**Resources for Learning About Border Issues**

**Information About Border Situation**

* *PBS (*[*http://www.pbs.org/frontlineworld/stories/mexico704/history/timeline.html*](http://www.pbs.org/frontlineworld/stories/mexico704/history/timeline.html)*):* PBS offers an insight into the history of Immigration in the United States.
* *U.S. Customs and Border Protection (*[*http://www.cbp.gov/about/history*](http://www.cbp.gov/about/history)*)*: The U.S. Department of Homeland Security gives an overview of the history related to U.S. Customs and Border Protection.
* *The American Immigration Counsel* explores several aspects of the border reality.
* The threat of guns, drugs, and money as seen at the border ([*http://www.immigrationpolicy.org/special-reports/bordering-criminal-routine-abuse-migrants-removal-system*](http://www.immigrationpolicy.org/special-reports/bordering-criminal-routine-abuse-migrants-removal-system))
* The growth seen in deportations around the United States ([*http://www.immigrationpolicy.org/just-facts/growth-us-deportation-machine*](http://www.immigrationpolicy.org/just-facts/growth-us-deportation-machine))
* The process of apprehension and deportation of undocumented immigrants in the United States ([*http://www.immigrationpolicy.org/just-facts/misplaced-priorities-most-immigrants-deported-ice-2013-were-threat-no-one*](http://www.immigrationpolicy.org/just-facts/misplaced-priorities-most-immigrants-deported-ice-2013-were-threat-no-one))

**Information About Detention/Deportation & Operation Streamline**

* *Detention Watch Network (www.detentionwatchnetwork.org/)*: DWN focuses on immigration detention issues and reports about due-process-related concerns in proposed comprehensive reform legislation.
* *Rights Working Group (*[*www.rightsworkinggroup.org*](http://www.rightsworkinggroup.org/)*)*: RWG focuses on civil liberties and human rights for immigrants and other groups whose due process may be threatened.
* *U.S Immigration and Customs Enforcement* *(*[*https://www.ice.gov*](https://www.ice.gov)*)*: ICE's primary mission is to promote homeland security and public safety through the criminal and civil enforcement of federal laws governing border control, customs, trade and immigration.
* *Corrections Corporation of America (*[*http://www.cca.com/*](http://www.cca.com/)*):* CCA is a private prison company that owns and runs two ICE detention centers in the Arizona area (among many others around the country); CCA has an annual revenue of $1.736 billion and a net income of $162.51 million.
* Eloy Detention Center: [*https://www.ice.gov/detention-facility/eloy-detention-center*](https://www.ice.gov/detention-facility/eloy-detention-center)
* Florence Correctional Center: [*https://www.ice.gov/detention-facility/florence-correctional-center*](https://www.ice.gov/detention-facility/florence-correctional-center)

**Information About Service Providers/Nonprofits at the Border**

* *Coalición de Derechos Humanos/The Human Rights Coalition (*[*www.derechoshumanosaz.net/*](http://www.derechoshumanosaz.net/)*)*: Coalición de Derechos Humanos promotes respect for human/civil rights for all people—migrants or otherwise—and fights the militarization of the U.S./Mexico border region.
* *No More Deaths (*[*www.nomoredeaths.org/*](http://www.nomoredeaths.org/)*)*: No More Deaths seeks to end death and suffering on the U.S./Mexico border by working openly and consciously to uphold basic, fundamental human rights.
* *BorderLinks (*[*www.borderlinks.org*](http://www.borderlinks.org)*)*: BorderLinks focuses on experiential education to inspire action around global politics and economics, helping participants to understand migration issues first-hand.
* *Kino Border Initiative (*[*https://www.kinoborderinitiative.org*](https://www.kinoborderinitiative.org)*)*: KBI is a Jesuit-run organization in Nogales, AZ, and Nogales, Sonora, that focuses on direct aid to migrants, education about the issue of migration, and advocacy and research aimed at more humane, human-centric immigration policies.
* *Los Samaritanos* ([*http://www.tucsonsamaritans.org*](http://www.tucsonsamaritans.org)*)*: The Tucson Samaritans work to prevent death in the Arizona desert by providing food, water, and medical aid to those migrants making their way through the desert.
* *American Beginnings (*[*http://www.immigrationadvocates.org/nonprofit/legaldirectory/organization.392545-american\_beginnings\_proyecto\_san\_pablo*](http://www.immigrationadvocates.org/nonprofit/legaldirectory/organization.392545-american_beginnings_proyecto_san_pablo)*):* American Beginnings, Proyecto San Pablo, provides legal assistance in Yuma, AZ, for a range of immigration needs, including asylum, DACA, employment authorization, naturalization/citizenship, and visa applications.

