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Nurses concerned for physical and mental wellbeing of children separated from families upon entry

Texas Nurses Association members, staff and board of directors urge a trauma-informed approach to housing families awaiting processing

Austin, TX (June 19, 2018) — Texas nurses are concerned by the policy of separating children from their families upon entry into the United States.

The effects of separation at a young age are traumatic and can have long-lasting health consequences including an increased risk of PTSD, autoimmune diseases, cardiovascular disease and cancer. The long-term health of children is best supported by keeping them with their families and ceasing their separation from parents at the border.

The Code of Ethics for Nurses stresses a dedication to preserving the rights of vulnerable groups, including children. Protecting the health of the children affected should be a top priority.

We call on our elected officials at all levels to take action immediately to stop the policy of separation, before even more children are irreversibly harmed.