



Tip of the Month January 2025

## **Family and Immigration Preparedness Resources**

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Volunteer Lawyers Network will be periodically updating this webpage with links and other resources that volunteer attorneys may find helpful when advising low-income clients who may be at risk of deportation regarding how to prepare for potential deportation and family separation:

- <https://www.vlnmn.org/volunteer/immigration/preparedness-resources/>

Any volunteer attorney looking for a comprehensive overview of the myriad of legal issues and personal issues faced by a person preparing for the possibility of being deported is encouraged to review the *Protecting Assets & Child Custody in the Face of Deportation: Guide for Practitioners Assisting Immigrant Families* published by the Appleseed Network in 2017 (see the links below under the National Resources section below). Volunteer Lawyers Network hopes to assemble additional links and other resources relevant to these legal issues specific to Minnesota going forward, so please check this website in the future for updates.

If you are a volunteer attorney who has expertise and would like to help VLN create resources related to any of the following topics listed below, or other legal issues that individuals and families at risk of deportation may wish to prepare for, please contact Glen Drew, Program Director & Deputy Director, at [glen.drew@vlnmn.org](mailto:glen.drew@vlnmn.org).

## **National Resources from the Appleseed Network:**

*Protecting Assets & Child Custody in the Face of Deportation: A Guide for Practitioners Assisting Immigrant Families.* This guide is a product of the Appleseed Network and was revised in 2017.

[English version](#) | [Spanish version](#)

## **Minnesota Resources from [www.lawhelpmn.org](http://www.lawhelpmn.org):**

*Resources Regarding Care of Children & Dependents*

Delegation of Parental Authority Form: [English version](#) | [Spanish version](#)

Child Custody Fact Sheet: [English version](#) | [Spanish version](#)

Guardianship and Conservatorship Fact Sheet: [English version](#) | [Spanish version](#)

Passports for Children Born in the U.S. Fact Sheet: [English version](#) | [Spanish version](#)

Naturalized U.S. Citizens: Proving Your Child's Citizenship Fact Sheet:

[English version](#) | [Spanish version](#)

Important Documents to Have Before you Turn 18 Fact Sheet: [English version](#) | [Spanish version](#)

*Deportation Immigration Court Resources:*

What to Expect the First Time You Go to Immigration Court in Minnesota Fact Sheet:

[English version](#) | [Spanish version](#)

What to Do If You Get a Notice to Appear in Immigration Court Fact Sheet: [English version](#)

*Resources Regarding Financial Planning:*

Power of Attorney Form: [English version](#) | [Spanish version](#)

Unmarried Couples, Debt, and Property Fact Sheet: [English version](#) | [Spanish version](#)

Food and Cash Program for Noncitizens: [English version](#) | [Spanish version](#)

*Housing Resources:*

Basic Information for Tenants Fact Sheet: [English version](#) | [Spanish version](#)

Ending a Lease Fact Sheet: [English version](#) | [Spanish version](#)

Security Deposits: [English version](#) | [Spanish version](#)