

""Twitter handle (and profile name): familiesfreedom (Families for Freedom)

**Twitter description:** We are an anti-deportation organization by and for families affected by the US immigration system. \_x000D\_

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**Description of the organization from a third party source:** "Founded in September 2002, Families for Freedom is a New York-based multi-ethnic human rights organisation by and for families facing and fighting deportation. We are immigrant prisoners (detainees), former immigrant prisoners, their loved ones, or individuals at risk of deportation. We come from dozens of countries, across continents. FFF seeks to repeal the laws that are tearing apart our homes and neighbourhoods; and to build the power of immigrant communities as communities of colour, to provide a guiding voice in the growing movement for immigrant rights as human rights."

**Scraped text from their home page of their website:** Titles: Families For Freedom

**Headings:** Celebrating over 20 years of fighting for immigrants; Latest News; Resources; Facing Deportation?; Campaign With Us

**Paragraphs:** Families for Freedom is a New York- based multi-ethnic human rights organization by and for families facing deportation.; Founded in September 2002, Families for Freedom is a NYC-based human rights organization by and for families facing and fighting deportation. We are immigrant prisoners (detainees), former immigrant prisoners, their loved ones, or individuals at risk of deportation. We come from dozens of countries, across continents. FFF seeks to repeal the laws that are tearing apart our homes and neighborhoods; and to build the power of immigrant communities as communities of colour, to provide a guiding voice in the growing movement for immigrant rights as human rights.; FFF has evolved into an organizing center against deportation. We are source of support, education, and campaigns for directly affected families and communities - locally and nationally.; Need practical tips to help your family through the detention and deportation system? Click below to find our latest materials to fight deportation. Keep in mind, these materials are not meant to substitute legal advice. They are a way for us, as families fighting together, to help one another and educate our communities.; If you or your loved one are facing deportation, please fill out the intake form below and we will contact you as soon as possible.; Families for Freedom is recognized as a preeminent organizing support center for families affected by criminalization and deportation. By centering the experience and expertise of New Yorkers at the intersection of the immigration and criminal legal systems, we contest social exclusion and develop the leadership of directly affected people in their own liberation. Resisting the labels of 'Illegal Immigrant' and 'Criminal Alien' that posit us as an exception to U.S. Civil Rights, FFF assert our common

humanity by situating our work in a human rights framework (UN Declaration of Human Rights, 1948).; ; 35 West 31st Street, #702 New York, NY, 10001 Phone: (646) 290-8720 Hotline: (646) 290-5551 Fax: (800) 895-4454 info@familiesforfreedom.org

**Scraped text from their about page of their website:** Titles: Families For Freedom

**Headings:** Grassroots leadership and community organizing; Practical education; Proactive campaigning; Our campaigns through the years

**Paragraphs:** FFF Sign-Making Event in Washington Square Park, 2021; Immigrants Are Essential March on Manhattan Bridge - July, 2021; Shut Down Berks Action, 2019; Twenty years ago, three families came together to confront the largely invisible crisis of deportation. Together they broke the silence and overcame the isolation that many families face when one of their members is facing deportation. Creating an informal network focused on providing mutual support and education, the Shahani Family, Subhash Kateel, and Maria Muentes formed Families for Freedom (FFF). They met in small apartment living rooms overflowing with people from all continents of the world. From these three founding families' vision grew a powerful organization that has involved hundreds of families fighting on the frontlines of this nation's immigration debate.; Families for Freedom emerged in the aftermath of 9/11 and the increased policing and surveillance of Arab and Muslim communities. Under the guise of the "war on terror", thousands of people were ripped from their families, locked in detention centers and eventually deported. In the decades following the passage of harsh legislation like the Patriot Act, many immigrant communities who were not a part of this target population felt they were immune to the destructive immigration enforcement policies of the George W. Bush administration. However, with the creation of the Department of Homeland Security in 2002, this new national security focus began to fuse with the country's thirty-year focus on immigrants with criminal convictions. This process has deep roots, but was turbo charged during the Ronald Reagan administrations "war on drugs" and "war on poverty" - and given bipartisan support through the passage of Clinton era immigration enforcement legislation like the "Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996".; As the new millennium progressed, pre-existing divisions between the "good immigrant" and the "bad immigrant" were consolidated through a toxic media landscape, resurgent grassroots xenophobic attitudes, and the emergence of relentless federal enforcement bureaucracies like the Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Customs and Border Patrol. Much of the national debate and policy decisions focussed on allowing "hard working" immigrants to stay whilst deporting those with criminal convictions, even after they served their sentences. This logic continued under the Obama Administration, who, despite making promises to overhaul the US immigration enforcement system, turbo charged criminal based deportations and engagement, deporting over three million people during its two terms. By the election of Donald Trump in 2016, the US deportation had become a sprawling system with public and private interests undergirding its yearly expansion. Feeding this sprawling system of removal is an archipelago of over 200 than 200 jails and detention centers that make up ICE's detention system. Many of the immigrants detained in ICE's

