



## Immigrant Justice Corps Statement in Support of Migrant Mothers and Children

This Mother's Day, and every day, Immigrant Justice Corps ("IJC") stands with mothers all over the world who have been displaced by gender-based violence, gang and civil warfare, and other forms of unspeakable persecution. We recognize the courageous resilience of mothers who are forced to flee with their children to seek protection, and who are often met with closed doors, impenetrable borders, broken international legal systems, or the threat of separation from their children. Sadly, in the United States, hundreds of mothers and children remain detained in detention centers across the country, with inadequate medical care and denied due process simply for seeking asylum. Outside of these facilities, thousands more face deportation, without access to effective legal counsel—even here, in New York.

Since 2015, IJC Fellows have travelled to detention centers in Karnes and Dilley Texas to provide legal assistance to more than 1,000 detained mothers and children. But freeing these families is only part of IJC's ongoing efforts. In New York, IJC Fellows are providing high-quality legal representation to formerly detained families who are facing deportation at the New York immigration court. And last December, IJC helped to organize [a citywide conference](#) to address the lack of representation for these asylum-seeking families.

As advocates, IJC will continue to safeguard the rights of mothers and families of all nations who have survived the impossible to reach our borders, who recognize that the United States must lead in protecting the world's refugees, and who hold us to this promise.

We stand with all of you. And we will never forget your strength as mothers, as women, as survivors, as human beings.