

7/1 Deportation Defense Training

What: National Deportation Defense Training

Who: 20-50 leaders + base

When: 7/1/21, 7:00-9:00pm EDT

Goals:

- People leave with an understanding of the deportation process & the points of intervention within them
- People are grounded in deportation defense as a tactic towards making deportations a crisis
- People are prompted and agitated: I want to do this! I have a role to play! I'm ready to organize my people & talk to my partners to make this happen. I see our power!

<u>Outline</u>		<u>Resources</u>	
<i>Opening & Grounding</i>	15	Guides	Videos
<i>Deportation Pipeline</i>	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100 page guide --- IDP • Make the road NY manual • KYR Train the Trainer --- ICIRR • Rapid Response tool kit -- Sanctuary not Deportation • Truah Mikdash Handbook -- • Koreatown popular assembly video & Slides • ICE Watch Zine • Oregon RR / KYR • Ending Immigrant Detention -- Cynthia • UWD Sanctuary Toolkit • NYC ICE watch training • GR RR scenarios, mutual aid, & white saviorism • Siembra Slides & Script 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glasgow • Durham NC • San Francisco • London Airport • Tennessee • Lynn, MA
<i>Rapid Response</i>	30		
<i>Break</i>	5		
<i>Direct Action</i>	25		
<i>Q & A</i>	30		
<i>Closing</i>	5		

Agenda / Script:

<p>Opening & Grounding 7:00-7:15pm</p> <p>Rebecca</p> <p>START RECORDING</p> <p>MENTI</p>	<p><u>Welcome</u></p> <p>MENTI: name, pronoun, native lands, one question you have about deportation defense</p> <p>Welcome everyone! So excited and powerful to be with you here today.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facilitator introductions• Access point person: Noah S• Tech support person: Hallie• ASL, caption, and access information!<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Jordana & Connor• Please note that we are going to be recording [much of] the training! Only using for internal purposes, but if you'd like, you can be off video and change your name to <p><u>Opening Framing:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome to our first NAA deportation defense training! We are going to spend the next two hours digging into analysis, skills, doing roleplays, hearing from experts, and generally leveling up in how we can get in the way of deportations.• Quickly, NAA is an organization that mobilizes Jews and allies along with our immigrant partners to take direct action to disrupt the detention & deportation machine.• We are campaigning to end deportation completely. We know we don't <i>have</i> an immigration system in this country-- we have a deportation system. It's not new: Clinton, Bush, Obama, Trump, Biden, have all continued building out & operating the violent system of ICE raids, parents taken from their kids, and human beings in cages.
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<p>Ethan</p> <p>SLIDE Agenda</p> <p>SLIDE norms</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every deportation is a moral crisis-- but a lot of folks, especially white liberals, honestly, are looking away from it right now. In order to force the Biden administration to respond, we need to make the liberal public <i>feel</i> that every deportation is a moral crisis. • We think that one of the best ways for us to do that, is to bring our communities, and our \$\$\$, and our time, and our bodies, to amplify, defend against, and disrupt the deportations of our neighbors. • To do that we need some things. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ We need a good understanding of the deportation system and how it works, ◦ we need an organized & and skilled base full of leaders and community ready to take action ◦ we need to be in partnership with immigrant-led organizations already doing this work, ◦ And we need skills around direct action, deportation defense, and so much more Thats a lot of things, and we wont be able to cover it all, BUT: ◦ This training is an overview and a starting point! • Here's what we're going to be digging into today! <p>Agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening • Deportation Pipeline • Rapid Response to ICE raids • Direct Action • Q & A • Closing & Next Steps <p>Norms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Take space make space- identities - Participate how u feel comfortable, be present! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If you have any other access needs, reach out to Noah S - One thing we do ask is that folks be mindful in the use of the chat! - Eyes on the prize bb - keep track of questions! hold til the end! Q and A Panel at the end
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<p>Rebecca</p> <p>MENTI</p> <p>Ethan</p>	<p><u>Accomplice Framing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • this is what we need to be grounded in to be in right role as we do this • Throughout our time together, we want to be thinking about our position. Many of us in this are white, and many of us are citizens, and so are not the most directly impacted by ICE and the deportation machine. Not to alienate anyone who may not have these privileges---- Lets take a minute to think together-- what does that mean for us as we are entering this work? <p>• MENTI:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ What are some principles & practices we can hold as folks showing up to this work with white and/or citizenship privilege? <p>• Things to pull out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Relationships: this work will only move at the speed of relationships!! There are often no exact rules here about what kinds roles accomplices should take in this work. The most important thing is building relationships and community with our neighbors so we can work together to defend each other. ◦ Humility: taking the strategy lead from people who are most directly impacted. Recognizing many of us are new to the work and want to go where is needed. ◦ Strategic center: at the end of the day, you are responsible for mobilizing your base, identifying your self-interest, and plugging in as powerfully as you can!! Don't wait for somebody to tell you exactly what to do! <p>• Just want to say that at NAA we are actually new to this work!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ We have consulted with a lot of organizations, including the folks who we will be hearing at the end, from Koreatown Popular Assembly, Grand Rapids Rapid Response Network, & Cosecha, ◦ We have always chatted with folks from Lynn United, NYC ICE Watch, Carolina Jews for Justice, United We Dream, Workers Dignity in Nashville, and a few others.
<p>7:15-7:25 (10)</p>	<p><u>Quick Spectragram</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MENTI What's your experience with deportation defense?

