technology tools to facilitate the work of the other Networks. |
| Financial Resources | Solicits tax-deductible contributions and disperses financial resources to support the work of the other Networks according to defined policies and procedures. |