AMERICANS FOR IMMIGRANT JUSTICE

We are a non-profit law firm that protects and promotes the basic human rights of immigrants through a combination of:

- Direct Free Representation
- Impact Litigation
- Advocacy
- Community Outreach

Americans for Immigrant Justice is the only statewide immigrant defense nonprofit that provides free services to low-income people in all eight immigration detention facilities in Florida.



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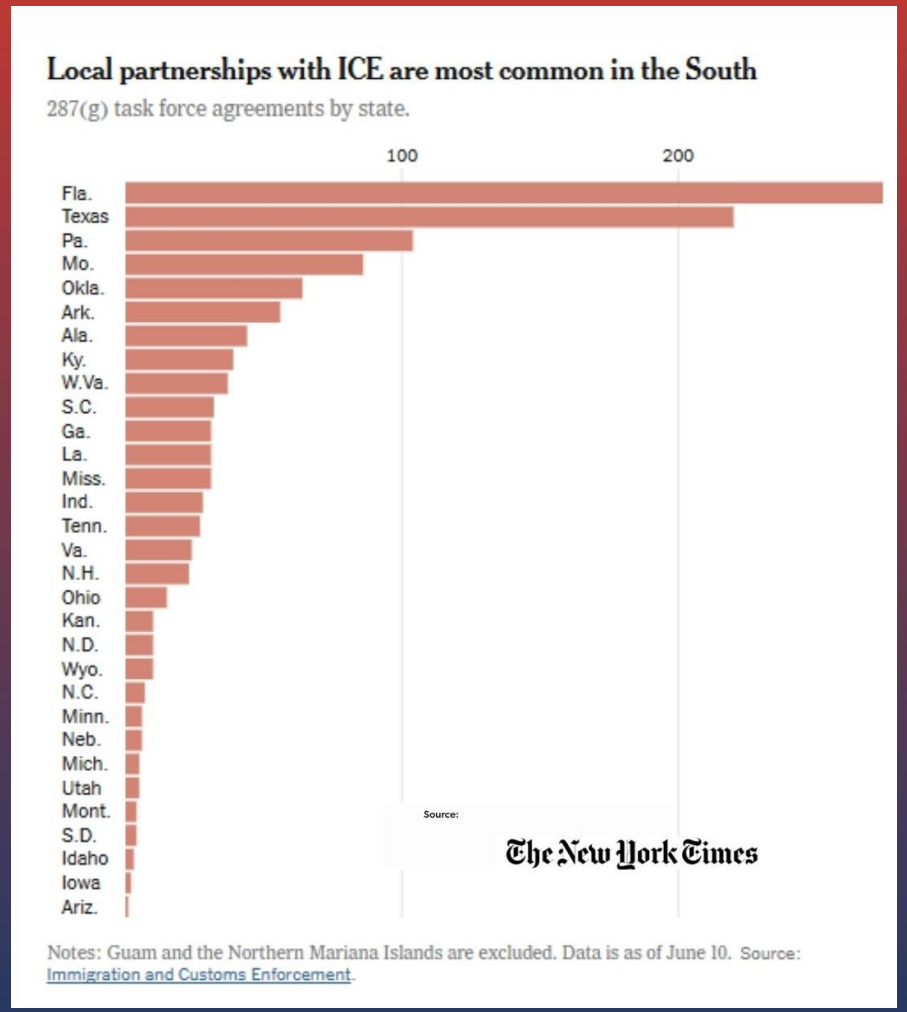
Our Programs:

- **Children's Legal Program:** Provides legal screenings, Know Your Rights education, and direct representation to unaccompanied immigrant children throughout the state Florida, while engaging in advocacy at local, state, and national levels.
- **LUCHA (Domestic Violence & Human Trafficking Program):** Supports survivors of domestic violence, human trafficking, and sexual assault by securing immigration relief and connecting families to essential wraparound services for safety and stability.
- **Detention Program:** Assists immigrants in ICE detention by providing legal advice, representation, and advocacy to fight deportation, challenge inhumane conditions, and help individuals reunite with their families.
- **Family Defense Program:** Delivers legal education, screenings, and representation to immigrant families across the state of Florida through community-based clinics and outreach.
- **Litigation Program:** Advances immigrant rights through impact litigation in state and federal courts, challenging unlawful detention, unjust policies, and systemic abuses in the immigration system.

