

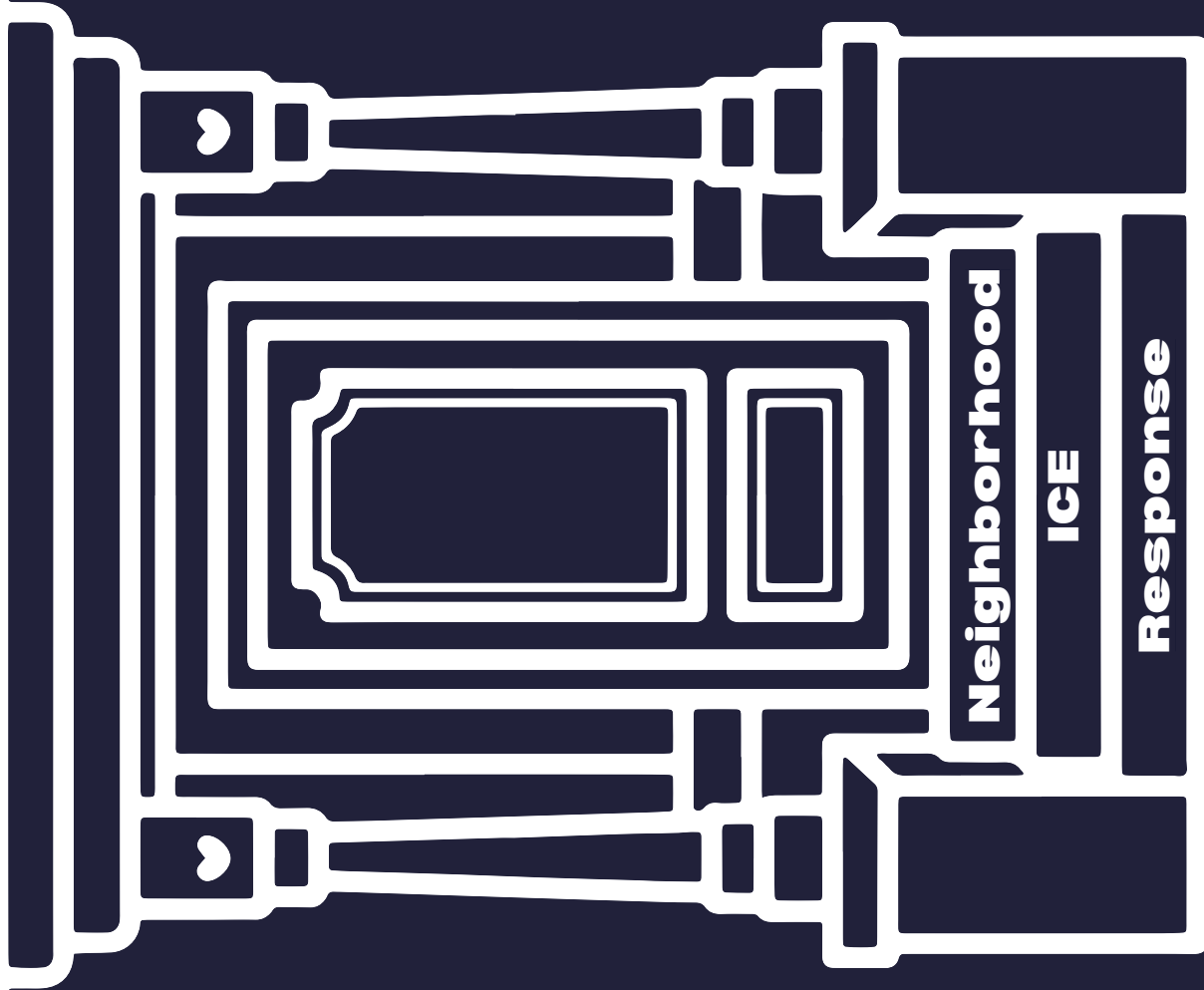
THE HAPPIEST
 PEOPLE I'VE EVER MET,
 REGARDLESS OF THEIR
 PROFESSION, THEIR
 SOCIAL STANDING
 OR THEIR ECONOMIC STATUS
 ARE PEOPLE THAT ARE
**FULLY ENGAGED IN THE
 WORK AROUND THEM.
 THE MOST FULFILLED**
 PEOPLE ARE THE ONES WHO
 GET UP EVERY MORNING AND
**STAND FOR SOMETHING
 LARGER THAN
 THEMSELVES.**

