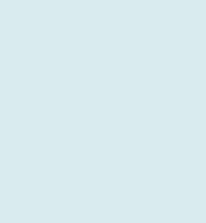


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ABOUT US

CAIR Coalition is the only non-profit organization in the Capital region with legal and social services programs focused primarily on immigrants who are detained.

Our services include:



Legal Services



Social Services



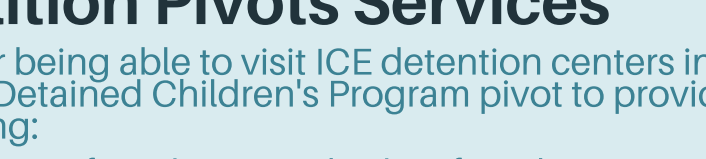
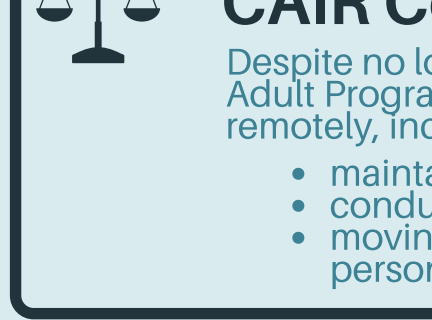
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2020 YEAR-IN-REVIEW



"Working as a CAIR Coalition volunteer is a bit like being an emergency room worker or a firefighter. You get a chance to touch someone's life in their moment of maximum need. Working together this way creates a bond of intimacy and a profound sense of shared humanity."

- Lisa Gathard, CAIR Coalition Volunteer



CAIR Coalition Pivots Services

Despite no longer being able to visit ICE detention centers in person, the Detained Adult Program & Detained Children's Program pivot to provide top-notch services remotely, including:

- maintaining our free detention hotline from home,
- conducting virtual jail visits, and
- moving forward with zealous advocacy despite not being able to see clients in person.

Suing for Release!

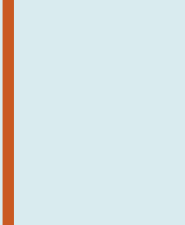
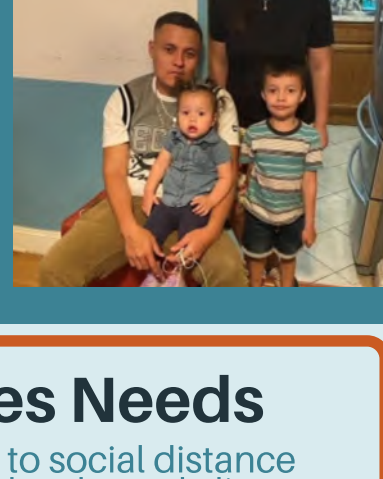
Toure v. Hott and Coreas v. Bounds

The Immigration Impact Lab sued for the release of vulnerable adults detained in Virginia and Maryland. The Maryland lawsuit was successful, but the Virginia suit was struck down. We continued fighting for individual releases.



"The time that I was in detention, my lawyer 100 percent of the time was there for me. I could call her for anything. She always called me to just see how I was and to update me on what was going on with my case... I would not have been able to get out on bond if it were not for her and the free legal services."

- Omar, CAIR Coalition Client



Meeting New Social Services Needs

While CAIR Coalition's detained clients struggled to social distance and stay safe in detention, CAIR Coalition's recently released clients - including child clients and their families - struggled to find and keep work, avoid eviction, and put food on the table. Our social services teams responded by:

- Working to prevent eviction, including advocating with landlords and referring clients to other tenant resources,
- Ensuring each client and their family had access to food, including sharing food pantry resources and giving gift cards to Giant, Safeway, and others when needed,
- Connecting clients to hygiene and sanitation supplies to minimize risk of infection,
- Scheduling and paying for Lyft and Uber rides for clients to pick up food or other necessities, and
- Offering critical psycho-social support to both detained & released clients experiencing immense stress.



In early June, CAIR Coalition attorneys received reports from clients of deteriorating conditions in Farmville Detention Center in Virginia. Clients had coughs, high fevers, and were not being tested.

On June 22, guards at the facility used guns to quell a peaceful protest of these conditions.

On July 11, we learned 93% of the folks in Farmville Detention Center tested positive for COVID-19.



Sustained Support in a Pandemic

Despite working from home, communicating with clients only by phone, a major COVID-19 outbreak, and much, much more, CAIR Coalition's Detained Adult Program, Detained Children's Program, and Immigration Impact Lab did not slow or waver. They worked double-time to provide substantive legal support in these ways:

1,169

detained children & adults received **Know Your Rights** presentations.

