

RESOURCES LIST

Child Refugees and Migration Subcommittee PYM Latin American Concerns Committee

Suggested Donations

If you are looking for organizations to donate to during this holiday season, the three organizations listed below are doing important work on different areas of this situation:

- Grassroots Leadership <http://grassrootsleadership.org/>
Grassroots Leadership visits women and children who being held in immigrant detention facilities and is very active in the movement against family detention.
- Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services <http://lirs.org/>
LIRS helps with unaccompanied minors find sponsors, organizes campaigns to write letters to detained immigrant families, and also helps set up shelters that provide alternatives to detention.
- Kids in Need of Defense <https://www.supportkind.org/en/>
KIND provides pro-bono legal support to unaccompanied minors to be sure that they don't have to go through their immigration hearings alone

Quaker Meetings and Organizations

Several different Quaker Organizations and Monthly Meetings have issued statements on this situation, which can be found here:

- Redwood Forest Minute, www.fgcquaker.org/cloud/announcements/support-refugee-children
- Inland Valley Minute, no link as yet.
- Humboldt Friends Meeting Minute <https://www.quakercloud.org/cloud/humboldt-friends-meeting>
- Friends Peace Teams
<http://www.austinquakers.org/public/documents/PLAreBorderChildren.pdf>

Organizations in California

These are groups in California that have been active with different aspects of this situation:

- East Bay Sanctuary Covenant: <http://eastbaysanctuary.org/>
- Refugee Foster Care Program – Catholic Charities Santa Clara County: <http://www.catholiccharitiesscc.org/refugee-foster-care>
- California CLUE <http://www.clueca.org/>
- CANAL Alliance (San Rafael) <http://canalalliance.org/>
- Central American Resource Center – CARECEN
<http://carecensf.org/>
<http://www.carecen-la.org/>
- Centro Legal de la Raza (Oakland) <http://centrolegal.org/>
- Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto - <http://www.clsepa.org/>
- Dolores Street Community Services in SF - <http://www.dscs.org/>

- Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights (SF) <http://www.lccr.com/>
- Legal Services for Children (SF) <http://www.lsc-sf.org/>
- Pangea Legal Services SF <http://www.pangealegal.org/>
- Social Justice Collaborative (Oakland) <http://socialjusticecollaborative.org/>

Background information and News updates

- Blog of Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights <http://icir-clue.blogspot.com/>
- Forced from Home Press Kit. <https://womensrefugeecommission.org/forced-from-home-press-kit>
- NPR piece <http://www.npr.org/2014/09/11/347392083/child-migrants-settle-uneasily-in-the-big-easy>
- Analysis and Update on situation: <http://portside.org/2014-10-01/child-migrant-crisis-seems-be-over-what-happened>
- Role of faith-based groups in responding: <http://www.nytimes.com/2014/07/24/us/us-religious-leaders-embrace-cause-of-immigrant-children.html?emc=eta1&r=0>

Border Assistance

- Southside Presbyterian Church, Tuscon. <http://www.southsidepresbyterian.org>
- Women’s Refugee Commission, <http://www.womensrefugeecommission.org>
- Borderlinks, <http://www.borderlinks.org/>

Family detention

- “LOCKING UP FAMILY VALUES: The Detention of Immigrant Families”: <http://lirs.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/RPTLOCKINGUPFAMILYVALUES2007.pdf>
- “America’s Family Prison” short video about family detention, with testimony from mothers and children: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c9Ub_9uQFk8
- “Immigrants for Sale” short video about for-profit detention facilities: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vuGE1VxVsYo>
- CIVIC, a national group that visits immigrants <http://www.endisolation.org/>
- Grassroots Leadership, a community group in Texas that visits immigrants and lobbies to end detention: <http://grassrootsleadership.org/journalists.html>

Social Services

- UNHCR Report: Children on the Run. [UN Committee on the Rights of the Child's report](#)
- Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services (<http://lirs.org/>)
- US Conference of Catholic Bishops (<http://www.usccb.org/>)

