here is HOW

HELP! KIDS IN ICE DETENTION!

We are collecting hundreds of stuffed animals to represent the hundreds of kids in ICE detention. Bring a stuffed animal to add to the party!

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AMONG THE CRUELTIES

- Small kids are separated from their families often witnessing parents shot at and taken away by masked ICE agents
- Children are held in facilities where they are forced to sleep on concrete floors without mattresses, in freezing, overcrowded cells, with no access to soap, toothbrushes, or showers
- Kids are facing courts with no legal representation or companion *(see image at right)*
- Initially kids could be held only 20 days. Now it's 3-7 months
- Threats against DACA—undocumented immigrants brought to the U.S. as children
- At least seven migrant children have died since last year after being apprehended by federal authorities —four of them while being held by U.S. Customs and Border Protection

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With thanks to Americans for Immigrant Justice

Most charities say the best way to donate directly to families is money not products. Groups providing humanitarian aid to migrants include **PUEBLO SIN FRONTERAS**, (with two shelters along the border of the Sonoran Desert), and **BORDER ANGELS** (volunteers provide water, free legal help, and emergency services). You can also donate to **IMMIGRANT FAMILIES TOGETHER** raising bond money for parents separated from their children at the border. They also work to arrange long-term housing and pro bono attorneys for immigrants awaiting trial. **UNITED WE DREAM**, the **AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION**, and **MIJENTE** also help coordinate advocacy and services for families.



DONATE TO NEW MEXICO GROUPS

Somos Un Pueblo Unido
somosunpueblounido.org

Contigo Immigrant Justice
(formerly Santa Fe Dreamers Project)
contigojustice.org

El Centro de Igualdad y Derechos
elcentronm.org

NM Immigrant Law Center
nmilc.org



Court sketch of a child who's appearing for her immigration hearing in a Texas courtroom. —CNN, Sep 29, 2026

See the link on our Instagram page @ImpactArtLab.sfe for more info including links to these organizations.

It's important as ever to CALL OR EMAIL YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Let elected officials know how you feel about the administration's treatment of immigrant families.

*** See Impact Art Lab's Instagram page for further information including telephone scripts and letters you can use**.

RAICES has set up a **hotline** (866-378-2667) run by volunteers available from 9 AM to 5 PM CST and trained to gather information about separated parents. They locate detained parents and connect them to pro bono legal services.

Vera Institute of Justice's Immigrant Connection Project works to connect parents separated from their children with the attorneys in contact with their kids. If you're a legal service provider who knows of a parent looking for a child, contact ICON at 800-845-8372 or familiasunidas@vera.org.

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