



Mayor's Office of
Immigrant Affairs



Resources for Immigrant Parents and Caregivers

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If you are an immigrant caregiver (including a parent, a legal guardian, a legal custodian, or other relative) who is worried that you may be separated from your child because of immigration enforcement, **get help to plan for the future by:**



Contacting a free and trusted **legal services provider** by calling MOIA's Legal Hotline 1-800-854-0365



Choosing an **emergency contact**, in the event that you are detained. Consider memorizing their phone number. This should be someone you trust, including someone like your lawyer.



Updating **emergency contact** information at your child's school by updating their Blue Card in their school.



Appointing **someone to take care of your child** and make important decisions in case you are unable to do so.

**There are several ways to appoint someone to take care of your child.
Scan the QR code to learn more.**



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The first way is to designate a person in parental relationship by filling out a form with the NYS Office of Children and Family Services called the OCFS-4940. This can be done immediately and does not require you to go to court.

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The second way to do this is through a process called **Standby Guardianship**. This process requires filing with a court.

This flyer gives only general information. It is not legal advice. Consult an attorney for legal advice.