Florida is number one in ICE arrests

Florida is the state with the most 287(g) agreements to make immigration arrests

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Florida Rapid Response Alliance for Immigrant Safety and Empowerment (RAISE)



Florida is a testing ground

Our Litigation and Advocacy team has achieved great legal victories!

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A federal judge orders better attorney access at Florida's 'Alligator Alcatraz'



CM v. Noem / HCR v. Mullins

- *AI Justice co-filed lawsuit to ensure access to counsel*
- *We secured ruling that required ICE to:*
  - *Provide readily-available confidential outgoing legal calls to people detained.*
  - *Publish information about how attorneys and people detained may contact one another.*
  - *Allow attorneys to visit the facility without prescheduling visits.*
  - *The court also certified the case as a class action, which means that it protects all people who were detained at the Everglades Detention Facility.*

Florida Senate anti-immigrant Bill 1718

FLIC v. Uthmeier — Transportation Provision

- AI Justice co-filed lawsuit against the provision which sought to criminalize the transportation of individuals into Florida who may have entered the country unlawfully and have not been "inspected" by the federal government since.
- We secured a preliminary injunction blocking enforcement of the challenged transportation provision, which remains in effect while the State's appeal proceeds.

Florida Senate Bill 4C

FWAF v. Uthmeier / Florida Immigrant Coalition v. Uthmeier

- AI Justice co-filed lawsuit against this dangerous and discriminatory law that makes it a felony for certain undocumented people to enter the state based solely on their immigration history.
- The judge ruled that the law likely violates the U.S. Constitution and granted a preliminary injunction.

Detention Program hotline

In 2025, our detention hotline ANSWERED a record number of

The most ever!

13,300+

CALLS & VOICEMAILS

of people looking for help, protection and hope.

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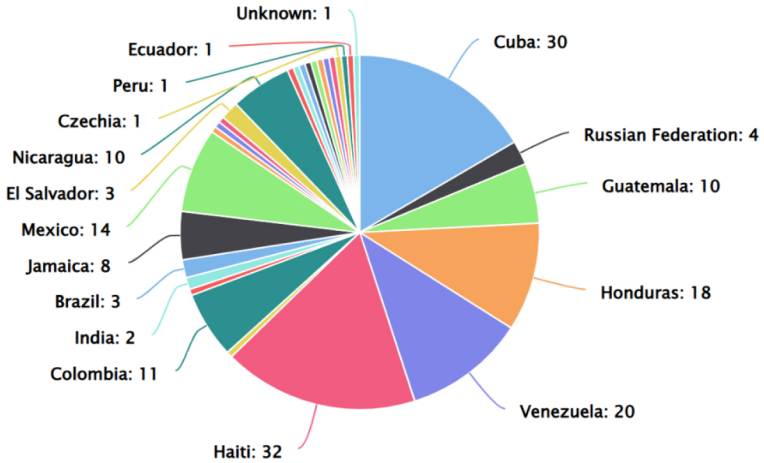
DETENTION HOTLINE

If you are in immigration detention (or know someone who is), call our FREE Detention Program Hotline at 786-454-8554.
Monday to Wednesday
9:00 am to 11:30 am ET and
1:30 pm to 4:00 pm ET.

Calls from Haitians to our detention hotline have increased threefold between July 2026 to August 2026.

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Detention Program Hotline
August 2026



Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Haiti ends

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TPS Holders Power Florida's ECONOMY

Florida is home to over **158,000 Haitian TPS holders**, the largest concentration in the U.S. The Miami metro area alone is home to 90,000 of them, roughly equivalent to the combined Haitian TPS populations of New York, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania.

