

## How Social Workers Can Help Children Being Separated from Parents at the U.S. Border

Social workers are increasingly concerned about what is happening at the U.S. southern border. The Trump Administration "zero tolerance" immigration policy that is prosecuting families who attempt to cross the border and forcibly separate children from parents is malicious and unconscionable and the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) are pressing lawmakers to rescind this egregious action. As a result of parent incarceration, children are admitted into overcrowded shelters and denied access to their parents. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security notes that 1,995 minors were separated from their guardians between April 19 and May 31, 2018.

Many NASW-NC members have reached out to the Chapter office about how to help. We hope this resource guide will inspire you to take action. *We will update this document as more information becomes available.*

NASW has released a statement pushing the Trump administration to make changes to their policies. Click here to view this [News Release](#).

### Direct Advocacy

Contact U.S. Senators [Thom Tillis](#) and [Richard Burr](#) via email or phone.

Senator Burr: 202-224-3154

Senator Tillis: 202- 224-6342

Call script:

"Hi my name is (NAME) and I'm a social worker and constituent from (City, Zip). I'm calling to ask that Senator Burr/Tillis support U.S. [Senate Bill 3036, the Keep Families Together Act](#), to stop the separation of immigrant families at the U.S. border. This practice is immoral and unnecessarily harms innocent children. It must be stopped by Congress immediately."

### North Carolina Organizations Making a Difference

Get involved with North Carolina organizations that are helping with Refugee Resettlement. This link contains contact information for resettlement agencies and other organizations providing services to refugees, persons newly granted asylum, or certification as a victim of trafficking, Special Immigrant Visa holders, Cuban/Haitian Entrants, and other populations eligible for benefits and services funded by the Office of Refugee Resettlement: <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/orr/resource/state-of-north-carolina-programs-and-services-by-locality>

Additionally, North Carolina has an office of the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants. Find out more about their needs and how you can volunteer your time by [clicking here](#).

## Other Organizations Making a Difference

- [Donate to help families at the border.](#) Your contribution will be divided evenly between American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), Asylum Seeker Advocacy Project, and 8 other groups.
- [Slate](#) is maintaining an active list of organizations.
- [Together Rising:](#) Virginia-based organization that's helping provide legal assistance for 60 migrant children who were separated from their parents and are currently detained in Arizona.
- [The Florence Project and Refugee Rights Project:](#) This organization provides legal assistance and social services to detained immigrants in Arizona.
- [The Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights:](#) This organization works for the rights of children in immigration proceedings.
- [Kids In Need Of Defense \(KIND\):](#) This organization works to ensure that no child appears in immigration court alone without representation.
- [Asylum Seeker Advocacy Project:](#) They work to prevent the deportation of asylum-seeking families fleeing violence.

## Sign the Petition

Add your voice to this petition from *Mental Health Professionals* to stop separating children from their parents at our borders!

<https://childsworldamerica.org/stop-border-separation/stop-border-separation-text-preview/>