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Rebecca

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Deportation Defense

- *Throughout history, governments have tried to take humans, throw them in cages, slave boats, prisons, airplanes, and forcibly relocate away from their families, neighbors, communities to places they've never been.*
- *And throughout history, those families, neighbors, and communities have stood up and put their bodies on the line to say: no, **we are going to keep our neighbors safe.***
- Can somebody read out this definition?
 - *Deportation Defense refers to a wide variety of tactics, including legal, communal, and direct action, to stop governments from forcibly detaining and relocating somebody away from their community.*

Optional:

- *Whether it was abolitionists raiding jails in the North to free fugitive formerly enslaved folks who were set to be deported back south,*
 - *or our Jewish, queer, socialist, and anti-fascist ancestors resisiting Nazi deportation by seeking sanctuary, rioting, or blowing up trains,*
 - *Or immigrants in this country, who've resisted this violence in their communities by building vast rapid response & sanctuary networks, marching by the millions in the streets, blockading buses and planes, using every legal, physical, communal, and spiritual tool to keep their folks safe.*
- *We're here to train ourselves up so we can step into that tradition & that work as powerfully as we can.*
- *Wherever there is oppression, there is resistance*

Deportation Pipeline

One of the first things we want to understand is how the deportation pipeline works!

- WE are doing this to demystify deportations--- ICE doesn't want citizens to know that this is how it works!

To do that, we are going to break up our understanding of the deportation into the following:

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-- obviously it's way more complicated than this! It's more of a web than a pipeline, but for the sake of simplicity for this training, we're going to break it down the following way:

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- **1. ICE enters a community**

- *How does ICE actually build the infrastructure & capacity to raid neighborhoods & kidnap people put them in cages, and send them away*
- *ICE doesn't has a lot of resources, but not unlimited resources-- they're not invincible.*
 - *In order to operate, they need to collaborate with the police,*
 - They need \$\$\$ from the federal government
 - They need to contract with local businesses: rent space, food, contractors, etc.
 - Zoning permission for ICE facilities
 - Collaboration with local police departments
 - Rely on reporting data from gang databases, workplaces etc.
 - *What does it look like to fight back on these things!*
 - Fight 287g agreements, Gang databases, jail collaboration
 - Fight zoning for new detention centers, etc.
 - Publicly pressure companies, landlords, etc. who work with ICE

- **2. ICE raids & apprehensions**

- *ICE comes to a street, a house, or at a workplace and physically detains somebody*

- **3. Deportation proceedings**

- *The legal process including detention, bond hearings, immigration court appeals, final order of removal, prosecutorial discretion*
 - **Making Bond**
 - **Mutual aid:**
 - \$\$\$\$
 - Transportation
 - Supplies, Food, Clothing
 - **Public Pressure Campaigns**
 - Organizational & Communal levels of support

