

DETENTION WATCH NETWORK
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Dear DWN Community,

As we reflect on the unprecedented nature of 2020, I want to share my deep gratitude and appreciation for the community that Detention Watch Network has created over the last 23 years since our founding. In one of the most challenging moments of our collective lives, DWN staff, members, allies, and funders stepped up to do anything and everything possible to protect and support immigrants detained during the global pandemic. The call to Free Them All was an organic one that reverberated throughout the movement to end immigration detention and other forms of incarceration. DWN was able to anchor this call with resources for organizing, litigation, and funds to get people released; messaging and research to show the impacts of disease in jails and prisons; and coordinated actions to make the moment count and ensure long-term change on immigration detention. It was a remarkable effort, by a deeply committed and skilled community and one that I will remember and be inspired by for years to come.

In addition to the shifts in discourse on prisons and jails due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we also saw one of the largest protest movements in recent history take hold of the nation after the murder of George Floyd in late May 2020. Questions about the role of policing and incarceration in our society and the acute anti-Black racism inherent within these systems came to the forefront. DWN's years of work to Defund Hate allowed us to pivot quickly to expose the connections between racist law enforcement agencies and the call to defund the police as well as ICE and CBP.

After four years of an administration that did everything possible to target and dehumanize immigrants and communities of color, the need to lead with vision and our principles became that much more critical. DWN's role in the movement has amplified significantly due to the growing awareness of immigration detention and the incredible effectiveness of our staff and members. In 2020, along with several partners we launched Moving Toward Justice, a project to develop an affirmative policy proposal for the immigrant rights movement rather than limit ourselves to tradeoffs on enforcement for wins

on immigration. We also joined the We Are Home campaign to build momentum for wins early in the administration to undo the harms of the Trump years, overhaul the enforcement system, and finally have a path to legalization for the undocumented community.

In 2020, our Network grew to 254 committed members – 130 organizational and 124 individual – in more than 31 states. Through our Organizing Support Program, we are able to provide funding to 18 organizational members to build the capacity for anti-detention work at the local level. We also continued building our cohort of members who are formerly detained or their loved ones by hosting skills training and trauma-informed healing, and offering stipends to cohort participants.

The next four years have the greatest potential for a reduction in immigration detention since DWN's founding in 1997. At times, given the pandemic and the harsh realities of the deportation machine, it is hard to remain hopeful. But thanks to the resilience of the DWN community and our ability to persevere despite the myriad challenges we face, I am more hopeful than I've been in a long time. I look forward to continuing this work with you all and more than anything I look forward to the day where we can celebrate our wins in person, together.



In Solidarity,
Silky Shah
Executive Director



FREE THEM ALL

As the coronavirus was rapidly spreading in the United States in early 2020, Detention Watch Network, along with members and allies, began making the urgent call to “Free Them All.” Doctors, people inside detention, and advocates sounded the alarm to release people from detention, knowing that the detention system is notorious for its fatally flawed medical care and abysmal conditions that only worsen in times of crisis. The demand to Free Them All has since become a powerful, values-centered message and the affirmative call to abolish detention.



As part of the Free Them All efforts in 2020, the Network:

- created an advocacy and organizing [toolkit](#) in consultation with members to demand mass releases of people in Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) custody;
- organized Free Them All Days of Action, which included live video discussions with advocates, health experts, and community members, as well as car-caravan actions across the nation;
- created a Free Them All [webpage](#) and [messaging toolkit](#);
- uplifted organizing efforts by people in detention through DWN's [Voices from Detention landing page](#);
- placed an opinion piece in Common Dreams, [Listen to the Brave Hunger Strikers in ICE Detention](#), to amplify the rise in hunger strikes by people in detention (from March to July 2020, nearly 2,500 people participated in COVID-19-related hunger strikes in detention centers nationwide);
- released a Free Them All [video](#);
- met with Members of Congress (MOCs) and key government officials at the local, state, and national level to call for the release of migrants whose lives were at risk inside immigration jails;
- organized phone-banking sessions demanding that MOCs reject additional funding for immigration enforcement in COVID-19 relief packages;
- sub-granted \$50,000 to grassroots organizations in support of their Free Them All post-release efforts;
- released a report in March 2020, [Courting Catastrophe: How ICE is Gambling with Immigrant Lives Amid a Global Pandemic](#), exposing ICE's incompetency in handling infectious diseases;
- released a report in December 2020, [Hotbeds of Infection: How ICE detention contributed to the spread of COVID-19 in the United States](#), which details how ICE detention was responsible not only for thousands of COVID cases in detention centers but contributed to more than 245,000 additional COVID-19 cases in communities throughout the country.

