

A stylized illustration of a torch. The torch is light blue with a flame that is yellow and orange. From the flame, numerous orange lines radiate outwards, resembling sunbeams or sparks. The background is a gradient of dark blue at the top to orange at the bottom.

CAPITAL AREA  
IMMIGRANTS' RIGHTS  
COALITION

**2019**

# **IMPACT REPORT**

*20 years fighting to advance equal justice for  
all immigrants*

The Capital Area Immigrants' Rights Coalition strives to ensure equal justice for all immigrant adults and children at risk of detention and deportation in the Capital region and beyond through direct legal representation, Know Your Rights presentations, impact litigation, advocacy, and the enlistment and training of attorneys to defend immigrants.

# OUR PROGRAMS

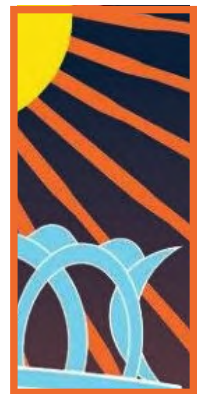


## DETAINED ADULT PROGRAM

The Detained Adult Program provides general information about immigration processes, support in making informed decisions, and as often as possible, direct legal representation to noncitizens facing deportation while they are held inside ICE detention centers.

## DETAINED CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

The Detained Children's Program provides Know Your Rights presentations, legal counsel, and social services to immigrant children who entered the United States without their parents and who are detained by the Office of Refugee Resettlement. These children include toddlers, pregnant teens and teen moms, and children in long-term foster care.



## IMMIGRATION IMPACT LAB

The Immigration Impact Lab is CAIR Coalition's appellate and federal litigation project. Through the Lab, CAIR Coalition can respond proactively to the injustices we witness every day through appeals and class-action lawsuits that have the potential to improve immigration laws for large numbers of immigrants.

# **CAIR COALITION'S IMPACT**

*January - December 2019*

# LEGAL REPRESENTATION

365

## DETAINED ADULTS & CHILDREN PROVIDED REPRESENTATION IN COURT

up from 301 people in 2018!

*In a number of instances, CAIR Coalition's representation of a single client includes multiple cases; for example, a merits case and an appeal.*

312

### FULL TRIALS

including asylum, cancellation of removal, or other defenses to deportation.



108

### BOND CASES

greatly increasing a client's chances of being released, and having access to resources as they fight the rest of their case.

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### APPEALS

to the Board of Immigration Appeals and the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, challenging denials from the immigration court.

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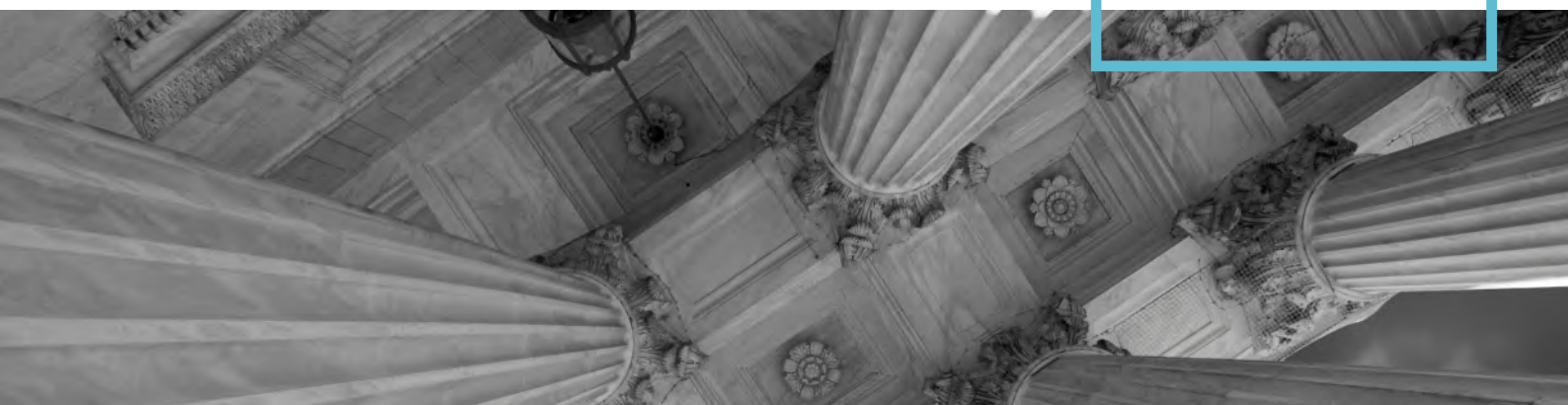
### UNIVERSAL REPRESENTATION PILOT PROGRAMS