Lobbying and Political

- FCNL, <http://fcnl.org/issues/immigration/>
- AFSC, <http://afsc.org/>
- Charles Chamberlain, Democracy for America, <http://www.democracyforamerica.com>
- Gabe Ortiz, America’s Voice. <http://www.americasvoice.org>
- Interfaith Immigration Coalition <http://www.interfaithimmigration.org/>

Legal Services/Information

- “Step-by-Step Guide on Apprehension and Detention of Juveniles in the United States”: <http://www.womensrefugeecommission.org/resources/document/1035-step-by-step-guide-on-apprehension-and-detention-of-juveniles-in-the-united-states>
- The Flow of Unaccompanied Children Through the Immigration System, A Resource for Practitioners, Policy Makers, and Researchers MARCH 2012 VERA Institute of Justice: <http://www.vera.org/sites/default/files/resources/downloads/the-flow-of-unaccompanied-children-through-the-immigration-system.pdf>
- Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. <https://cliniclegal.org>
- Story on Know your rights pro bono training <http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/immigration-lawyer-helps-detainees-new-mexico-know-rights/>

Law Suits

For those interested in information about immigration lawsuits, this is the best to regularly check: www.aclusocal.org.

Recent posts on this website:

- “ACLU achieves class action lawsuit settlement that ends deceitful immigration practices” Posted on August 27, 2014
- “ACLU SoCal commends Gov. Brown for efforts to help secure legal assistance for children at immigration court” Posted on August 22, 2014
- “Victory! Immigration authorities must stop coercing immigrants into signing away their rights” Posted on August 25, 2014

Notes of other articles/blogs/announcements:

- The American Civil Liberties Union, American Immigration Council, Northwest Immigrant Rights Project, Public Counsel, and K&L Gates LLP have filed a nationwide class-action lawsuit on behalf of thousands of children who are challenging the federal government's failure to provide them with legal representation in deportation hearings. See ACLU website for updates.
- [Groups Ask Federal Court to Block Deportation Hearings for Children without Legal Representation»](#)
- [Groups Sue Federal Government over Failure to Provide Legal Representation for Children Placed into Deportation Proceedings»](#)
- [Children Shouldn't Be Left Alone in Immigration Court»](#)

Video Resources

- Presentation on the book *Border Patrol Nation* by Todd Miller: <http://www.booktv.org/Watch/15740/Border+Patrol+Nation+Dispatches+from+the+Front+Lines+of+Homeland+Security.aspx>
- *Which Way Home*--Documentary, on Netflix: <http://whichwayhome.net/>
- *De Nadie*--Documentary, on Netflix: <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0451698/>

Sanctuary 2014

- Sanctuary 2014: <http://sanctuary2014.org/join/?source=groundswell>
<http://sanctuary2014.org/>
- Southside Presbyterian Church, Tuscon, AZ. <http://www.southsidepresbyterian.org>.
- East Bay Sanctuary Covenant <http://eastbaysanctuary.org>.

Articles about individuals, situations. Personal stories good for conversations.

- Baltimore Sun piece on Hilda Lopez, teenager: http://articles.baltimoresun.com/2014-07-26/news/bs-md-border-minor-20140726_1_u-s-border-unaccompanied-children-maryland
- Lynnette's blog posts about her friend Alta Gracias and her children
<http://alasmigratorias.wordpress.com/2014/09/25/why-families-flee/>
<http://alasmigratorias.wordpress.com/2014/09/28/prison4families/>
- How you Can Help, Children in Bay area article
<http://www.sfbg.com/politics/2014/07/28/how-you-can-help-1900-central-american-child-refugees-bay-area>, <http://www.sfbg.com/2014/07/22/refugee-crisis-hits-home>
- SundayReview | Opinion "The Children of the Drug Wars: A Refugee Crisis, Not an Immigration Crisis" By Sonia Nazario JULY 11, 2014. <http://www.nytimes.org>
- <http://www.nytimes.com/2014/11/09/us/honduran-youth-finds-welcome-mat-at-oakland-school-designed-for-immigrants.html?mwrsm=Email&r=0#>