

Responding to the Trauma of Children at Our Borders

RESOURCE SHEET – HOW YOU CAN HELP

STAY INFORMED

At a time when the media is under daily attack, it is important to support and read good journalism. Consider a print or online subscription to *The New York Times* (www.nytimes.com), *The Washington Post* (www.washingtonpost.com), *The Atlantic* magazine (www.theatlantic.com) or *The New Yorker* (www.newyorker.com); all these outlets feature extensive reporting on this issue. You can also subscribe to free daily emails from all of them. The *NY Times* has a free weekly e-newsletter entitled “Race/Related” and *The Atlantic* has a similar e-newsletter called “The Family Weekly,” which has reported on this as well.

MAKE A DONATION

1) RAICES

<https://www.raicetexas.org/>

RAICES is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit agency that promotes justice by providing free and low-cost legal services to underserved immigrant children, families, and refugees in Texas.

Founded in 1986 as the Refugee Aid Project by community activists in South Texas, RAICES has grown to be the largest immigration legal services provider in Texas. With offices in Austin, Corpus Christi, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio, RAICES is a frontline organization in the roiling debate about immigration and immigrants in the world. As an organization that combines expertise developed from the daily practice of immigration law with a deep commitment to advocacy, RAICES is unique among immigration organizations. A diverse staff of 130 attorneys, legal assistants, and support staff provide consultations, direct legal services, representation, assistance and advocacy to communities in Texas and to clients after they leave the state.

2) [Temple Emanuel of McAllen, Texas is accepting donations via Paypal](http://temple-emanuel.com/community/donations/) or by check (send to 4300 Chai St., McAllen, TX 78504).

Please note "Refugees" on the check memo line and they will ensure the money goes towards supporting families facing criminal prosecution on the southern US border. <http://temple-emanuel.com/community/donations/> Please choose Social Action Fund and put “refugees” in the comments box.

3) IMMIGRATION JUSTICE CAMPAIGN

Support their fight for due process and justice for detained immigrants. All immigrants fare better when they are represented by counsel. To donate, find background information on the history of US immigration, or to volunteer as a lawyer, go to <https://www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org/get-involved>

4) IMMIGRANT BAIL FUND

Thousands of people are currently in immigration detention because they cannot afford bail. The Immigrant Bail Fund pays bond for immigrants who cannot afford it, so they can return to their neighborhoods, families, and jobs as they wait for trial. As a New Haven-based organization, we focus on immigrants who live in Connecticut.

<https://www.immigrantbailfund.org/home>

WRITE TO YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

[Send a letter](#) demanding that President Trump, Secretary of Homeland Security Nielsen, and Attorney General Sessions end family separation now. Tell them the Jewish community and its allies reject this inhumane policy.

http://action.rac.org/p/dia/action4/common/public/?action_KEY=26269

Enter in your street address and zip code and your Congressperson's contact information will appear. You can edit the body of the pre-populated letter.

CALL YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Urge Congress to pass the **Keep Families Together Act (S. 3036)** to prohibit the separation of children from their parents. **S. 3036—the Keep Families Together Act**—can stop the inhumane practice of taking children away from their parents who are trying to enter the United States—and we support and urges its immediate enactment. Call your **U.S. Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121**, ask to speak to your state's Senators and Congressional Representatives and tell them that tearing apart children from their parents is immoral and un-American and must be stopped immediately.

JOIN THE ACLU CAMPAIGN

<https://www.aclu.org/families-belong-together>

Under "What You Need To Do" click on "Call Congress To Stop The Brutality" – in a red box on the left. Enter YOUR phone number (including area code) and zip code. Make sure this phone is near you now. The ACLU will route a call immediately to your current representative.

TAKE ACTION WITH HIAS – Protect the Stranger. Welcome the Refugee.

<https://www.hias.org/take-action> Suggestions and resources on how to: Speak up; Take to the Streets; Volunteer; Get Educated; Organize your community; Donate

CONNECT WITH A LOCAL ORGANIZATION THAT SUPPORTS IMMIGRANTS, CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Charter Oak Cultural Center www.charteroakcenter.org

Non-profit cultural arts center doing the work of social justice through the arts

Jewish Family Services of Greater Hartford www.jfshartford.org

Provides counseling, education, and community support to people of all faiths

Ana Grace Project www.anagraceproject.org

Promoting love, connection, and community for every child and family

CIRC - Connecticut Immigrant and Refugee Coalition www.coalitionct.org

Promoting the rights and opportunities of immigrants and refugees in Connecticut and fostering their civic participation

CIRA – Connecticut Immigrant Rights Alliance

It is not enough to demand to keep families together; that allows for the indefinite detention of families in cages and internment camps. For more, see www.facebook.com/CTImmigrantRightsAlliance

PARTICIPATE IN A LOCAL RALLY, PRAYER VIGIL, WALK, DEMONSTRATION... KEEP YOUR SIGNS READY!

You can purchase or download some great ones at <http://www.truah.org/about/truah-store/> or at

<https://www.hias.org/hias-signs>