Kids held in ICE detention at Fort Bliss, Texas

Tsuru for Solidarity is committed to supporting migrant children and families detained at the US/Mexico border.

Join us this summer - we need your help for a Nonviolent Direct Action at Fort Bliss. Add your voice to 10,000+ children forgotten in ICE detention.
**FIRST WHISTLEBLOWER REPORT TO CONGRESS JULY 2021**

NBC News: Whistleblowers allege poor care for migrant kids by contractor specializing in disaster cleanup.

Whistleblowers allege poor care for migrant kids by contractor specializing in disaster cleanup. This article features our clients Arthur Pearlstein, Lauren Reinhold, Laurie Elkin, and Justin Mulaire [Click here for article].

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**Whistleblowers 2nd report cited the lack of clothing, showers, and hygiene... leading to outbreaks of COVID, strep, scabies, lice, flu, and chicken pox. The EIS contractor operated a “culture of secrecy, lacking any method to address the bullying, rioting, and sexual harassment of children.”**

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**SECOND WHISTLEBLOWER REPORT, JULY 2022**

Whistleblowers say they were told to downplay COVID out-break among migrant kids at shelter This article features Government Accountability Project and our clients Arthur Pearlstein and Lauren Reinhold and was originally published here. Two more whistleblowers have come forward to allege that children were mistreated by contractors and senior federal employee managers at [...] [Click here for article].

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**The Livingston Parish News: Audio released detailing complaints of abuse of unaccompanied minors at migrant facility**

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Whistleblowers have alleged migrant children at the Fort Bliss facility near El Paso, Texas are receiving poor care and were told to downplay a coronavirus outbreak there. The picture above was included in the whistleblower’s report and used in a BBC News report in June 2021.
THIRD WHISTLEBLOWER REPORT, SEPT 2021

Third Whistleblower Complaint about Fort Bliss Detention Center Alleges Immigrant Children Were Abused and Neglected (Click here for article)

Clinton Huey’s assessment of 2nd and 3rd Whistleblower reports:
• Clinton Huey Notes from 2nd Whistleblower Report - 7/28/21 (Click here for notes)
• Clinton Huey Notes from 3rd Whistleblower Report - 9/8/21 (Click here for notes)

SECOND WHISTLEBLOWER REPORT BY ARTHUR PEARLSTEIN & LAUREN REINHOLD

Pearlstein and Reinhold said they personally spent ‘hundreds’ on books, games, and other items for children in an attempt to improve conditions for them.

In one disturbing instance, construction workers are said to have ‘lewdly and loudly gawked at girls as they walked outside to the meal tent.’

The whistleblowers were shocked at witnessing such acts of sexual harassment but upon attempting to report the incident, managers ‘resisted taking their complaints.’

In another case of bad management, 48 children who were told they were going home were waiting to get on a bus when they were instead pulled from the line and sent back to their tents.

The report describes how on several occasions, children who were already at the airport or even on planes were pulled from their fights to be told it was a mistake, to get off and returned to the facility.

The whistleblowers had to comfort the distressed children when they got back to Fort Bliss. (Click here for article)
WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A CHILD ARRIVES AT THE BORDER?

**Council on Foreign Relations**

Border encounters, including of unaccompanied minors, plunged in early 2020 amid the COVID-19 pandemic but have since risen steadily. Immigration authorities encountered nearly 150,000 unaccompanied minors at or near the U.S.-Mexico border in fiscal year 2021, an all-time high despite a dip in October. About 76% of unaccompanied children in federal care are fifteen years of age or older, though authorities have detained infants and toddlers.

December 2, 2021

(Click here for article)

**FOURTH WHISTLEBLOWER REPORT APRIL 2022**

Migrant Kids Face Danger, Trauma, and Separation at Hellhole Border Tent Camp

Whistleblowers warn that children who arrive alone at the US-Mexico border are being housed in grim conditions at a Texas military base.

By Keegan Hamilton

(Click here for report)

Full Whistleblower 4th Report to Congress

(Click here for report)
El Paso Times: Fort Bliss migrant children shelter contractor receives nearly $1B contract despite mismanagement allegations

This article features Government Accountability Project’s disclosures and was originally published here. There was little that showed who managed a Fort Bliss shelter for migrant children, but a sheet of paper taped to a trailer with three letters in black type: RDI.

(Click here for article)

“At the Fort Bliss shelter, the children slept on cots three feet apart, according to former workers. For months, there weren’t enough caseworkers; the children were frequently living in filth, suffering depression, and said they “felt like they were in prision.”

WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

JANUARY 2022
Two West Texas shelters for unaccompanied minors remain open as number of migrant children declines

There were 357 children in care at the Fort Bliss emergency intake site and 471 children in care at the Pecos site. The sites have funded bed capacity for 2,500 children and 2,000 children, respectively. Both house teenage boys and girls ages 13 to 17. (Click here for article)

MARCH 15, 2022
Millions Have arrived at US/Mexico Border (Click here for article)

MARCH 28 2022
El Paso’s announcement house migrant shelter gears up as Biden shifts immigration policies...by Lauren Villagran

Could a new asylum rule be a harbinger of the end of Title 42 expulsions at the border? Area migrant shelters are getting ready. “When Title 42 goes away, this will be a sea of cots,” he said, gesturing to a space being used as a reception area for dozens of people from Haiti, Nicaragua, Venezuela and other countries. (Click here for article)
WE PLAN ON GOING TO FORT BLISS THIS SUMMER TO RAISE HELL!

Tsuru will host a book club event Kazu Haga’s Healing Resistance on April 28th followed by a discussion on May 12th, 2022 Register Here

Kazu Haga’s Nonviolence training sessions will be coming soon!

The training sessions are helping us gain a more sophisticated methodology and skill set to handle the escalation of violence in the public arena and to give people deeper training around nonviolence for direct action/civil disobedience.

The American Friends Service Committee (Quakers) have a long history of actions for social justice. The Alternatives to Violence Training Course originates from John Looney, who worked on fair housing, church integration, racial justice, antiwar efforts, and the nuclear freeze movement. You can access this free course here: Alternatives to Violence Course Resource (Click here) Alternatives to Violence Course Sessions (Click here) Alternatives to Violence Course Syllabus (Click Here) Alternatives to Violence Course Case Analysis (Click here)

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