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## **HOW YOU CAN HELP IMMIGRANT FAMILIES BEING SEPARATED AT THE BORDERS**

<b>VOLUNTEER (NATIONAL)</b>
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- The **NLG Mass Defense** list has posted this urgent call for volunteer attorneys and interpreters to go to Brownsville, Texas on July 12 and 13. They need bilingual (Spanish/English) attorneys to take asylum cases. This would require a commitment of one to two months on the border.

Please forward to:

- lawyers
- interpreters/ translators
- medical and mental health professionals

The Center for Human Rights and Constitutional Law is leading the effort to reunite families, and has been granted two days to interview 1,000 children being held at Casa Padre facility in Brownsville, Texas, July 12-13, 2018.

The team is being led by Peter Schey of the Center for Human Rights and Constitutional Law. From Law Professor Wendi Warren Binford, leading an effort to reunite children separated from their parents when they sought asylum with their families:

*We are being given access to the children at Casa Padre in Brownsville, Texas, on July 12-13 and need massive help. Approximately 1,000 children are being held there and we have the right to interview every single one of them under Flores, but we will only have two days and 9-12 hours per day to do so. Every interview takes approximately one hour, which means that we will need approximately 60 attorneys, plus interpreters. We need some interpreters to speak indigenous Central American languages as well as Spanish and other languages around the world (last week our team was looking for a Punjabi speaker while interviewing a child at one of the Border Patrol stations). We also are seeking volunteer pediatric medical and therapeutic professionals who can volunteer to provide support onsite both days.*

*Almost no private citizens are allowed to meet with these children, but a limited number of*

*attorneys can under Flores and we need more volunteer attorneys on our team in light of the current crisis. If you go to Brownsville (or one of the other sites where children are being held), you can document who and where these children are, who their parents are, and as much as the children can recall of where and when they were separated from their parents so that we can provide that information to the court and seek their prompt reunification with their families.*

*There is no travel funding available and all work done is on a volunteer basis. If you cannot help with the visit at Casa Padre on July 12-13, we also will probably need volunteers for visits to the ORR/Southwest Key facilities once those dates are set.*

*If you are willing and able to volunteer, please contact [wbinford@willamette.edu](mailto:wbinford@willamette.edu).*

- [AILA CARA Family Detention Pro Bono Project](#): There are opportunities to volunteer for one week at a time at the South Texas Family Residential Center in Dilley, Texas, or at the Karnes Family Detention Center.

## DONATE (NATIONAL)

- Organizations include:
  - [Al Otro Lado](#) (help asylum seekers at ports of entry)
  - [Texas Civil Rights Project](#)
  - [RAICES](#) (this is the organization that raised money being used for re-usable bond funds, and to hire attorneys to work at the border long-term)

## VOLUNTEER (LOCAL)

Local organizations supporting our Tennessee immigrant community:

- [Tennessee Justice for our Neighbors](#)
- [Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition](#)
- [Conexión Américas](#)
- [Vanderbilt University Law School](#) (via [Karla McKanders](#))