



CAPITAL AREA  
**IMMIGRANTS' RIGHTS**  
COALITION

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REPORT



The Capital Area Immigrants' Rights Coalition strives to ensure equal justice for all immigrant men, women, and children at risk of detention and deportation in the DC metropolitan area and beyond through direct legal representation, know your rights presentations, impact and advocacy work, and the training of attorneys defending immigrants in the immigration and criminal justice arenas.

## LEGAL ASSISTANCE & OTHER DIRECT SERVICES

CAIR Coalition's **Detained Adult Program** provides "Know your Rights" presentations, individual consultations and access to pro bono representation to immigrants detained in jails in Maryland and Virginia by Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The men and women we serve include long-time residents, green card holders, and asylum seekers.

CAIR Coalition's **Detained Children's Program** provides legal services to unaccompanied immigrant children ages 9 to 17 detained at four juvenile facilities in Virginia, as well as those who are reunified with family in DC, Maryland and Virginia. These services include "Know your Rights" presentations, individual consultations, and securing pro bono counsel to represent the children in immigration court. The majority of children served by this program have fled horrific levels of gang violence in Central America.

CAIR Coalition's **Virginia Justice Program** offers resources and assistance to Virginia's indigent defense providers concerning the immigration consequences of criminal convictions and engages in related litigation and advocacy efforts. The Virginia Justice Program works to minimize disproportionate immigration penalties that often accompany criminal convictions for noncitizen residents in Virginia, including prolonged immigration detention and deportation.

CAIR Coalition's **Community Conversations Project** provides holistic and culturally competent workshops on immigrants' rights and defenses against deportation. All presentations include information for families through partnerships with local schools, community centers, and other nonprofits.

### 2016 ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN DIRECT SERVICE

# 1,509

detained immigrant adults were provided with an individualized screening to determine if they qualified for an immigration benefit.

# 105

individual case consultations on immigration consequences of criminal convictions to attorneys for public defender offices and appointed counsel throughout Virginia.

# 17

pro se workshops at two Virginia facilities were provided to detainees to educate them on a variety of topics including deportation defense, asylum and immigration court proceedings.

# 14

asylum seekers received volunteer assistance to prepare them for their credible/reasonable fear interviews thereby increasing their chances of passing these interviews and being permitted to apply for asylum.

# 106

jail visits provided 800+ adult immigrants detained each month in jails in Virginia and Maryland with access to legal orientations and pro se materials.

# 204

detained immigrant children and adults in removal proceedings received pro bono legal assistance, greatly improving their chances of winning their cases.

# 12

non-detained immigrants received brief legal advice and counsel at the DC Bar Pro Bono Program's quarterly immigration clinic.

# 706

unaccompanied immigrant children between the ages of 11 and 17 detained at juvenile facilities in the Washington, DC region received legal assistance.

## ADVOCACY AND COALITION BUILDING

CAIR Coalition advocates for the rights of immigrants in collaboration with, and on behalf of, our members and coalition partners.

- ✓ **DMV Immigration Alliance:** The Alliance brings together non-profit legal service providers, law firms, and law schools in DC, Virginia, and Maryland with the goal of protecting immigrants vulnerable to increased detention and deportation under the new administration.
- ✓ **Children's Collaborative:** Non-profit organizations and law school clinics that assist children with the goal of increasing access to legal counsel for detained and non-detained children.
- ✓ **Crim-Imm Collaborative:** Legal service providers throughout DC, Virginia and Maryland working at the intersection of immigration and criminal law.
- ✓ **Liaison Meetings:** CAIR Coalition continues to coordinate regularly scheduled liaison meetings with the local USCIS Asylum Office and District Office for our coalition members and partners.

## 2016 ADVOCACY HIGHLIGHTS

- CAIR Coalition met with Human Rights Watch and senior staff of Senator Tim Kaine and Senator Mark Warner to discuss an individual client's case and the disproportionate impact of drug convictions on immigrants.
- CAIR Coalition met with Immigration and Customs Enforcement to discuss concerns about children in their custody.
- CAIR Coalition participated in a Baltimore Immigration Court Stakeholder meeting with Immigration Judges and other NGO service providers to discuss services to indigent unaccompanied children and new procedures for some court services.
- CAIR Coalition staff coordinated a media and administrative advocacy campaign on behalf of two CAIR Coalition clients highlighting discrepancies between federal drug sentencing reform and harsh immigration consequences of crimes. The campaign included the Drug Policy Alliance, Immigrant Legal Resource Center, National Immigration Law Center and Latino Justice. The campaign was covered by The Washington Post, Voice of America, The Guardian, and local media outlets in New Jersey

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

CAIR Coalition is committed to increasing the number of pro bono attorneys trained to represent detained immigrants who wish to fight deportation, often through asylum or similar types of immigration relief. CAIR Coalition offers frequent trainings on issues related to detention and deportation with a particular emphasis on the most vulnerable individuals such as arriving asylum seekers, those suffering from severe mental illness, and unaccompanied immigrant children. CAIR Coalition also partners with other non-profit organizations to provide trainings for the local immigrant community.

- ✓ Introductory trainings on representing immigrants in detention for over 150 prospective *pro bono* attorneys at numerous local law firms and in-house corporate legal departments.
- ✓ Educated over 300 attorneys on the intersection of immigration and criminal law in Virginia.
- ✓ Presented at a conference of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) on the use of prosecutorial discretion.