nominally civil system are held in county and local jails that contract with ICE to detain immigrants. The rest are held in dedicated immigration detention facilities run by ICE or contracted to private prison corporations, including family detention centers that hold mothers and children. Byutressing this detention and deportation system are racialized policing and criminal justice procedures which act to drag immigrants into deportation proceedings.; ; We at Families for Freedom see the brutal immigration enforcement regime as having a crushing human toll on New York immigrant communities, and those are around the country at large. The process of detention and removal destroys the economic security of already marginalized migrant families, removing members to countries they barely know, whilst leaving their families in economically and socially precarious situations here in the US. We aim to resist and fight back against this through the following means;; We believe that those most directly impacted by US immigration enforcement policies are in the best position to provide the support to others going through the same traumatic experience. Our leadership have personal experiences with the intricacies of the US deportation system, we understand the emotional toll it has, and are well experienced in resisting it. Through this community based organizing, we aim to lighten the burdensome load that families with members in the system are going through.; FFF's emphasis on people power is sustained through the provision of actionable educational programs to the immigrant families it organizes with. We provide trainings to immigrant families on the "know your rights", how to navigate the complex legal terrain of immigration court, financial literacy for families facing the detention and deportation of a loved one, workshops for detainees and advocacy materials for the media and general public on the effects of the current enforcement regime.; Our ultimate goal is to play a role in the conversion of the US immigration regime into one that has human rights and justice as its guiding principles. This requires a campaigning strategy that not only advocates for those within the system, but also looks to shift policy and legislation at the local, state and national level so that the most damaging effects of the enforcement regime are rolled back. We do this through active lobbying and advocacy with elected officials and engagement with the public discussions concerning the policing, detention and deportation of immigrants.; ; Find Out More Here; Find Out More Here; \*New Way Forward Act Digital Toolkit\* Â”; 35 West 31st Street, #702New York, NY, 10001Phone: (646)290-8720Hotline: (646) 290-5551Fax: (800) 895-4454info@familiesforfreedom.org

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**Paragraphs:** Families For Freedom Membership Meeting; "Don't Deport Our Daddies": Gendering State Deportation Practices And Immigrant Ogranizing - 2014; In the early

2000s, we were faced with a dangerous issue. Deportation was, and still is, a huge problem in the United States. A lot has changed since then. Twenty years ago, the Shahani family, Subash Kateel, and Maria Muentes came together and founded Families for Freedom. Their goal was to fight against the deportations ravaging our communities and separating our families.; Free Them All Rally in Foley Square, 2023; Families for Freedom has changed tremendously since its founding. We have implemented new programs, grown our membership, built alliances, and much more. As of recently, we started going through a revitalization process. We now have a new director and a fresh team of committed staff to carry on our initial vision: people who are directly affected, accessing and building power where needed, lead a movement that engages members and allies to roll back the mandatory detention and deportation provisions of the 1996 laws, to change the way the US sees and treats immigrants.; We will continue to do what needs to be done to dismantle the racist systems that harm our communities. To do so, we need your continued support! As we reached our 20 year anniversary, we want to uplift and highlight all that we have accomplished and all that we will continue fighting for. Show your support by sharing and donating to Families for Freedom.; 35 West 31st Street, #702 New York, NY, 10001 Phone: (646) 290-8720 Hotline: (646) 290-5551 Fax: (800) 895-4454 info@familiesforfreedom.org

**Summaries of Links:** Based on the provided information, it appears that this organization is dedicated to advocating for immigrant rights and supporting families affected by deportation. The presence of pages such as "facing-deportation," "take-action," and "current-campaigns" suggests that the organization actively engages in efforts to prevent deportations and promote policies that protect immigrant families. Additionally, the inclusion of sections like "staff-and-board," "thenandnow," and "pastleaders" indicates a commitment to transparency and accountability within the organization. The inclusion of social media links and a donation page further suggests that the organization seeks to engage with the public and garner support for its cause. Overall, the information provided points to an organization focused on advocating for immigrant rights and providing resources and support to affected families. ""