Through DWN's rapid response work to Free Them All, the Network collaborated with a broad range of experts and messengers. Nearly 800 organizations, over 10,000 people, and thousands of medical professionals showed solidarity with people in ICE custody by demanding to Free Them All. Through community pressure and the work of DWN members, public officials at varying levels called for the release of people in detention, including Tacoma City Council passing a Free Them All

resolution in relation to the Northwest Detention Center in Washington State.

Following the COVID-19 outbreak, detention numbers were reduced nationwide and there were efforts to free people from immigration detention at more than 37 detention centers and across 22 states. A number of people in ICE custody were freed from the Mesa Verde and Adelanto detention centers in California. Releases across the country were made possible in partnership with

grassroots organizations, people organizing inside detention, directly impacted individuals, legal service providers, policy organizations, and bond fund organizations.

While there were some releases (as mentioned above), ICE ultimately refused to heed the calls to free people at scale, halt transfers, and take other precautions. As a result, in Fiscal Year 2020, 21 people tragically died in ICE detention, including eight from COVID-19, the highest death toll since 2005.

DEFUND HATE

DWN is committed to divestment from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Protection (CBP), agencies that tear apart loved ones and harm communities. Instead, the Network wants to see tax dollars used to strengthen families and communities, including investment in education, housing, green infrastructure, and healthcare programs.

DWN continued to co-lead the Defund Hate campaign, which has effectively blocked more than \$12 billion in additional funding for ICE and CBP since the campaign launched in 2017. Throughout 2020, the Defund Hate coalition engaged in efforts to reduce funding in the Fiscal Year 2021 budget and strengthened the coalition's field and organizing capacity. DWN also continued to drive Defund Hate communications efforts, including co-drafting press statements on behalf of the coalition and creating a [Defund Hate microsite](#), a significant accomplishment for the campaign and place to house co-branded materials. All of these communications efforts contributed to building Defund Hate's brand recognition and popularizing the campaign's narrative and messaging.

Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21) Budget

In February 2020, the Defund Hate coalition hosted a planning meeting to determine the campaign's goals for the FY21 appropriations process and consider the potential for fundamental shifts after the upcoming presidential election. The coalition joined 28 other immigrant rights organizations in submitting immigration-related appropriations language requests that emphasized the need to significantly scale down immigration enforcement funding. In early March, the coalition also led an organizational sign-on letter with over 250 signatures to Congress, urging accountability measures for ICE and CBP and demanding budget cuts.

Later in March, DWN shifted its priorities and aligned its Defund Hate work to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. In response to ICE and CBP's request for additional funding amid the pandemic, the coalition mobilized supporters to demand Congress reject this request and any additional funding for these agencies in any COVID-19 stimulus package. The coalition urged that Congress instead prioritize halting all immigration enforcement, including through the release of everyone in detention, in order to invest in what immigrant communities need. As Congress worked to pass five COVID-19 emergency stimulus packages, the Defund Hate coalition successfully ensured that Members of Congress rejected additional

funding for ICE and CBP each time.

In addition to the global pandemic, 2020 also exposed deep racial injustices in the US after the murder of George Floyd. During this period of activism in support of the Black Lives Matter movement and growing interest in the calls to defund police, the Defund Hate coalition was able to link these efforts with the need to defund all racist law enforcement agencies and created a resource "[Defund Racist Enforcement: Police, ICE, and CBP](#)". The coalition advocated against increased funding for subgrants from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to local and state law enforcement included in the House proposal introduced



in July. Despite this harmful provision, the House's proposal was the most progressive DHS funding bill written under the Trump administration and included wins such as the reduction of detention levels by more than 50%, appropriations accountability language, and the prohibition and rescission of funds for border wall construction. The coalition worked with Congressional champions on an amendment strategy to push the bill even further, resulting in a proposed amendment to fund studies to dismantle DHS. Although the bill did not progress to the Senate, it signaled an important step forward in the Defund Hate campaign's efforts to defund ICE and CBP.

