CAIR Coalition began the Bond Program in the fall of 2018, when ICE detention spiked from roughly 35,000 people detained nationally to over 50,000. Roughly half of the people CAIR Coalition intakes are eligible for bond, but few were actually obtaining bond and leaving detention.

The Bond Program funds one designated attorney who makes it possible for CAIR Coalition to focus on freedom, representing 180% more clients on bond.

HOW IT WORKS

The Bond Program attorney...

1. Direct Representation
   represents 20 people in bond hearings each year.

2. Pro Bono Mentorship
   mentors pro bono attorneys as they represent 16 more people in bond hearings each year.

3. Training & Materials
   creates and maintains a resource bank of bond best practices, which all CAIR Coalition and pro bono attorneys can access.

4. Community Building
   stewards a national network of 5 bond funds and 16 legal services non-profits, allowing every client who receives bond to pay and access help outside detention.

5. Special Issues
   responds to all litigation as it breaks, and updates the resource bank accordingly.
Dealing with Matter of M-S-

In the summer of 2019, the attorney general passed Matter of M-S-, which sought to take away the right to bond for anyone who crossed the southern border without inspection.

In the 90-day period right before Matter of M-S- was to go into effect, CAIR Coalition’s Bond Program oversaw the representation of 33 affected individuals. Thanks to this effort, 32 of these 33 people are now at home.

BY THE NUMBERS

- 20 people represented by the Bond Program attorney
  - 18/20 granted
- 16 people represented by pro bono attorneys
  - 14/16 granted
- 76 people represented by attorneys accessing the Bond Program’s resource bank
  - 51/76 granted

Average Bond Grants

- CAIR Coalition represented average
- Arlington court average
- Baltimore court average
  - $0
  - $2,500
  - $5,000
  - $7,500
  - $10,000
  - $12,500

Bond Payment

- 100% of CAIR Coalition clients granted bond were able to pay and leave detention
- 73% paid themselves or through a bondsman
- 27% relied on a bond fund or clinic through the Bond Program

CLIENT STORIES

When we met Darwin, he had not yet seen his infant son. After receiving threats in his home country, Darwin sent his pregnant partner to safety while he gathered the funds to follow. Darwin’s son was born while Darwin was still in hiding.

After a perilous trip north and 5 months in detention, Darwin finally won bond through CAIR Coalition’s Bond Program. At long last, Darwin was able to reunite with his partner and meet and hold his son.

Manuelito is the youngest of his many cousins, and is always making his family laugh. When Manuelito crossed the border, the federal government was shut down and there was a massive administrative backlog. For more than 6 months, Manuelito waited in detention, kept his spirits high, and encouraged those around him to stay strong.

When he finally did go to court, the Bond Program attorney represented Manuelito in his bond hearing. He was granted, and is now living with cousins and family!

HOW YOU CAN HELP

CAIR Coalition would not have had the capacity to represent any of these individuals without the Bond Program.

If you’re interested in contributing so this program may continue, please:

- Make a contribution at: www.caircoalition.org/donate
- Send a check made out to “CAIR Coalition” to:
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  Washington, DC 20006