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## **Protecting Children**

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**WE NEED YOUR HELP**

**Attorneys, law students, paralegals with  
asylum law experience. Social workers  
and psychologists for mental health  
evaluations.**



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## Welcome to the Dilley Pro Bono Project Volunteer Portal

Are You Ready to Roll Up Your Sleeves and Fight? Then, ***Be a Volunteer!***

The Catholic Legal Immigration Network, the American Immigration Council, the Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services, and the American Immigration Lawyers Association, collectively known as CARA, have joined forces in response to Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) significant expansion of its family detention capacity. In December of 2014 the federal government opened the largest immigrant family detention center, the South Texas Family Residential Center (STFRC) in Dilley, Texas, approximately 80 minutes southwest of San Antonio. Despite the Flores ruling, the government continues its inhumane detention of children and their mothers who have valid claims to asylum under our laws.

CARA is committed to ensuring that detained children and their mothers receive competent, pro bono representation, and developing aggressive, effective advocacy and litigation strategies to end the practice of family detention. We ask for your help in this extraordinary effort.

To volunteer, please complete this volunteer sign-up form. To learn more about the Dilley Pro Bono Project and how you can help, please contact Erin Lynum at [erin@caraprobono.org](mailto:erin@caraprobono.org).

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## VOLUNTEER

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**“I’ve never experienced anything so powerful. This is why I became a lawyer.” – CARA Volunteer Attorney**

**VOLUNTEER NOW AT DILLEY!**

This is a volunteer-built and volunteer-managed site. For the official word on the CARA Family Detention Pro Bono Project, visit the individual sites linked on the Who page. This site was built to make it easy for the volunteer community to get involved with the CARA Pro Bono Project.

CARA operates a non-traditional pro bono model of legal services that directly represents the children and women incarcerated at the Dilley detention center. The inhumane and illegal incarceration of children and mothers must be solved by everyone anywhere in the United States. Volunteer recruitment is active and CARA needs volunteers now.

### **How does CARA work?**

CARA operates an on-the-ground team that advocates for the children and women. New volunteer teams arrive in Dilley each Sunday for orientation and work every day, usually 15-18 hours a day, through Friday. At the end of the week, the new team arrives to take over and carry the work forward until all the children and women are released and the mass incarceration system ends.

All new volunteers are required to attend a pre-arrival web-based orientation. This orientation takes place the week before you arrive on-the-ground. It covers critical rules, goals, and systems.

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Also available as part of the eCourse

[2016 Immigration and Nationality Law eConference](#)

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