**Information About Service Providers/Nonprofits in Chicago/Illinois**

* *Chicago New Sanctuary Coalition (*[*http://crln.org/chicago-new-sanctuary*](http://crln.org/chicago-new-sanctuary)*)*: CNSC brings together an interfaith coalition of religious leaders, congregations, and communities who respond actively and publicly to the plight of immigrants in various ways.
* *Catholic Campaign for Immigration Reform (*[*www.justiceforimmigrants.org/*](http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org/)*)*: CCIR mobilizes Catholic institutions, individuals, and other persons of good faith in support of a broad legalization program and comprehensive immigration reform. CCIR works nationally but has a local chapter.
* *Interfaith Immigration Coalition (*[*http://www.interfaithimmigration.org*](http://www.interfaithimmigration.org/)*)*: IIC is a partnership of faith-based organizations committed to enacting fair and humane immigration reform reflecting a faith-based call to welcome the stranger and treat all human beings with dignity and respect. IIC works nationally but has a local chapter.
* *Lutheran Immigrant and Refugee Services (*[*www.lirs.org*](http://www.lirs.org/)*)*: LIRS seeks to live out the belief of love for all of God’s people through advocacy alongside and direct service to immigrants.
* *Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights* *(*[*http://icirr.org*](http://icirr.org)*)*: ICIRR believes that immigrants should be well-integrated into their communities and works for human rights and dignity, immigration reform advocacy, and civic participation for migrants.

**Information About National Service Providers/Nonprofits**

* *The Fair Immigration Reform Movement (*[*http://www.fairimmigration.wordpress.com*](http://www.fairimmigration.wordpress.com)*)*: FIRM is a national coalition of grassroots organizations fighting for immigrant rights at the local, state and federal level.
* *National Immigrant Justice Center (http://www.immigrantjustice.org)*: NIJC provides direct legal services to and advocates for immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers through policy reform, impact litigation, and public education.
* *Reform Immigration for America (*[*http://reformimmigrationforamerica.org/*](http://reformimmigrationforamerica.org/)*)*: RIA is comprised of a national network of advocacy groups that collaborate on local and national policy and education issues related to immigration.
* *The Young Center for Immigrant Children’s Rights* *(*[*http://theyoungcenter.org*](http://theyoungcenter.org)*)*: The Young Center focuses efforts on unaccompanied migrant children, supporting them through court proceedings and advocating for their wishes/needs while also working to educate the public on needed reforms.
* *Catholic Legal Immigration Network* *(*[*https://cliniclegal.org*](https://cliniclegal.org)*)*: CLINIC is an umbrella for a multitude of affiliate organizations that provide legal assistance to immigrants throughout the United States.
* *Immigrant Legal Resource Center* *(*[*http://www.ilrc.org*](http://www.ilrc.org)*)*: The ILRC provides legal trainings, education, and advocacy for service providers working with migrants and seeking to uphold their rights.
* *Jesuit Refugee Service (*[*http://www.jrsusa.org*](http://www.jrsusa.org/about)*)*: JRS works around the globe with people who are forced to leave their homes as asylees, refugees, or migrants. They advocate for just and generous policies and programs for the benefit of victims of forced displacement while also providing direct aid to address their needs.

**Suggested Actions That You Can Take**

* If you have traveled to the border or worked with migrants, write to your congressional representative about your experience(s) and/or set up a meeting to talk with him/her and encourage support of humane immigration policies.
* Learn about and get involved in ongoing local organizing efforts around immigrant rights (see above!).
* Look for an organization to which you can contribute financially to support their work with migrants.
* Host an interactive event at your school or place of worship to represent migrants’ journeys.
* Organize a formal presentation to share stories and experiences with your friends, your school, people at your place of worship, and/or other community members.
* Create and share artwork or poetry based on your own experience at the border or working with migrants.
* Volunteer in our local community in support of immigrants through English as a Second Language programs, programs for immigrant youth, and other efforts, or write letters to immigrants in detention.
* Volunteer longer-term with an agency working on the border.