



## Campaign Explainer

Right now, the United States is experiencing an unprecedented expansion of the immigration detention system.

People across the country are joining the call to shut down detention centers, stop expansion, and free them all to protect immigrant family members, friends, coworkers, and neighbors.

Detention Watch Network's (DWN) Communities Not Cages campaign amplifies the longstanding local organizing of DWN members, advocates, and allies across the country, while building a nationally coordinated strategy to ultimately abolish the detention system in its entirety.

### Why detention?

Detention plays a crucial role in enabling Trump's mass deportation agenda: Detention puts people's lives in jeopardy, isolates people from their loved ones and support networks, coerces people to sign their deportation order, and facilitates the logistics of deportations. Communities with detention centers has higher rates of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) arrests: shutting down detention centers can make it harder for ICE to deport our loved ones.

### Why now?

The Trump administration is dangerously moving full steam ahead with its cruel detention and deportation agenda if Trump's multi-layered detention expansion is realized, it will triple the immigration detention system's capacity, tearing apart tens of thousands more people from their families and communities.



## What types of work does #CommunitiesNotCages focus on?



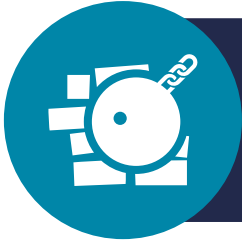
### Stop Detention Expansion

- ➔ Support local communities to organize and block detention expansion. Expansion threats include local jails, private prisons, federal prisons, and military bases such as Guantanamo Bay being converted to immigration detention



### Uplift Communities

- ➔ Pass state legislation to block new detention center contracts
- ➔ Invest in programs that benefit everyone such as affordable housing, education, and health care and divest from detention and deportation
- ➔ Advocate for just closures



### Shrink the System: Shut Down Campaigns

- ➔ Support and uplift shut down campaigns across the country

## What resources does #CommunitiesNotCages provide?

The campaign supports local fights by hosting national calls for participants to share updates, lessons, resources and analysis.

The campaign also offers local fights access to webinars, toolkits, and support for campaign planning including advocacy, communications, and organizing.

## How can I support this effort?

Sign up for campaign updates, follow us on social media and visit our website to stay updated on calls to action and upcoming events.



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