Organizing Efforts and Achievements

DWN recognized the need to bring more grassroots organizations into the Defund Hate coalition to strengthen the campaign nationally and locally. Along with member group American Friends Service Committee, DWN co-led the Defund Hate field working group and throughout 2020 this group:

- held Spanish-language webinars to engage grassroots members in the campaign, including a bilingual webinar "Advocate to Defund Hate this Summer" and created a community resource called Guide for Congressional Meetings;
- organized phone zap events with members to drive calls to MOCs and urge them to reject funding for immigration enforcement and detention;
- organized a Facebook live event "Defund ICE and CBP and Stop Reproductive Violence" to make the connection between federal funding and these agencies' abuses, including the reported forced gynecological procedures on women detained in ICE custody



Photo: Grassroots Leadership

COMMUNITIES NOT CAGES

The expansion of immigration detention in the U.S. over the past few decades has led to the jailing of immigrants in a massive and mismanaged system of over 200 detention centers, rife with due process and human rights abuses. In response, people across the country are joining the call to shut down detention centers to protect immigrant family members, friends, coworkers, and neighbors.

DWN launched the Communities Not Cages (CNC) campaign in 2018 to amplify the longstanding local organizing of members, advocates, and allies across the country. Throughout 2020, the campaign continued building a nationally coordinated strategy to prevent the expansion of ICE detention centers, shut down facilities, stop the proliferation of ICE detention into other government agencies, and ultimately abolish the detention system in its entirety.

In 2020, ICE escalated its attacks against immigrant communities and continued business as usual despite the global health crisis, resulting in the tragic and unnecessary loss of 21 lives. Lives are in jeopardy in ICE custody, and a growing body of evidence detailed the rampant medical neglect and abuse that occurs inside detention centers, including: the use of toxic chemicals, egregious medical neglect, unfettered use of transfers that resulted in COVID-19 outbreaks, and the systematic undercounting and underreporting of COVID-19 cases.

In the context of a devastating pandemic, 2020 saw a powerful and concerted effort on behalf of DWN members, partners, and communities across the country to resist and fight for an end to immigrant detention. The Network's Communities Not Cages campaign includes more than 20 local efforts to either shut down an existing detention center or stop a proposed expansion. Some notable wins in 2020 included:

- In Wasco County, Oregon, the board overseeing the Northern Oregon Regional Correctional Facility ended the ICE contract. Rural Organizing Project and their community partners have been organizing against this facility for years.
- A renewed bid by ICE to open the largest detention center in the Midwest was defeated (again) due to efforts led by DWN members: Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights, National Immigrant Justice Center, and Organized Communities Against Deportations.
- Through grassroots organizing and advocacy, WyoSayNo successfully stopped the construction of a 1,000-bed immigration detention center in Wyoming.
- In California a federal district judge upheld the constitutionality of AB 32, state legislation which prohibits private incarceration for immigration detention. AB 32 initially passed in 2019 through advocacy efforts led by the Dignity not Detention Coalition, including DWN members Immigrant Legal Resource Center, Freedom for Immigrants, California Immigrant Youth Justice Alliance, and Inland Coalition for Immigrant Justice.

How to Shut Down ICE Detention in Your Community, a Detention Watch Network Guide, was published in Teen Vogue, in which executive director Silky Shah shares grassroots strategies for shutting down ICE facilities.

Through collective action and movement building, DWN supported organizations with their local organizing against detention while also creating avenues for them to connect and build power together.





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PROACTIVE LEGISLATION

In 2020, DWN's leadership within the immigrant rights movement grew, particularly in preparation for the incoming Biden administration.