493

detained children & adults received **full representation in immigration court!**

128

detained adults received **high quality legal support** as they represented themselves in court.

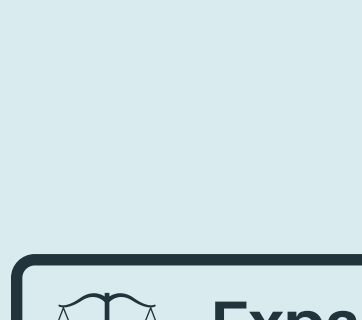
109 of these clients were represented by our pro bono partners!



Asylum Ban II Overturned!

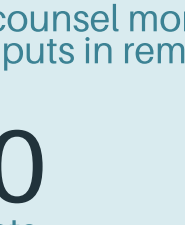
CAIR Coalition et al. v. Trump

The Immigration Impact Lab and partners got Trump's second asylum ban overturned! The ban sought to ban folks from receiving asylum if they crossed the southern border without asking for asylum somewhere along the way. *CAIR Co v. Trump* put asylum back on the table!



"As a volunteer on jail visits, we have seen how capricious and unjust the immigration system can be. Supporting CAIR Coalition with our time and money is a way for us to live out our values as a family. Through CAIR Co, we can provide immediate, necessary support to those who are targets of oppression while also working over the longer-term towards greater immigration justice and equity."

- Lynne Cripe & Ray Bonniwell, CAIR Coalition Supporters



Continued Assistance in the Pandemic

Over the course of the year, the social services team supported:

108

adult clients in returning home safely, accessing asylum and other benefits, securing housing, and more.

152

child clients meeting their health, food, housing, and educational needs

Expanding Legal Access

CAIR Coalition's Universal Representation programs are some of the first in the country. They make legal counsel more accessible for residents of participating jurisdictions who ICE detains and puts in removal proceedings.

30

clients represented from Prince George's County

26

clients represented from Baltimore City

23

clients represented from Washington, D.C.

33

clients represented from Fairfax County

Prince George's County also converted their pilot program to a full Universal Representation program this year! This makes it the first county in the DC, MD, VA area to have full universal representation for detained residents in immigration court.

Saving Asylum... Again!

Pangea Legal Services I & Pangea Legal Services II

Right up until Christmas Eve, the Immigration Impact Lab and partners kept fighting. *Pangea I* and *Pangea II* both successfully halted the outgoing administration's last-ditch attempts to establish regressive rules that would've made asylum entirely inaccessible. Asylum remains on the table... again!

"I would like to thank the whole group of CAIR Coalition for helping with my case. Without you I don't know what I would have done so thank you again for everything. God bless. I hope you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Years."

- CAIR Coalition Client



THE TEAM

CAIR Coalition's work is only possible thanks to the many **volunteers, donors, clients, staff, pro bono attorneys, Legal Advisory Committee members, and Board of Directors** who come together each and every day in support of immigrants' rights.

Volunteers

We could not do our work without volunteers. Despite a pandemic, CAIR Coalition volunteers adjusted to a virtual hotline-from-home, kept up telephonic interpretations, and translated documents just as speedily as ever.

412

active volunteers staying in the mix no matter how difficult!

Jail visits

71

volunteers gave up their day for a jail visit between January-March!

Free detention hotline

2,036

hours manning the free detention hotline!

Translations & Interpretations

22,638

free detention hotline calls answered!

642

interpretation and translation requests fulfilled!



"I was detained for 8 months, and the first month was very hard for me. I was in a really difficult economic state as well. [My CAIR Coalition lawyer] was with me for everything. It was really difficult in Farmville with COVID and everything but she was the person who was there for me. She was there for my family, too. I am very grateful to CAIR Coalition and the various people who I've worked with... I hope CAIR Co can continue to help the people who are detained."

- CAIR Coalition Client

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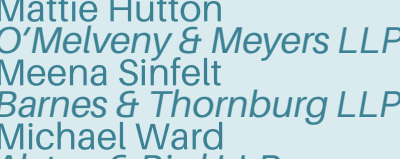
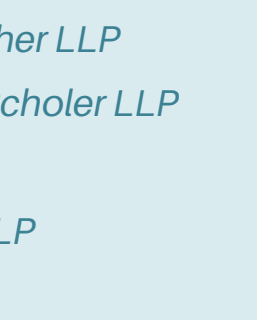
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- Abigail Yull, CAIR Coalition Legal Advisory Committee Member



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