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Door Knocking

TIPS & RESOURCES

Other Items You Can Hand Out



Resources Available to Distribute

- Whistle with Iowa MMJ ICE Hotline Number (*3D print your own or pick some up from us!*)
- Rapid Response Instruction Zine (*Find a YouTube tutorial on how to fold a mini-zine!*)
- Know Your Rights Red Card
- “You Are Welcome Here” sticker or decal
- Signal QR code (*save the QR code from your team available in Signal under “group link”*)

Resources to download and print or purchase: all items are available on the Iowa NICER website resource page: www.iowanicer.com/resources

You can also assemble your own door-knocking kits at an upcoming gathering where materials will be provided for you. Find information about scheduled kit assembly events and RSVP on the Iowa NICER events page: www.iowanicer.com/event-list

How To Use This Guide

We know that organizing in our neighborhoods is a powerful way to build stronger communities that can educate, advocate for and support each other. Knocking on your neighbors door is one of the best ways to introduce yourself and make a connection. This guide can help provide you with the tools and confidence to be successful. This guide (and links to more resources) can be found online at: www.iowanicer.com/resources



Inside you will find...

- Why Organize Your Neighbors?
- Neighborhood Door-Knocking 101
- Sample Iowa NICER Script
- Iowa NICER FAQ
- Resources to Distribute

Why Organize Your Neighbors?

Problems in our country and state feel overwhelming...but I can have a tangible impact if I focus on change in my own community.

I invite my neighbors because we can do MORE by working together.

It feels less lonely knowing the people who live around me care.



Write a handwritten note for more impact!

Hello!

You are invited to join our local Neighborhood ICE Response (NICER) team. There is a lot we can do to educate, advocate for, support, and protect each other. It would be wonderful to have you involved!

To learn more, visit: www.iowanicer.com

Sonia here! Let me know if you have any questions. or if you'd like to talk more!

707-873-7862

(Note: That's not an actual person's phone number...but call it for a nice surprise!)

Resources to Distribute

(All resources can be downloaded at: www.iowanicer.com/resources.)

Leave Behind Postcard



What is your "why"?

Right now, I am worried about...

I envision a community that...

By getting to know & working with my neighbors, I can...

I would like to contribute by...



Neighborhood Door-Knocking 101

Go With a Friend!

- Door knocking is more fun when you go in pairs! (You can invite others in your Signal team to join.)

Be Conscious of Timing

- Stick to the daylight hours (*it is safer and more considerate!*)
- More people are home during the weekend. (*If you go during the work week - after 4pm is best!*)

Focus on Friendly Doors

- Start by talking with neighbors you already know.
- Use the Indivisible Neighbor2Neighbor resource!



(Tip: N2N identifies 5-10 neighbors who have already engaged in progressive action. This resource likely won't be around forever - so use it while we can!)

Q: Does Iowa NICER offer direct services or mutual aid?

A: Individuals participating in Iowa NICER may be involved with a variety of organizations that offer direct services locally or mutual aid, and we encourage sharing resources and needs with the neighborhood team. Iowa NICER organizers will also stay connected with local mutual aid and direct service organizations and make referrals to teams when there are individuals with urgent/basic needs in that neighborhood.

Q: Does Iowa NICER organize Rapid Response to ICE activity?

A: Iowa NICER provides training and resources so individuals in each team can be prepared to engage in rapid response. Iowa NICER organizers work alongside Iowa MMJ Community Rapid Response efforts, and refer information about any ICE reports to neighborhood teams where the ICE activity is taking place. From there, individuals who are part of the neighborhood team are encouraged to respond, report and support right away.