## 2016 FINANCIALS

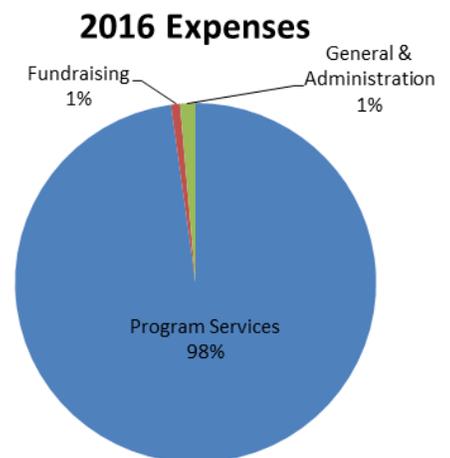
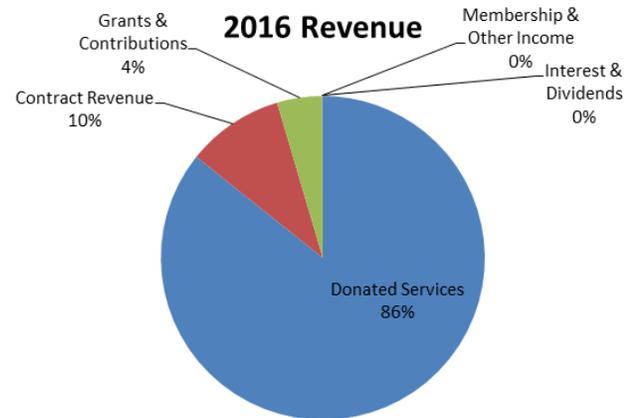
**DONATING TO CAIR COALITION IS A GREAT RETURN ON INVESTMENT** in 2016, CAIR Coalition leveraged \$10,359,201 in pro bono legal assistance for detained children and adults who otherwise would have gone unrepresented in court. Thus, every dollar invested in CAIR Coalition leveraged an additional \$6.00 in pro bono services to support critical efforts to ensure equal justice for immigrants at risk of detention and deportation.

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$154,202
Contributions Receivable	\$0
Accounts Receivable	\$181,344
Prepaid Expenses	\$46,063
Furniture and Equipment, Net	\$21,613
Deposit	\$3,808
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$407,030</b>

<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	
Accounts Payable	\$36,007
Accrued Payroll & Vacation	\$82,969
Deferred Rent	\$2,535
Deferred Revenue	\$8,500
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$130,011</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	
Net Assets, Beginning of Period	\$386,920
Change in Net Assets	(\$109,901)
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$271,257</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$407,030</b>

<b>REVENUE AND SUPPORT</b>	
Grants and Contributions	\$547,282
Contract Revenue	\$1,172,480
Donated Services	\$10,360,701
Interest and Dividends	\$91
Membership and Other Income	\$4,300
<b>TOTAL REVENUE AND SUPPORT</b>	<b>\$12,084,854</b>

<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Program Services	\$11,930,578
Fundraising	\$97,089
General and Administration	\$169,088
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$12,194,755</b>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>(\$109,901)</b>
<b>NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF PERIOD</b>	<b>\$386,920</b>
<b>NET ASSETS, END OF PERIOD</b>	<b>\$277,019</b>



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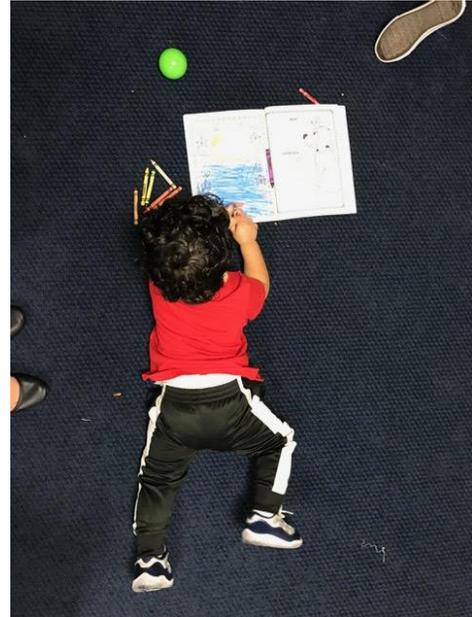
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"I cannot believe that I was in this process for more than one year and now **I am glad and very grateful with CAIR Coalition for their help.**"

- a former client who now lives safely in the United States



## FEATURED CASE HIGHLIGHT

When Amena\* fled her home in Afghanistan at just age 17 to escape an "honor" killing, she sought refuge in the United States. Unfortunately, many of the women and children we serve are fleeing unspeakable violence back home, but don't have the means to request the protection afforded to them under the law.

Meanwhile, three new associates from Gibson Dunn—Sarah, Shannon, and Jillian—were eager for hands-on trial experience and the chance to make a difference in a vulnerable person's life.

We connected the pro-bono team with Amena, and made sure we were on hand to mentor them through each stage of the case.

*"CAIR Coalition provided excellent support," say the team. "They were always able to point us in the right direction."*

At the end, Sarah, Shannon, and Jillian were able to secure Amena's asylum, transforming her life, and their own, in the process.

*"Telling our client that she was granted asylum was one of the most rewarding experiences of our lives," they said. "[She] taught us just how resilient the human spirit can be."*

"It has made me realize that **there is always another immigrant to be helped**, and that the fight to enlighten them about their human and civil rights must never end."

– Jacob Lichtenbaum,  
CAIR Coalition volunteer

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