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<p>Ethan</p> <p>Rebecca</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Targeting ICE to give somebody PD ○ Targeting governors to pardon criminal record ● Accompaniment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ● 4. Deportation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ When ICE apprehends somebody or transfers somebody for their actual deportation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ This can look a lot of different ways: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Whether somebody is in detention, ● Or in sanctuary ● Or at home <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ With or without an ankle bracelet ○ With or without being compliant with ICE check-ins <p>IF TIME: any questions? Or anything to add w/r/t the pipeline??</p> <p>At each of these phases, ICE has so many tactics to advance people through the deportation pipeline. And at each phase, communities have so many opportunities to intervene and fight back.</p> <p>For the purposes of this training, we're going to zoom in two places:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We are going to zoom in at the site of ICE raids & apprehensions ● And we are also going to talk a little bit about direct action both during ICE raids and at that more final deportation process. <p>Lets dive in! Y'all ready?</p>
<p>Apprehension Ethan</p> <p>7:25-7:55</p>	<p>Framing: (3)</p> <p>ICE raids are happening all the time, all over the country, in a variety of different ways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● On the streets, at homes, in work places, at checkpoints, etc <p>ICE operates really differently in different places! But a common thread is this</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● They operate in secrecy. They try as much as possible not to be detected or watched <p>All over the country, in a variety of different ways, communities are defending against ICE raids!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Could be in rapid response networks!

- Can a couple of folks off mute and shout out their local rapid response network?
- Rapid response networks do a lot more than just respond to hotlines!
 - They can flyer, canvass, or do community presentations about the hotline + knowing your rights
 - They can proactively watch areas where ICE has been known to be active
 - They can camp out outside ICE facilities and try to follow ICE vehicles so they know where they are going
- Or it could be just in local communities, apartment buildings, neighborhoods.
 - ICE & the deportation machine & all systems of oppression require us to be isolated from each other

No matter what or where these are happening, there are certain skills that are required! We are going to dive into some of those now.

Fishbowl Scenario (5)

Can I get three volunteers to step into a scenario discussion?

We are going to spotlight you while you discuss the options for how to engage if you were in this scenario as a group:

The three of you are going on a run early in the morning in your neighborhood. You see a red SUV labeled 'Department of Homeland Security Police' parked in front of a house.

- *What do you do?--document, call a local rm-- ask who they are, you see-- you act! Let ppl know thy are safe-- put your bodies onthe line*

DISCUSS

Give a round of applause to our folks!

- What pieces of the discussion stood out to you? What choices did they make (well)?
- What else could they have done? What did they miss?

INTERACTING WITH ICE and/or POLICE (5)

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TECH NOTE:
SPOTLIGHT
Vols + ASL

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[prep
breakouts]

Keep Tori +
interpreters &
1 other
person in
main room

1. Verification: **IMAGE DESCRIPTION**

- Unfortunately, because ICE tries to be deliberately stealthy, it can be difficult to tell for sure whether or not any given agent or car belongs to ICE. However, *inaccurate* reports about ICE can be harmful and cause fear & harm in a community for no reason. That's why verifying whether or not ICE is really present is incredibly important.
- This is different in different places! However some common characteristics:
 - Tinted windows
 - DHS or ICE insignia; 'POLICE' without any department
 - Out of state licenses
 - American made cars & SUVs
- The best verification strategy, however, is usually to ask!
 - Especially for white folks + folks with citizenship status, this is a time to take up space!
 - Knock on their window
 - Introduce yourself as a member of a rapid response network, or just a resident in the community!
 - Maintain a calm and confident demeanor.
 - Questions to ask: [post in chat]
 - What are you doing here?
 - What agency do you work for?
 - Do you work for ICE?
 - Can I see a badge or some other identification?

2. Mobilize

- After verifying that it is indeed ICE, you need to mobilize people!
- Who you could reach out to:
 - Your Rapid Response Network
 - Other community organizations
 - Friends who live nearby
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- You could also consider:
 - Walking around and knocking on people's doors & telling them and informing them that an ICE agent is outside

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Ethan

BREAKOUTS

PAUSE
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START
RECORDING

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Rebecca

3. Documentation: **IMAGE DESCRIPTION**

- You are allowed to record ICE officers at any time.
 - If you are challenged, you can say: 'I am not obstructing you. It is my right to document.'
 - [post in chat]
 - If they ask you to move back, you can take one step back and say the same thing.
- Make sure to capture key details like:
 - Date, time, location, number of officers
 - License plate #s and insignia

Breakouts: (8)

If you need Captions, stay in the main room!!!

PRACTICE (in pairs)

- You are on a walk in your neighborhood. You see a red SUV labeled 'Department of Homeland Security Police' parked in front of a house.
 - One of you is the ICE agent, one of you is a rapid responder

Reportback:

- How did that feel?

INTERACTING with the person being targeted: (5)

- The last few pieces were primarily around interacting with ICE and police on the scene, but in the situation there is might be some form of interaction with the person being targeted. IF you come into contact with that person, its important to keep in mind these steps:
 - With the person being targeted:
 - Be helpful and kind, unthreatening!!

