

## T& I Recommendations for Supporting Asylum Seekers at the Border & in Detention

Support divided in **4 categories** (Remote, on-site, Spanish-speaking, English-speaking)  
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### Remote-Spanish-Speaking

- **Immigrant Justice Campaign. The Remote Bond Team** involves helping a lawyer speak with his/her client over the phone. Usually the lawyer is in a different state than the client, the client is detained, and seeking to get out on bond while waiting for the asylum process to finish. This commitment is, at most, about an hour a week, and some weeks with nothing. The lawyer always asks you first if you are free at a certain time of day before setting up the arrangements.
- Remote translation of documents. **Try Respond Crisis Translations, CAIR (D.C), Advocates for Human Rights (MN) and AOL (Tijuana)**. They send weekly emails of their translation & interpreting needs. Work as much or as little as fits your schedule.
- Answer Hotline Calls through **Freedom for Immigrants (US detention centers)**
- Interpret for psychological evaluations (over-the-phone). [Project Lifeline](#)
- **Al Otro Lado, Tijuana**. Needs interpreters and intakers. Intakers directly interview clients stuck in Tijuana and take down the details of their cases, helping them fill out forms. Calls happen over WhatsApp. Lawyers also interview clients and AOL needs interpreters for those calls as well.

### On-site Spanish-speaking

- [Webinar on ways you can volunteer as interpreter](#)
- **Dilley Pro-Bono Project** involves carrying out a number of tasks, on the ground in Texas, all with the aim of helping women get ready for their Credible Fear Interviews. You have to commit to a week. You can't do anything else that week bc you won't have time. Spanish-speaking law students or lawyers are very much needed, but any strong bilingual can help enormously. The Dilley Pro Bono Project is a partner in the [Immigration Justice Campaign](#), a national initiative to expand access to counsel for detained immigrants.
  - **Allison Bansen**
  - *Volunteer Coordinator, Immigration Justice Campaign*
  - *An AILA/Council Joint Initiative*
  - [ABansen@immcouncil.org](mailto:ABansen@immcouncil.org)
- **Immigrant Justice Campaign** also has opportunities in Georgia and Louisiana.
- **Volunteering at Karnes Detention Center:** This is a one week commitment. You will interview detainees and place pertinent information in their files. "we accept and train volunteers from many professional backgrounds, such as public servants or graduate

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students.” Program run through **RAICES** [visit the Better Impact page](#), [www.raicetexas.org](http://www.raicetexas.org)

- Raices **Greyhound Bus** program. Help newly released detainees prepare for their long journey. [Visit the Better Impact page](#), where you can learn about programs and volunteer opportunities as well as fill out a RAP volunteer. They work in tandem with the Interfaith Welcome Committee.

### Remote English-Speaking

- Dilley, Tx support team. **Data entry team:** This need is urgent. It is quick and easy to learn. To join a remote team, [please fill out this quick and easy application!](#)
- Southern Law Poverty Center, [Immigrant Freedom Initiative](#).
- Raices. Write encouraging words/ support notes for recently arrived immigrants. Decorate as you wish. Do not put the cards in envelopes. Cards mailed to: RAICES % Spencer Baldacci 802 Kentucky Ave. San Antonio, TX 78212

### On-site English Speaking

- La Posada Providence, south Texas. Shelter run by Catholic nuns. They need volunteers to come help with English conversation classes. <https://southtexascatholic.com/news/la-posada-providencia-located-in-san-benito-serves-migrants-from-throughout-the-world>

### No time? Just donate here:

[Donate to TRLA to fund the Dilley Language Line](#) (remote interpretation service). Our Language Line allows us to provide services for all of the women-- from all over the world-- who come into the trailer seeking help, in spite of our own language limitations. **Please make it clear** that your donation is for the Dilley Language Line when you make the donation. [View our Amazon wish list](#) and help us stock up on office supplies.

If you'd like to donate to recently released families, you can contact Jane Fried of the Interfaith Welcome Coalition, which [provides backpacks full of supplies](#) to families arriving at the San Antonio bus station from the detention center. You can coordinate donations with her at [jfried1966@aol.com](mailto:jfried1966@aol.com).

Sisters of the Divine Providence (Shelter in Texas) <https://cdpsisters.org/ways-to-give>

Al Otro Lado Border Project: (Tijuana, Mx) <https://alotrolado.org/programs/border-rights-project/>

[CITA](#) (Chicago)- provides emergency supplies to recently released detainees.

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[Casa Arcoiris](#) (Tijuana). - shelter for LGBTQ+ in Tijuana.