Fairfax County and Washington, D.C. joined Prince George's County and Baltimore City, doubling the number of local jurisdictions partnering with CAIR Coalition in support of detained immigrant defense.



### DID YOU KNOW?

Detained immigrants are 11 times more likely to pursue relief and twice as likely to obtain relief when represented by counsel.





# PRO BONO PARTNERS

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### CLINICS & NON-PROFITS

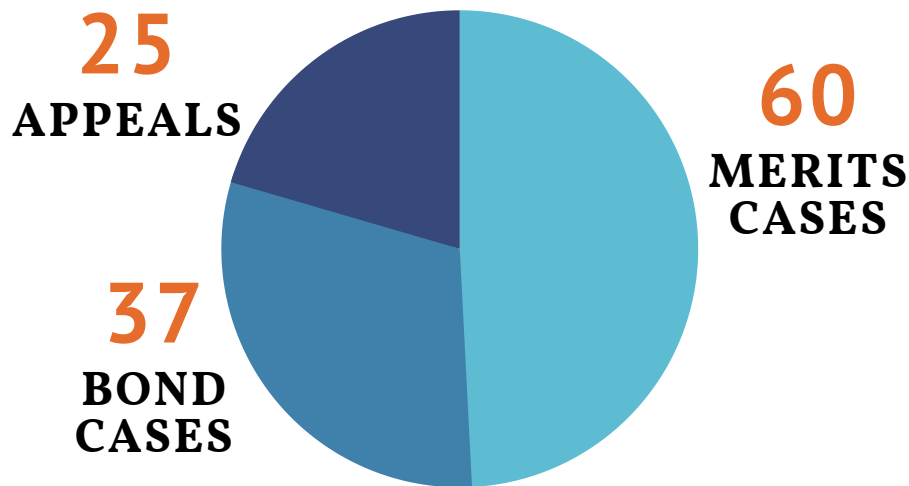


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American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee  
Asian Americans Advancing Justice  
Esperanza Center - Catholic Charities of Baltimore  
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Georgetown Law Center for Applied Legal Studies  
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The Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law Columbus Community Legal Services  
University of Maryland Francis King Carey Law School Immigration Clinic  
Washington and Lee University School of Law Immigrant Rights Clinic  
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# AMPLIFYING IMPACT

**122**

**NEW CASES PLACED WITH  
PRO BONO PARTNERS**



Shout out to Freddie Mac, whose in-house legal department took on 10 cases in 2019 for 8 different clients!

Most recently, a team at Freddie Mac secured an impactful victory for Carlos,\* a 38-year-old father and long-time resident of the United States. Carlos' wife, Teresa,\* is sick, and relies on Carlos to be the primary breadwinner and caretaker of both her and their daughter. Freddie Mac's team wasted no time. They put together beautiful arguments detailing how Carlos qualified for not just one defense to deportation, but two unique defenses to deportation, essentially fighting two cases at once.

In the final moments of 2019, the judge granted Carlos withholding of removal! He can now stay in the United States, safely and permanently, and focus on providing for his daughter and wife. Carlos said he was looking forward to getting home so he can drive his daughter to school and cook meals for his family.