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- Be aware of how race, language, gender, and other identities shape the interaction.
- A good thing to say: 'I am here to help. I'm just watching to make sure you are okay.'
- Ask what else they might need? Phone call?
- Remind them of their rights

4. Know Your Rights

- *Many people know what rights they have with ICE, but some do not. It is important for you to know some basic rights information in scenarios like this and pass that along if necessary.*
- **At all times:** (*Unmute and repeat after me!*)
 - Right to remain silent
 - Right to speak to a lawyer
 - Right to make a phone call
 - Right to refuse to sign documents

Add framing about warrants more broadly,, 2 types---admin and judicial: ask to see them--- if they dont show it or have it "i dont not consent to entry--- DO you have a judicial warrant? I would like to see it-- can you hold it up to the glass?"

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(optional)

- **With an administrative warrant:**
 - Right to remain in a vehicle, home, or workplace
 - 'I do not consent to entry'
 - ICE will use a bunch of tricks to try to gain entry or anything close to consent
 - I.e, opening the door, rolling down a car window, etc.
 - They will lie to get you to do it.
- **Judicial warrant:**
 - This does legally allow ICE to enter a non-public space, but 95% of the time ICE does not have this!

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5. Support However You Can!

- Sometimes, especially if folks arrive after a raid has happened and somebody's been detained, what's needed is actually mutual aid and support for the family. This could look like things like:
 - Transit
 - \$\$\$\$

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<p>Rebecca</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Phone calls ○ Supplies ○ Connecting to legal or community services <p>REVIEW (5)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This is a lot of information! We are going to take a second to review <p>Gonna take a sec to review:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Verify <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Make sure you know it is ice 2. Mobilize <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Get ppl there to support 3. Document <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 4. Know your rights <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Keep them on you? 5. Support!! <p>Any questions? Or anything to add?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All of this info will be reshared in the follow up AND this shit will take practice and RELATIONSHIPS--- you'll relearn it on the ground <p>This is amazing! We're going to take a five minute break, and when we come back,</p>
<p>Break</p>	
<p>Ethan</p> <p>8:00</p> <p>Menti</p>	<p><u>Direct Action</u></p> <p><u>Framing (3)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All the tools we mentioned before--- verification, documentation, knowing your rights, etc. are super important. However, there are times when there are opportunities to more directly get in the way and intervene during deportations using direct action. ● Spectrogram: curious about this group--- how much direct action have you done? Put a number up from 1-5 where are you at? ● Seems like we got a bit of a mixed crew but a lot of folks with a lot of experience-- that's super great!

- The skills to use direct action to block a deportation are very similar to the skills used in other direct action! So if you have some of those skills, you're a lot of the way there.
- Solicit: What are some principles & practices you are familiar with in direct action that could be applicable to deportation defense?
 - Things that could come up:
 - Importance of clear research & scouting plan
 - Importance of awareness of legal risks & jail support + legal support
 - Importance & tools for grounding yourself in your body; having a buddy or affinity group
 - Importance of clarity around decision-making

Rebecca

Fishbowl (10)

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Can we have some 3 new volunteers? For a role play scenario?

SPOTLIGHT
Vols + ASL

Scenario #2

Name, name, name----

You are a group of trained up members of your local rapid response network. You've received a report that ICE is active on a certain intersection. And now You are at the intersection and XXX spots a black SUV parked behind another car.

A group of about a dozen people has started to form and is watching as two officers in vests labeled with just the word 'Police' are detaining a man and are in the process of leading him into the black SUV.

ACT OUT the decision making process for what action to take next as a group-- GO

What do you do? Make a plan to take action!!!!

-lee cant get arrested,

Contact legal support

Sha lets go

One of us needs to film

Galen is getting between them

Lee is rallying the ppl to form a circle

Communicate first!

First lets debrief w the group:

[prep san
fran video to
share]

- What were you thinking about?
- What was on your mind?
- What were you worried about? How were decisions being made?

How bout from the crowd:

- What roles were being filled?
- What did they do well?
- What could have gone differently?

Things to pull out and potentially land:

- There's **power in numbers**-- the more people who are there, the more people can take risk together.
- The power of direct action skills-- the way you get direct action skills is doing direct action: **PRACTICE**
- The importance of **pre-existing relationships**-- within communities, within rapid response networks, etc.
- Sometimes, in these situations, **decision-making** is really complicated. The most important thing is to be in communication, be aware of positionality, and think about how to disrupt.