Miami Herald; Princeton University; FWD.us



OVER 330,000 HAITIAN TPS HOLDERS IN U.S.

- Haitian TPS holders generate **$5.9B** for the **U.S. economy annually**
- $805M in paid federal & payroll taxes.
- $755M paid in state & local taxes.
- U.S. workforce of **200,000+**

ANNUAL ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTIONS OF HAITIAN TPS HOLDERS IN FLORIDA:

- Miami: **$1.5B**
- Orlando: **$329M**
- Tampa: **$125M**
- Florida statewide: **$2.6B**, $300M federal taxes, $306M state/local taxes

National data from FWD.US and Haitian Bridge Alliance

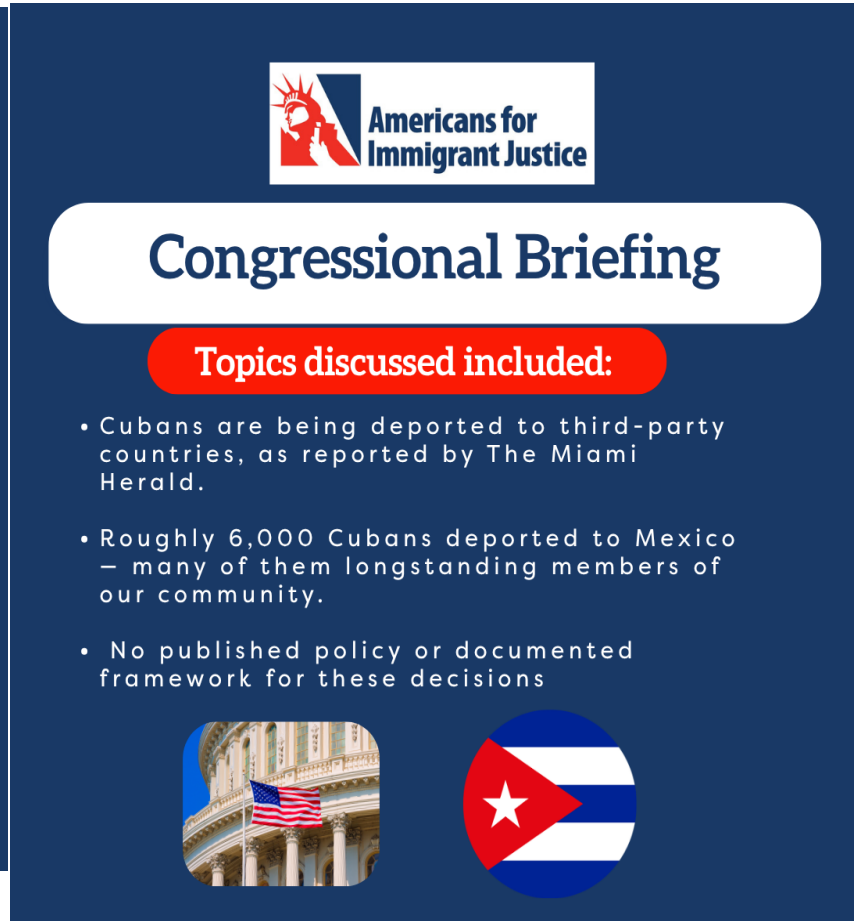
The PEOPLE behind the POLICY

"When you go to Haiti. No matter who you are, you can get killed. Even your kids, even your baby.
I wish people could have more compassion, more empathy, and see what we're going through. I wish they could give Haitians the opportunity to live like human beings."

Haitian TPS recipient represented by Americans for Immigrant Justice

Third-country removals and $1.8M fines





The Choice Facing Some Immigrants: Pay $1.8 Million in Fines or Leave

More than 100,000 people have received letters from the Homeland Security Department informing them that they owe $998 for each day that they have stayed in the United States after an immigration judge has ruled they have no legal right to remain in the country.