Given the increased attention to issues of detention, DWN sought to build momentum for proactive legislation. In 2020, DWN served on the steering committee of *Moving Towards Justice*, a project designed to create a visionary immigration policy proposal for a people-centered, just, and humane immigration system. Through playing a leadership role in the project, DWN ensured that the project maintained its commitment to creating proposals that are accountable to experiences of directly impacted communities and the Network's vision of abolishing the cruel U.S. immigration detention system. In addition to pushing for short-term and incremental victories through other legislative efforts that DWN supports, **Moving Towards Justice** seeks to serve as a "north star" for the immigration movement as a long-term goal.

DWN also sits on the steering committee of the **We Are Home** campaign along with other national organizations. The We Are Home campaign, which officially launched after the 2020 elections, is a multi-racial, multi-ethnic, multi-generational coalition calling on the new administration and Congress to take immediate action to protect millions of immigrants and end the cruelty of the interior detention and deportation system. As part of the steering committee, DWN is guiding efforts within the national campaign to undo the damage of the previous four years and build a new immigration system that is fair, humane, functional, and centered in racial justice. Through both executive and legislative changes to America's immigration system, We Are Home seeks three major policy goals:

1. Undo the cruelty of the Trump administration
2. Build a new immigration system that is fair, humane, and functional
3. Create a roadmap to citizenship



MEMBERSHIP

Membership Growth and Retention

Our community power comes from our diverse, resilient, and committed membership. Amid a challenging year, DWN grew and was strengthened, recruiting more members committed to freeing people in detention and building grassroots power to shut down immigration jails in their areas. In total, the Network recruited 80 new members - 32 organizations and 48 individuals, of which 21 individuals are directly impacted by the detention system.

In our first year as a 501c3 organization, DWN also shifted our membership cycle (previously June 1st – May 31st) to match our January 1st – December 31st fiscal year and updated our annual member dues. Members received regular communication throughout the process.

Healing Towards Liberation Cohort

DWN continued its commitment of developing and uplifting the leadership of the most impacted by detention to be at the core of the fight against immigration incarceration. Especially given the pandemic context, uprisings against police brutality, and unprecedented elections in 2020, DWN centered its work in the cohort around healing and community support. Throughout the year, DWN staff conducted one-on-one conversations and held cohort-wide calls, including checking in about specific needs in the COVID context and planning alternatives to an in-person convening. Since many directly impacted immigrants are struggling even more economically due to COVID-19 and engagement can be challenging, DWN disbursed \$1,000 stipends for cohort members to recognize and support the members' commitment to the group. The Network also sub-granted funds to support seven mini-projects led by cohort members and others who have experienced detention and hosted virtual skill-shares around healing and managing mental health in difficult times.

Organizing Support Program

DWN is dedicated to capacity building and providing resources to grassroots organizational members to aid their innovative approaches to support people detained, stop expansion, and/or shut down detention centers. In 2020, DWN completed its fifth round of the Organizing Support Program (OSP) for the 2021 cohort. DWN granted over \$200,000 to 18 grassroots organizational members – the largest OSP cohort thus far. We invite you to learn more from this cohort and plug in to support their local organizing efforts.

2021 DWN OSP Cohort of Grantees:

Advocate Visitors with Immigrants in Detention - Organizing to Shutdown Otero

Detention Center Targeted: Otero County Processing Center

El Refugio Ministry - Amplify and Abolish campaign

Detention Center Targeted: Stewart Detention Center

The Fang Collective - Shut Down ICE

Detention Centers Targeted: Bristol County House of Corrections,
Donald Wyatt Detention Facility

Inland Coalition for Immigrant Justice - Resilient Voices

Detention Center Targeted: Adelanto GEO

Immigration Action Alliance - Shut Down Glades

Detention Center Targeted: Glades County Detention Center

Juntos - Jaulas de Oro (Golden Cages)

Detention Centers Targeted: Visionquest and Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health

La ColectiVA - Migrant and Refugee Rights Initiative

Detention Centers Targeted: ICA-Farmville, Caroline Detention Center

La Resistencia - Families and Formerly Detained Leadership Group

Detention Center Targeted: Northwest ICE Processing Center

New Sanctuary Coalition - Anti-Detention Project

Detention Centers Targeted: Orange County, Bergen County, Hudson County, Essex County,
Elizabeth County Detention Center

No Detention Centers Michigan - No Detention Center in Ionia

Detention Centers Targeted: Ionia, MI proposal, North Lake Correctional CAR Facility

