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New Online Tool Helps Immigrants Make a Plan

NEW YORK, NY (April 3, 2018) The Immigration Advocates Network has a new online tool to help people who are worried about aggressive immigration enforcement actions. "Make a Plan," on immi.org provides basic information to help individuals and families prepare for potential detention or deportation.

Make a Plan is available in English and Spanish at www.immi.org/home/make_a_plan. This easy-to-use, confidential tool has questions and answers to help immigrants be ready. Make a Plan covers who can take care of children, how to find detained family members, how to take care of homes, bank accounts, insurance, and other personal matters. The quiz is interactive and tailored to provide the right information.

"We created Make a Plan to give people peace of mind," said Pat Malone, Associate Director at Immigration Advocates Network (IAN). "We all hope we never need our emergency plans, but it's important to be prepared."

Make a Plan is the newest addition to immi.org, a plain language website that helps people understand legal rights in the U.S. and paths to legal immigration status. Immi features "know your rights" articles, a quiz to identify options for legal status, and a searchable directory of over 1,000 nonprofits providing immigration legal assistance. The site was created with support from Open Society Foundations and Grove Foundation.

Make a Plan is based on a collaboration with Cornell Law School's Technology, Innovation and the Law Clinic.

About Immigration Advocates Network

The Immigration Advocates Network (IAN) is a collaborative effort of leading immigrants' rights organizations to increase access to justice for immigrants and strengthen the capacity of organizations serving them. IAN's partners include the ACLU Immigrants' Rights Project, American Bar Association Commission on Immigration, American Immigration Council, American Immigration Lawyers Association, ASISTA, Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Immigrant Legal Resource Center, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, National Immigration Law Center, National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild, Pro Bono Net, The Advocates for Human Rights, and UnidosUS. To learn more, visit www.immigrationadvocates.org.

About Pro Bono Net

Pro Bono Net is a national nonprofit dedicated to increasing access to justice for the disadvantaged. Through innovative technology solutions and expertise in building and mobilizing justice networks, Pro Bono Net transforms the way legal help reaches those in need. Its programs and technology empower the public with information and self-help tools to improve their lives, equip advocates with the resources to make a stronger impact, and mobilize volunteers to expand help available. To learn more, visit www.probono.net.