Q: What kinds of things can someone do as part of an Iowa NICER team?

A: Activity is entirely driven and determined by individuals in each neighborhood team. Host a training, plan visibility campaigns, organize donation drives, meet for coffee...it is what you make it! The point is - you don't have to do any of it alone.

Iowa NICER FAQ

Q: What is Iowa NICER?

A: Iowa NICER stands for Iowa Neighborhood ICE Response. It is a local grassroots movement focused on building neighborhood-based teams that can work together towards collective goals, while supporting and protecting each other. You can learn more at www.iowanicer.com

Q: Is Iowa NICER a non-profit?

A: Iowa NICER is not a formal organization. It is a collection of decentralized neighborhood-based teams. Each neighborhood team sets its own agenda and is active depending on the interests and needs of the people involved. Teams can share ideas, develop resources and work together – but there is not one coordinated goal or action that everyone is asked to follow.

Q: How is Iowa NICER funded?

A: There is no formal funding or funding structure. Any developed resources are shared and provided digitally for free. Individuals can make in-kind contributions that support organizing efforts – purchasing or 3D printing whistles, designing/printing materials to distribute (signs, stickers, toolkits, etc.), bringing food/snacks to gatherings, etc. If an individual or team needs help sourcing any resources, Iowa NICER organizers will strive to help however possible.

Stay Safe and Prepared

- Even with friendly doors, use common sense and caution. *(It's safer to avoid going inside someone's home.)*
- Make sure someone knows what you are doing and where you are going.
- Charge your phone before you leave.
- Bring water and wear sunscreen!

Take Notes

- If you are using N2N, you can record information about your interaction there. *(Or bring a notebook!)*
- Track who you've spoken with, details to remember, and any follow-up.

Have Fun!

- You will inevitably make unexpected connections, enjoy meaningful conversation, and ultimately feel more connected.
- Use the sample script as a guide, but make each interaction your own!

Sample Iowa NICER Script

Introduction: “Hello! My name is [First Name], I am one of your neighbors. Do you have a quick moment?”

- If “yes”: continue script below...
- If “no”: No problem! I just wanted to let you know about a new neighborhood group we are in process of putting together and see if you would like to be involved. I can leave you with some information!
 - *Optional: If you look it over and have any questions, or if you want to talk more – just let me know! [Provide preferred contact details]*

What: “I am part of a new group, Iowa Neighborhood ICE Response – or Iowa NICER – that has been growing in response to the incursion by ICE in Minneapolis earlier this year.”

Why: “A major goal is helping neighbors who may be targeted or impacted by anti-immigrant policies. Beyond that, we are working to build stronger neighborhood connections focused on collectively supporting and protecting each other in general.”

- *Optional: Share what personally motivates you!*

breath

Ask: “Does that sound like something you would like to be involved with?”

- .If “yes” continue script below...
- .If “no”: “I understand! Thank you for taking a moment to talk with me.”
 - *Optional (depending on why they say “no”): “I can leave you with some information in case you want to learn more, or if you know someone who might be interested.”*

How: “That’s great! We are inviting everyone to join the neighborhood chat group on Signal as a way to stay in touch. I can get you connected to that now.”

- .Help download Signal if needed, invite to the neighborhood chat. (Use the neighborhood QR code or text the invite link directly.)
- *Optional: “Can we take a selfie to share with the group to introduce you?”*
- *Optional: “When you have a moment, be sure to introduce yourself to the group!”*

Next Steps: “We have a few resources that provide more information and to help you get started. [Share NICER kit] Anyone in the neighborhood chat is encouraged to share ideas and opportunities to work together. A lot of us are involved with other organizations that are doing good work on a variety of issues. Feel free to bring your own connections - you can be as active as you want to be!”

- *Optional: “We have some stickers/window clings we are using to help identify others who are part of this effort. Would you like one to put somewhere in your entryway?”*