There have been a couple different examples of this happening successfully!

- Just this past October, in Lynn Massachusetts, a group of about 40 people surrounded an ICE vehicle where somebody had been detained and refused to move. Eventually, ICE let the person go.
- In Hermitage TN, in 2019, when ICE was camped outside of somebody's car waiting for them come out, a group of people stood guard for four hours outside of the van, and eventually formed a human chain so that the person ICE was targeting could leave the car and enter his home.

Both of those times, it didn't happen from formal rapid response networks, but through folks who were already in community, already in relationship to each other, and neighbors coming out to support each other.

Other types of deportation defense (8)

Blocking deportations doesn't *only* have to happen at the site of apprehension!

- Solicit: Where else could a direct action to stop a deportation happen?
 - In the final deportation (i.e. a, blocking a plane)
 - This happened at the Stansted Airport in UK
 - At an ICE detention center during a transfer
 - This is what happened in New Jersey a couple weeks ago!

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<p>MENTI</p> <p>Rebecca</p> <p>MENTI</p>	<p>Options: CUT FOR TIME IF NEEDED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watch San Fransisco video (2 minutes) (?) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ What different roles did you see people holding? ■ What tactics did ICE use? What tactics did the protestors use? ■ What preparation work would have been needed for an action like this? <p>Wrapping it up (5)</p> <p>This is not easy! If you're feeling overwhelmed a little bit by it, that's okay. Lets sit in that for a second.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MENTI: what are some of the challenges and barriers for you participating in helping organize high-risk disruption to deportation? • MENTI: Why might it be something still worth doing?
<p>Q&A 8:25</p> <p>Tech note: Spotlight Ethan + Panel</p> <p>Ethan</p> <p>(RO question intake)</p>	<p>Panel (30)</p> <p>So now we're going to shift gears a little bit and hear from a couple of folks who have been doing a lot of deportation defense work in a variety of different ways and different places.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our good friend Sonya Mendoza who organizes with Koreatown Popular Assembly in LA as well as Never Again Action LA, • Jeff Smith, who is a founder and organizer with Grand Rapids Rapid Response Network, • And Teresa Chen, who organizes with Cosecha NYC and Close the Camps NYC <p>The way this is going to work, I'm going to start by asking each of y'all to share for maybe 4 minutes each, just a little bit about yourselves, the types of deportation defense work you've done, and maybe one most important thing you'd like folks here to know about getting into deportation defense.</p> <p>If you have questions, send them to Rebecca in private chat!</p>

	<p>(each share) <i>Qs from participants:</i></p> <p><i>Does deportation defense look different in any way for undocumented people and asylum seekers?</i></p> <p>Other questions we could ask:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do you think about questions of positionality & identity-- race, language, citizenship status, etc.-- in doing this work? • What would be your vision for organized communities across the country committed to rapid response & deportation defense? What is the most important work that needs to be done to get folks involved in this work across the country? • For folks who are just entering work, what do you want them to keep in mind? What are other ways for new ppl/allies to get and stay involved in this work? <p>Solicit questions from participants:</p> <p>To wrap up the panel: Gonna pass it to Teresa to tell us about an action coming up before we move into closing and next steps!</p>
<p>8:55 Closing Rebecca</p>	<p>Next Steps (5)-- fill out this form to get the next steps Thank panelists, thank volunteers, thank hallie, tali, alyssa, noah , interpreters and everyone who contributed to this content</p> <p>We have a few asks coming out of this, but the main thing is if you would like to be connected to followup and next steps-- please take the time to fill out this form right now!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worksheet • Narrative training • Join Signal Thread-- to get added u gotta fill out the form! • Fundraising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We're so grateful to everyone who put in the time to come to this training tonight and is going to put in the time to bring these skills to life in your communities. Your time is an incredibly valuable resource and we are grateful to each and every one of you. AND in order to be able to sustain this work, we need money in addition to time. It's times like these when immigration is not at the front and center of the public's mind that we need to mobilize our resources so we can keep doing this work

and elevate the deportation crisis to public attention again. This is the deep organizing and investing we need to do so that we CAN force this crisis into the public eye. So, if this training was meaningful to you, if you want to see more trainings like this, if you want to bring more people into the movement to end deportation, please donate \$36 (?) or an amount that feels meaningful to you. We're going to drop the link in the chat now. <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/end-deportation?refcode=dd-training>

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- Teresa: Cosecha action East coast
- Follow up form & Evaluation: bit.ly/NAAJuly1FollowUp

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