- The New York Times

U.S. Pursues Deportees Abroad for $423 Million in Unpaid Fines

U.S. Customs and Border Protection says it is trying to recover about $423 million in fines and fees from more than 66,300 people who have been removed from the US.

- Bloomberg News

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NO CHILD should face immigration court alone



Imagine a child: maybe eight years old, maybe younger, sitting in front of a judge. A trained government attorney argues why they should be deported to the place they fled.



Without our free legal representation, countless children would face immigration court alone.

On July 31, 2026, federal contracts funded by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) supporting essential legal services for unaccompanied immigrant children **ended,** leaving more than **20,000 children** to navigate the complex immigration court system without an attorney or an advisor.

The **Children's Legal Program** of Americans for Immigrant Justice is the only legal services provider at shelters for unaccompanied children under the Miami immigration court's jurisdiction.

Regional disparity:
NY announces $7.25M investment for legal services for unaccompanied immigrant children (NBC News, August 12, 2026).



We help veterans, active-duty members, & military families in need







Monitoring, informing and changing the narrative

Inter-American Commission on Human Rights Holds Public Hearing on the Impact of the United States's Forced Deportations to Third Countries

Global Coalition of More than 100 Urges African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights to Issue Resolution on Illegal U.S. Migrant Transfer Agreements

Ongoing engagements with commissioners at the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR)


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Americans for Immigrant Justice, a nonprofit law firm, fights for justice for immigrants through direct representation, impact litigation, advocacy, and outreach. In the state of Florida and on a national level in the United States, it champions the rights of unaccompanied immigrant children; advocates for survivors of trafficking and domestic violence; serves as a watchdog on immigration detention practices and policies; fights to keep families informed, empowered, and together; and pursues redress on behalf of immigrant groups with particular and compelling claims to justice.

Americans for Immigrant Justice has documented the experiences of immigrants at the Krome North Service Processing Center in Miami (hereinafter "Krome" or "the Krome Center") over the past two months. This report cites their direct testimonies as well as media reports and other secondary sources. The declarations of detained individuals, included in the Annex, omit their names to prevent retaliation against them.

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Report on Krome Detention Center Abuses to United Nations Human Rights Council for Review on Human Rights (April 2025)


"You Feel Like Your Life Is Over"

Abusive Practices at Three Florida Immigration Detention Centers Since January 2025

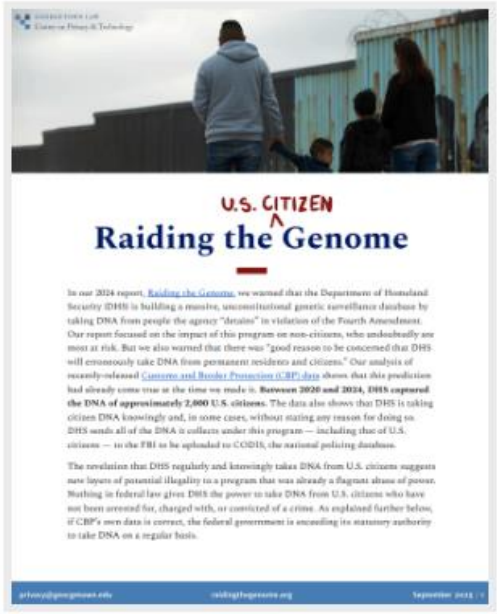
July 21, 2025

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Summary

Among the flurry of immigration-related executive orders marking the second presidential administration of Donald Trump is Executive Order 14159, establishing the policy of detaining individuals apprehended on suspicion of violating immigration laws for the duration of their removal proceedings "to the extent permitted by law." President Trump's call for mass deportations was matched by a surge in immigration detention nationally. In line with this policy, Trump issued dozens of other

Report on Abusive Practices at Three Florida Immigration Detention Centers Since January 2025 (July 21, 2025)



Raiding the (U.S. Citizen) Genome (September 2025)



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