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**[texas] AILA - The Karnes Pro Bono Project Needs You!**

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Please see below from the redoubtable Barbara Hines:

**AILA - the Karnes Pro Bono Project Needs You!**

Hundreds of mothers and young children fleeing horrific violence in Central America are detained in the custody of Immigration and Customs Enforcement in Karnes City, Texas.

As you may know, the situation at Karnes has changed significantly in the last year. Due to ongoing litigation, ICE is under pressure to release families – even if that means a fast deportation – in less than 20 days. This means families' due process rights are being curtailed as they are rushed through the credible fear process and denied a meaningful opportunity to establish their asylum eligibility. The families need you to amplify their voices and avoid rapid deportation.

How You Can Help--anyone can help, even non-immigration lawyers!

**Volunteer Remotely** – Draft filings or represent telephonically

- You can draft the filing from the comfort of your home/office without needing to visit the detention center, or even speak to the client. You don't need to have a background in immigration law to successfully draft the documents!
- Filings will require approximately 4-6 hours to draft.
- Templates of successful filings, case summaries and facts for each case, and technical support and assistance provided
- RAICES will submit it and serve as the representatives for the family. You won't have any more responsibility (unless you want to represent the family).
- You can also represent families in their CFIs or at IJ Review telephonically

**Volunteer at Karnes** – Come for a day or more (as long or as little as you'd like!) to interview and prepare families or represent them

- If you are interested in visiting the detention center, you can prepare families for and/or represent them in their CFIs or IJ Review

- Training and instructions available
- RAICES attorneys and volunteers on-site at Karnes
- Can be as short as a one-day commitment

Please contact us if you are interested. We need your help! If you are interested in helping you may reach out to Johana Deleon, at [johana.deleon@raicestexas.org](mailto:johana.deleon@raicestexas.org) or [210-584-4968](tel:210-584-4968) or Andrea Meza at [andrea.meza@raicestexas.org](mailto:andrea.meza@raicestexas.org)

Thank you for your interest and support!

Barbara Hines

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