# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORKING WITH NEW JERSEY'S UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANT CHILDREN

Provided by the New Jersey Consortium for Immigrant Children, a collaboration of non-profit, law schools, advocacy organizations and law firms working to increase pro bono representation of children in New Jersey.

## How can I help undocumented immigrant children in New Jersey?

The **New Jersey Consortium for Immigrant Children** needs funds to be able to serve more immigrant children who are in desperate need of legal representation in their immigration cases. You can help by donating to the Community Foundation of New Jersey, which funds this work: **www.cfnj.org/unaccompaniedminors/** 

Or flip to the back of this flyer to find out how you can donate to an individual organization that provides services to immigrant children.

## **Volunteer Opportunities for Attorneys**

Attorneys admitted in any state, including retired attorneys, can help by providing pro bono representation to an immigrant child. Immigration law experience is not required. Trainings, sample materials and close mentorship is provided. Contact:

- Rutgers Child Advocacy Clinic: <u>Ariela.herzog@law.rutgers.edu</u>
- Kids In Need of Defense (KIND) NJ: infoNewark@supportkind.org

**Immigration Justice Campaign** is working with the **American Friends Service Committee** to match pro bono attorneys with immigrants who are detained in Elizabeth, NJ: <a href="https://www.immigrationjustice.us/volunteeropportunities/volunteer-public">https://www.immigrationjustice.us/volunteeropportunities/volunteer-public</a>

If you're interested in a short term legal volunteer opportunity and can spend a week in Dilley, Texas, sign up to help families detained at the South Texas Family Residential Center: <a href="https://www.immigrationjustice.us/volunteeropportunities/dilley-probono-project">https://www.immigrationjustice.us/volunteeropportunities/dilley-probono-project</a>

## **Volunteer Opportunities for Non-lawyers**

Become a Child Advocate to represent the child's interests in court proceedings

- Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights: https://www.theyoungcenter.org/
- Contact Marina Rioux: mrioux@theyoungcenter.org or 646-838-0229

Use your language skills to provide interpretation on a child's immigration case. Contact:

- Rutgers Child Advocacy Clinic: Ariela.herzog@law.rutgers.edu
- Kids In Need of Defense (KIND) NJ: infoNewark@supportkind.org

### **Get Involved in the Fight for New Jersey Immigrants**

Get involved with an advocacy organization to volunteer your time at events, protests and other initiatives:

- Make the Road New Jersey: https://www.maketheroadnj.org/volunteer
- New Jersey Alliance for Immigrant Justice: <a href="http://www.njimmigrantjustice.org/">http://www.njimmigrantjustice.org/</a>

To be notified of local rallies and events relating to immigrants' rights and other issues, sign up at PeoplePower.org. For local groups looking to get involved with the **NJ Alliance for Immigrant Justice**, visit NJImmigrantJustice.org.

## **Contact your Member of Congress about Family Separation**

Urge your Senators and Representative to end the policy of separating and jailing families. Support efforts to defund family separation. Check the following organizations web sites on the latest legislation:

- American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU): <a href="https://www.aclu.org/issues/immigrants-rights#act">https://www.aclu.org/issues/immigrants-rights#act</a>
- Kids in Need of Defense (KIND): https://supportkind.org/our-work/public-education-and-outreach/

## **New Jersey Consortium for Immigrant Children**

## **Member Organizations with Donation Links**

#### American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) New Jersey

Advocates on a number of national and local legal issues including immigrant rights.

Donate at: <a href="https://www.aclu-nj.org/act/donations">https://www.aclu-nj.org/act/donations</a>

#### American Friends Service Committee

AFSC provides immigration legal services to low-income immigrants in New Jersey. AFSC's clients include children and youth, survivors of domestic violence and other crimes, asylum seekers, and individuals in detention or otherwise facing deportation.

Donate at: <a href="https://secure.afsc.org/onlineactions/CkzGCwhfnESadMQ7M2uSHQ2">https://secure.afsc.org/onlineactions/CkzGCwhfnESadMQ7M2uSHQ2</a>

#### Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark

Low-cost and pro bono legal assistance in all phases of immigration and naturalization proceedings, for adults and children.

Donate at: <a href="http://www.ccannj.com/donate-now.php">http://www.ccannj.com/donate-now.php</a>

#### Centro Comunitario CEUS

Legal services, community organizing and advocacy.

Donate at: <a href="http://ceusnj.org">http://ceusnj.org</a>

## o Kids in Need of Defense (KIND) New Jersey

National organization providing pro bono representation to undocumented children.

Donate at: <a href="https://supportkind.org/donate/">https://supportkind.org/donate/</a>

#### Legal Services of New Jersey

Represents low income adult and child immigrants.

Donate at: <a href="https://www.lsnj.org/Donate.aspx">https://www.lsnj.org/Donate.aspx</a>

## Morris County Organization of Hispanic Affairs

Provides low cost legal representation and other supportive services to immigrants in Morris County.

## Rutgers Law School - Child Advocacy Clinic (Newark)

Represents immigrant children, including those in New Jersey foster care, and provides pro bono training and mentoring.

### Rutgers Law School - Immigrant Rights Clinic (Newark)

Provides representation to immigrant children and families.

## o Rutgers Law School - Immigrant Justice Clinic (Camden)

Represents immigrant children, including those in New Jersey foster care.

## o Seton Hall Law School - Immigrants' Rights/International Human Rights Clinic

Provides legal representation and advocacy for immigrant children and adults.

## • The Young Center on Immigrant Children's Rights

Provides Child Advocates to represent the child's interest in removal proceedings.

Donate at: <a href="https://www.theyoungcenter.org/donate-to-the-young-center/">https://www.theyoungcenter.org/donate-to-the-young-center/</a>

#### Wind of the Spirit Immigrant Resource Center

Community organizing and advocacy, legal services, and health and safety initiatives.

Donate at: <a href="https://www.windofthespirit.net/">https://www.windofthespirit.net/</a>