Congratulations and thank you to all the amazing pro bono attorneys that are central to the CAIR Coalition team!

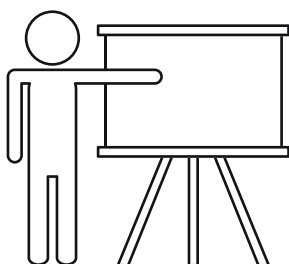
*\*Client names changed*

# EDUCATION & TRAINING

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## JAIL VISITS

to the 10 detention centers in Virginia and Maryland that house 1,500 immigrant adults and children at any given time.



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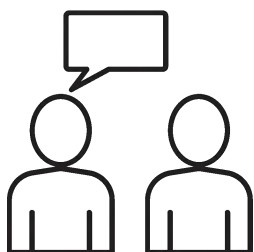
## KNOW YOUR RIGHTS PRESENTATIONS

including information on court processes, legal rights, defenses to deportation, and how to apply for asylum and other forms of relief.

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## PRO SE WORKSHOPS

diving deep into court processes to better prepare adults to represent themselves in immigration court.



4,090

## INDIVIDUAL CONSULTATIONS

with adults and children to ascertain options to fight deportation and reunify with family and friends.



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## ADULTS ASSISTED PRO SE

by legal assistants who gathered research, helped prepare testimony, and answered questions.





# ADVOCACY

## FOCUS AREA I: ASYLUM LITIGATION

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### LAWSUITS

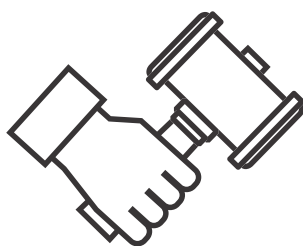
challenging each of the Administration's Asylum Bans, including the one highlighted here:

#### 2019 HIGHLIGHT

#### CAIR COALITION ET AL V. TRUMP

CAIR Coalition is proud to be a plaintiff and co-counsel on a major lawsuit challenging President Trump's rule barring asylum for individuals who enter or attempt to enter across the southern border, if they did not seek protection from a third country while en route to the United States.

As stated in the complaint, the rule "radically rewrites" the laws governing asylum eligibility. CAIR Coalition is proud to unite with RAICES and Hogan Lovells to challenge this injustice.



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### APPEALS

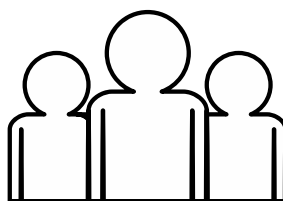
challenging common bars to asylum and seeking to create new particular social groups for whom asylum could be granted!

## FOCUS AREA II: DETENTION & DUE PROCESS

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### CLASS-ACTION LAWSUITS

challenging the government's unjust treatment of immigrants.



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### HABEAS CASES

demanding the release of adults and children kept in detention for prolonged periods of time.

## FOCUS AREA III: CRIMINAL INTERSECTIONS

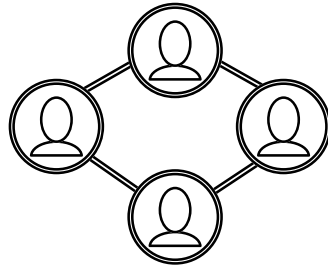


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### APPEALS & BRIEFS

challenging the way that non-US citizens are punished twice for the same crime.

# SOCIAL SERVICES



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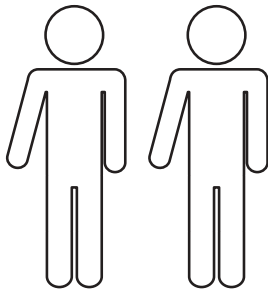
## CLIENTS ASSISTED DIRECTLY

with transportation to appointments and enrollment in school, healthcare, and housing.

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## CLIENTS REFERRED FOR ADDITIONAL HELP

to other organizations and agencies in the area more suited to their needs.



