

What's Wrong with Secure Communities and ICE Collaboration with Local Law Enforcement?

ICE Collaboration with Local Law Enforcement...

- 1. Doesn't actually do what it says it does.**
 - says it targets “criminal aliens” but...
 - deporting people pre-conviction or convicted of only low level offenses
 - DHS's own numbers: first year of Secure Communities nationwide they identified 111,000 but 100,000 charged or convicted of minor offenses (property crimes and traffic offenses)
 - Flawed databases (5% tags)

- 2. Makes our communities less safe.**
 - creates distrust
 - people afraid to call – crimes go unreported, makes immigrants targets
 - diverts resources from actually keeping communities safe

- 3. Diverts precious public resources.**
 - Funding streams unclear, but programs (esp. 287g) can take significant local \$
 - Nationally we are spending billions on these programs
 - In time of crisis, is this really what our rural communities need? Is this our priority?

- 4. Can lead to increased racial profiling and discrimination.**
 - Police poorly trained – not enough safeguards and accountability
 - Lead to pre-textual arrests
 - Feeds into general climate of fear and criminalization of immigrants (with racism and xenophobia as underlying roots)
 - Violations of human and constitutional rights

- 5. Violates due process**
 - Because info shared pre-conviction, upends “innocent until proven guilty”
 - Double punishment
 - Serious concerns about lack of due process in ICE detention system

- 6. Leads to more detentions and deportations.**
 - CAP numbers – From NILC report: “According to a report prepared by Dr. Dora Schriro, the former director of ICE's Office of Detention Policy and Planning, nearly half (48 percent) of the admissions and the average daily population in ICE custody during fiscal year 2009 were identified through the CAP program.”
 - Detention system is inhumane, and lacks transparency and accountability
 - Effects of detentions and deportations on families, communities
 - Inhumane and ineffective “solution” to our “immigration problem”