

PROGRESS REPORT



JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2021

DETAINED ADULT PROGRAM

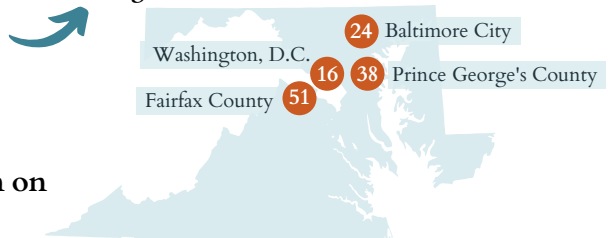
679 Individual consultations conducted

183 Adults provided with direct representation in court

67 Adults assisted pro se

9 Adults released from detention on bond

Includes our **four local Universal Representation Programs:**



ALPHA'S STORY

Alpha is a young man who was detained in April 2020, tearing him from his loved ones and lifelong community. Alpha's only option for release was a habeas petition challenging his prolonged detention. With CAIR Coalition and NIPNLG as co-counsel, Alpha prevailed! This was one of the first cases in Maryland applying the precedent set by *Dubon Miranda v. Barr* – a class action lawsuit co-counseled by CAIR Coalition, the ACLU, the ACLU of Maryland, and Sanford Heisler Sharp – which secured fairer immigration bond hearings in Maryland.

The U.S. District Court's decision in *Dubon Miranda* requires that an immigration judge consider both alternatives to detention and the individual's ability to pay bond. The court's decision also requires the government to bear the burden of proving that the individual seeking bond is not a flight risk or a danger to the community. This "burden shifting," coupled with the requirement that the immigration court consider his financial circumstances, resulted in Alpha's release from detention without monetary conditions. This was a huge victory for Alpha, who is now home after more than a year in detention! Alpha's case also sets an important precedent for bond hearings in Maryland.

DETAINED CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

843 Individual consultations conducted

843 Children received Know Your Rights presentations

65 Representations undertaken

CAIR COALITION & COVID-19

CAIR Coalition has been unable to visit detention centers in person since early March 2020. Despite this, the Detained Adult Program and Detained Children's Program have kept robust legal services by:

- Maintaining our free detention hotline in the homes of volunteers;
- Conducting virtual jail visits and assessing people's legal needs remotely;
- Moving forward in representing clients; and
- Providing social services and connecting clients with essential resources.

IMMIGRATION IMPACT LAB



58 Individual lawsuits

57 Habeas cases for adults and children to obtain their release from long-term detention (including class members)

6 Amicus briefs filed in support of other organizations' litigation

5 Class action lawsuits

SOCIAL SERVICES

Services include:

- Post-release plans;
- Connections to mental health resources;
- Safe places to quarantine;
- Access to COVID-19 vaccines;
- Grocery gift cards;
- Connections to asylee benefits programs;
- Connections to cash assistance programs;
- School enrollment;
- And more!

130
Children received social services

120
Adults received social services

OUR VOLUNTEERS

9,973
Hotline calls answered

1,561
Hours of volunteer hotline coverage

1,500
Active volunteers

379
Translation requests completed

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

"CAIR Coalition serves a frequently ignored and marginalized community. Global structural inequality, institutional barriers and the lottery of where one was born continue to force people to migrate and into the shadows. It's too easy to let our frustration and anger at the unfairness of the stubborn persistence of these factors turn into apathy and despair, but CAIR Coalition is the rock, and light at the end of the tunnel, for so many. We can't forget that.

When we were able to staff the hotline in person, I enjoyed getting to know the other volunteers. They came from so many different walks of life. That's the part I miss most, but I imagine the same is true now. This continues to be my favorite aspect of volunteering: a retiree, college student, and working professional can rub shoulders - even virtually - in the pursuit of a common goal. I love that our passion and willingness to work towards positive change unites us.

When the pandemic hit, CAIR Coalition staff members had the uncertainty, fear, and confusion that all of us felt from an unprecedented situation which added to their already emotionally-taxing work. I only know volunteer recruitment must have gotten that much harder. Watching them tweak, innovate, and adapt to remote work, social-distance mandates, and a deadly virus has reminded me that it's always a pleasure watching professionals perform at their best."

- Joaquin Cabrejas



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