

# Creating Accountable Clinic Communities: Preparing for Anti-oppressive Alternatives

## About this Resource List

In order to shift our reliance on calling police, we must first understand why this conversation about policing is a part of making our communities safer for all. We begin with learning about the history of policing and how it impacts communities in different ways. This is not a new conversation, although there's been a new awakening, especially for white folks and communities benefiting from white privilege.

We encourage you to start with reading or watching a combination of a few resources linked below. And then develop a plan for your clinic to prepare for steps you can take to minimize or eliminate your dependence on police. The Curriculum section has a few suggestions of resources that encourage you and your team to think through critical questions and develop plans for alternative options. Also check out the Tools section for a flowchart that you can edit for your own context.

Do the reading, learning and preparation now, so that when an emergency arises where you may be inclined to call 911, you are prepared to consider all your options.

## Alternatives to calling Police

### READ / WATCH / LEARN

#### ***Feeling for the Edge of Your Imagination: Finding Ways Not to Call the Police***

A blog post from Imagine Alternatives

[Read this resource](#)

#### ***How Defund and Disband Became the Demands***

An article from The New York Review Daily

[Read this resource](#)

#### ***Yes, We Mean Literally Abolish the Police***

An article by Mariame Kaba in the New York Times

[Read this resource](#)

#### ***5 Ways to Help Someone in a Mental Health Emergency Without Calling the Police***

An article by Katie Tastrum in The Body is Not an Apology

[Read this resource](#)

## ***Churches Make a Drastic Pledge in the Name of Social Justice: Stop Calling the Police***

An article by Julie Zauzer in the Washington Post

[Read this resource](#)

### ***13th***

A Netflix documentary film exploring the perpetuation of slavery through what became systems of policing and incarceration. (1.5-hours)

[Watch this resource](#) and check out the [discussion guide here](#)

### ***Defund the Police: What Comes Next?***

A one-hour presentation and discussion from Reclaim the Block

[Watch this resource](#)

### ***What Does it Mean to Defund or Abolish the Police?***

A 20-minute discussion from The Daily Show with Trevor Noah

[Watch this resource](#)

## **CURRICULUM**

### ***Health and Policing***

Oakland Power Projects resources and information on anti-policing for health workers. There are findings from community listening projects, as well as a booklet to help prepare you in thinking about alternative options.

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### ***If You're New to Abolition: Study Group Guide***

Abolition Journal's suggested design for a six-week study group to do with a team of people (such as clinic employees and volunteers).

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### ***The Critical Resistance Abolitionist Organizing Toolkit***

An extensive resource on understanding the Prison Industrial Complex, how it impacts different communities, and exercises to imagine ways to shift our reliance on it.

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## **TOOLS & FURTHER ENGAGEMENT**

### ***Alternatives to Calling Police: An edit-able Flow-Chart -->***

A resource from Showing up for Racial Justice DC which you can access to create your own localized version.

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### ***Many, many more resources exist***

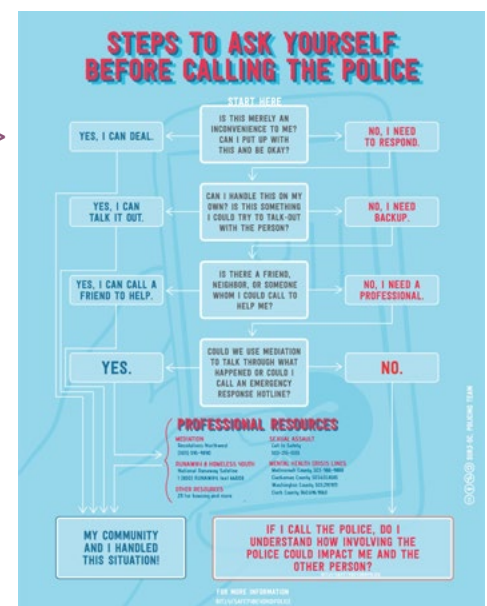
***Here are two lists of resources with more suggestions:***

An extensive list from MPD 150

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Transform Harm's hub of articles, curriculum and tools

[Go to resource](#)



# ICE & Know Your Rights materials

In many cities and states, federal agencies including Customs Border Patrol (CBP) and Immigrant Customs Enforcement (ICE) are extensions of the police departments and work closely with sheriffs, jails, and the criminal punishment system. Some of these relationships are public and sanctioned by laws and others are illegal and yet persist as law enforcement share information and connect the detention and deportation systems to policing.

Knowing your rights is an important step in ensuring that all members of the community are aware of their rights. ICE and CBP have been known to target health care centers, schools, and work places to intimidate, detain, and harass immigrants and undocumented people. State sanctioned violence and racism are on full display within the US immigration system. Below are some resources to explore and deepen our understanding of these issues and steps that can be taken to help provide safer spaces for our community.

## RESOURCES

### ***Guide for Public Health Action for Immigrant Rights***

A 13-page document from Public Health Awakened- diving into the contradiction of public health principles and the US' immigration policies and actions we can take. Document includes many links to other articles, policies, and historical documentations. An hour read as it is helpful to click on the many links.

[Go to resource](#)

### ***Healthcare Providers and Immigration Enforcement***

A legalese document created by the National Immigration Law Center in 2017. Plan on an hour to read through the notes and allow time to digest the legal concepts.

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### ***Deportation Defense***

Examples of statewide organizations doing work to rapidly respond to people impacted by ICE. The WAISN trainings, and Deportation Defense Toolkit linked on this site could be a good starting place for clinics who want to create safer spaces for undocumented community members and patience.

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