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## FULL-TIME SOCIAL SERVICES STAFF

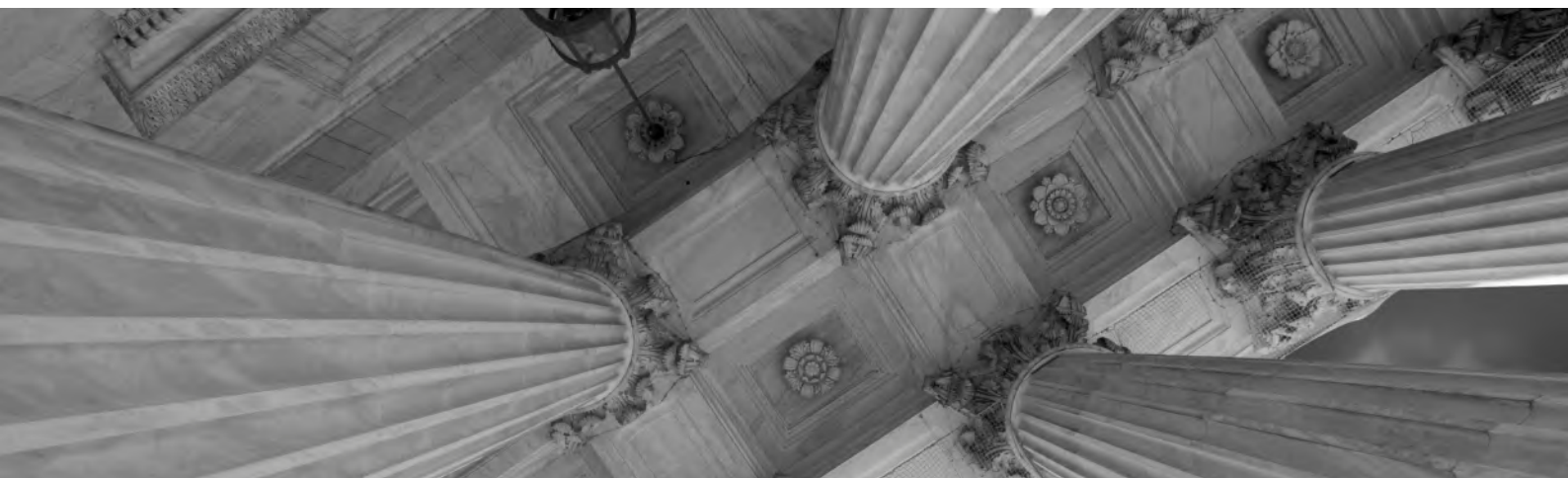
compared to 0 social services staff at the beginning of 2018.



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## POST-RELEASE PLANS

ensuring clients' safe release to freedom, including referrals for social services.

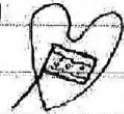


**"I hope this letter reaches you in good health. I just wanted to thank you properly for helping me with my bond case, and everything else. I thank you for being among the people who give us a second chance. You and all the CAIR Coalition people are so nice, and give us immigrants hope."**

**-Former client, May 2019**

## NOTA DE AGRADECIMIENTO

DE UN HONDUREÑO, QUE SIEMPRE LOS LLEVA EN  
Para toda el equipo de representantes legales  
de Carir Coalition, de parte de, Manuel [REDACTED]



