

# Support K-12 Students Amid Immigration Enforcement Concerns

## The School Counselor's Role

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### Intensified immigration enforcement can negatively affect:

- Attendance and engagement in learning
- Student well-being and sense of safety
- Family trust and participation in schools
- Overall school climate

### What School Counselors Can Do



#### Promote a Sense of Safety and Stability at School 1

- Collaborate with school staff to ensure school is a welcoming and safe environment
- Educate staff about how fear and uncertainty may affect student behavior
- [Provide crisis response resources as needed](#)



#### Provide Direct Student Support 2

- Provide individual and small-group support for students experiencing stress, anxiety, grief or fear related to instability
- Validate emotional responses
- [Teach learning strategies, self-management skills and social skills](#)
- Monitor learning, attendance and behaviors



#### Use Data to Demonstrate Educational Impact 3

- [Track trends in achievement, attendance and discipline](#)
- Share patterns with education partners to inform decision-making



#### Understand School and District Protocols 4

- Request clear protocols for staff response to inquiries or visits from immigration enforcement
- Elevate concerns through established school or district channels



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Urge federal, state and local leaders to uphold policies that protect all children and ensure families can participate fully in their schools and communities without fear.