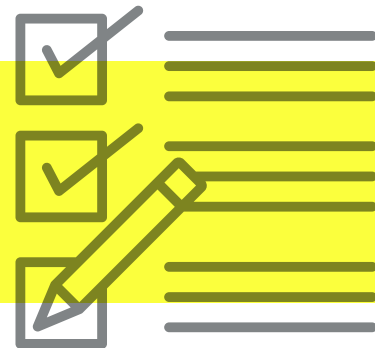


ADVOCACY ASSESSMENT TOOL: THE WAR ON DRUGS MEETS THE IMMIGRATION SYSTEM



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Ballooning jail and prison populations are only the most visible signs of the drug war in the United States. Despite the immense harm that has been done in the name of the drug war in the criminal legal system, the actual universe of devastation extends far beyond. The drug war seeps into our daily lives – and it's easy to lose sight of how much our world is shaped by it.

Surveillance and punishment are the default reactions to drug use and activity wherever it shows up, impacting our lives in profound but largely unrecognized ways. This assessment tool is designed to help organizers, advocates, and policymakers ascertain how drug war policies and practices appear in your local immigration system.

LOCAL COLLABORATION WITH FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT

- Does my city have a sanctuary-city law?
- Does my jurisdiction have a 287(g) agreement with the Department of Homeland Security?
- In my jurisdiction, do the correctional department and law enforcement honor Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detainer requests?

DRUG TESTING, ZERO-TOLERANCE POLICIES, AND PUNISHMENTS FOR DRUG-RELATED ACTIVITY AND DRUG CONVICTIONS

- In my jurisdiction, do prosecutors have a specific directive to deprioritize drug arrests?
- In my jurisdiction, are people who are undocumented allowed to participate in drug courts or other diversion programs?
- In my jurisdiction, do drug courts or other diversion programs require a guilty plea in order to participate?
- In my jurisdiction, are people without health insurance allowed to participate in drug courts or other diversion programs?

TRAINING AND RESOURCES

- In my jurisdiction, can undocumented people access locally-funded free or sliding scale harm reduction, drug treatment, and healthcare services?
- In my jurisdiction, do drug courts or other diversion programs offer translation services and culturally-sensitive programming?