Buenos días Señores respetables de Carir Coalition  
me dirijo hacia ustedes con mucho respeto reconociendo  
su ardua labor y profesionalismo con que desempeñan  
su trabajo, a cambio de nada ayudando a las personas  
Inmigrantes que vienen a este país, buscando seguridad  
y bienestar para su familia, de las cuales yo soy una  
de esas personas, reconozco que el trabajo que ustedes  
realizan es muy profesional y sobretodo con mucho amor.  
en esta ocasión quiero agradecerles por toda el empeño que  
le pusieron a mi caso, me quedo corto en palabras para  
expresar mi agradecimiento; Quiero especialmente agradecer  
a la Señorita Briget y a la Abogada Katherine, P.  
por estar pendiente de mi caso, solo puedo pedirle a Dios  
por ustedes, y que sea el derramando bendiciones para  
ustedes y toda su familia, también quiero agradecerles por  
ayudar a aquellas personas inmigrantes, para mi ustedes son  
Ángeles enviados del Cielo, que se ofrecen en servicio del  
más necesitado, Gracias le doy a Dios por poner personas  
buenas y maravillosas como ustedes en nuestro camino cuando  
más lo necesitamos. Espero en un futuro seguir en contacto con  
con ustedes y cuenter siempre con mígo para ayudar

Firma Cariñosamente: Manuelito [REDACTED] con Amor y Cariño



## NOTE OF GRATITUDE

FROM A HONDURAN, WHO ALWAYS HAS YOU IN HIS



For all the team of legal representatives of CAIR Coalition, from, Manuelito

Good day respectable professionals of CAIR Coalition. I write to you with much respect, recognizing your arduous labor and professionalism with which you run your work, in return for nothing helping the immigrants that come to this country, searching for security and well-being for our families, of which I am one of these people. I recognize that the work that you all achieve is very professional and above all with a lot of love. On this occasion, I want to thank you all for all the effort that you put into my case. I am without the words to express my gratitude. I want especially to thank Ms. Bridget and the attorney Katherine C for being attentive to my case. I can only ask God for you all, that there will be tremendous blessings for you and your families. I also want to thank you all for helping those other immigrants. For me you are angels, sent from the sky, that offer the service most necessary. I give thanks to God for putting wonderful and kind people like you all in our path when we most need. I hope in the future to continue in contact with you all and always count on me to help.

Affectionately signed: Manuelito with love and care





# The Team: VOLUNTEERS

**500** *active volunteers in 2019*



**600** *translations & interpretations completed*

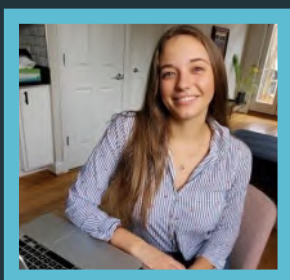


*in 15 different languages*

**4,000** *hours of jail visits*



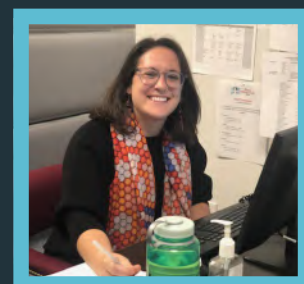
**15,000** *hotline calls answered*



"In every case I have worked on, I am struck by the client's strength and determination to build a better life for themselves despite the injustices and hardships they have endured their whole lives..."

It's moving to see that situations can improve, even under the most difficult conditions, and it means a lot to me to work with CAIR [Coalition] and contribute in any small way I can to making that happen."

- Mariah McPherson, Volunteer



"When I first started volunteering, I had an abstract appreciation for the work CAIR [Coalition] does, but it was through attending jail visits and working the hotline that I truly began to see the enormous impact CAIR [Coalition] has on people's lives."

- Grace Benton, Volunteer and Former Intern

# The Team: DONORS

*Every dollar donated to CAIR Coalition leverages an additional \$4.10.*

*This is because CAIR Coalition currently leverages over \$17 million per year in donated legal services from more than 50 law firms and in-house legal departments in DC, Maryland, and Virginia.*



**"I support CAIR Coalition because it is one of the few organizations in this region that provides critical legal support to immigrant communities that need help the most."**

**- Raj Mukhi, Monthly Donor**



**"Giving every month to the CAIR Coalition is important to me. I also volunteer and see first hand how their work really makes a difference in people's lives."**

**- Barbara Myers, Monthly Donor**

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