Organized Communities Against Deportations - Free Them All IL

Detention Centers Targeted: McHenry County Correctional, Jerome Combs Detention Center,
Pulaski County Jail, Ogle County Jail

Shut Down Etowah - #ShutDownEtowah Campaign

Detention Center Targeted: Etowah County Detention Center

St Louis Interfaith Committee on Latin America - Ending ISAP

Queer Detainee Empowerment Project - QDEP Organizing Base

Rio Grande Valley Equal Voice Network - Free Them All

Detention Centers Targeted: El Valle Detention Center, East Hidalgo Detention Center, Port
Isabel Service Processing Center

Rural Organizing Project - Rural Organizing to End Oregon's Detention Pipeline

Detention Centers Targeted: Northern Oregon Regional Correctional Facility, Northwest ICE
Processing Center

Siembra NC - Expanding Community Defense Resistance

Detention Centers Targeted: Alamance County Jail, Stewart Detention Center

United Stateless - Statelessness Coalition



Photo: Queer Detainee Empowerment Project



Photo: Grassroots Leadership



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SHIFTING THE NARRATIVE

Towards Freedom Messaging Toolkit

In partnership with Goodwin Simon Strategic Research, DWN released *Towards Freedom: A messaging guide for ending immigration detention* in September 2020. The toolkit was the culmination of a qualitative and quantitative deep messaging research project from September 2017 to November 2019. The toolkit serves as a resource to better equip all those working for immigrant justice to persuasively communicate and engage potential supporters to action and deeper engagement towards ending immigration detention.

A topline finding of the research was that fully 51 percent of survey respondents strongly favored, and 79 percent total favored ending detention and creating a new community-based support approach to immigration when it was articulated as part of a comprehensive vision.

At a glance, some of the [key messaging recommendations](#) include:

- Utilizing diverse immigrant and non-immigrant messengers
- Leading with shared values
- Fostering wholesome conflict
- Telling “journey stories” that center shared American ideals and values
- Using key facts to create openness
- Painting a credible picture of harm
- Indicting the system
- Painting a proactive vision
- Providing opportunities for action

As part of the release, DWN convened three webinars, including a bilingual movement-wide webinar to discuss the research and key recommendations with Amy Simon of Goodwin Simon Strategic Research. DWN staff also supported members to use the toolkit to enhance their influence and expand their base towards an abolitionist framework.

Amplifying DWN's Message

DWN garnered over 1,000 press hits in 2020 resulting in over two billion impressions from being quoted in outlets ranging from the New York Times and Business Insider to Truthout and Colorlines. Most notably, Silky Shah authored an opinion piece, titled ["Why America still needs to abolish ICE"](#) in NBC Think and an explainer piece in Teen Vogue, titled ["How to Shut Down ICE Detention in Your Community"](#) to support the Communities Not Cages campaign.

In addition to amplification of DWN's message in the press, DWN executed more original content for social media in 2020 than ever before. Geared

towards political education, calls to action, and breaking down the latest news on immigration detention, DWN coordinated events such as a Facebook livestream on embodying pro-Blackness in the immigrant rights movement with DWN members Families for Freedom, Colorado People's Alliance, and Queer Detainee Empowerment Project. We also created content such as ["Defund Racist Law Enforcement: Police, ICE and CBP."](#) DWN developed more artist partnerships in 2020, including participating with the sky-typing project "In Plain Sight" led by Los Angeles-based multidisciplinary artists Rafa Esparza and Cassils.



Photo: Somos South Georgia

Growth of DWN's Audience

As a result of DWN's social content creation and actions moving increasingly online with the pandemic, DWN saw tremendous growth across our digital platforms. DWN now has a collective cross-platform (Facebook, Instagram and Twitter) audience of 61,211 people. Furthermore, DWN devoted increased capacity to our email engagement strategy, resulting in a 7,397 increase in email subscribers.



Overall DWN growth across social media in 2020

20,633 new followers
349,698 engagements



Facebook

New Fans: 2,010
Engagements: 105,054



Twitter

New Followers: 2,972
Engagements: 115,931



Instagram

New Followers: 15,651
Engagements: 128,713



ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATES

Organizational Growth

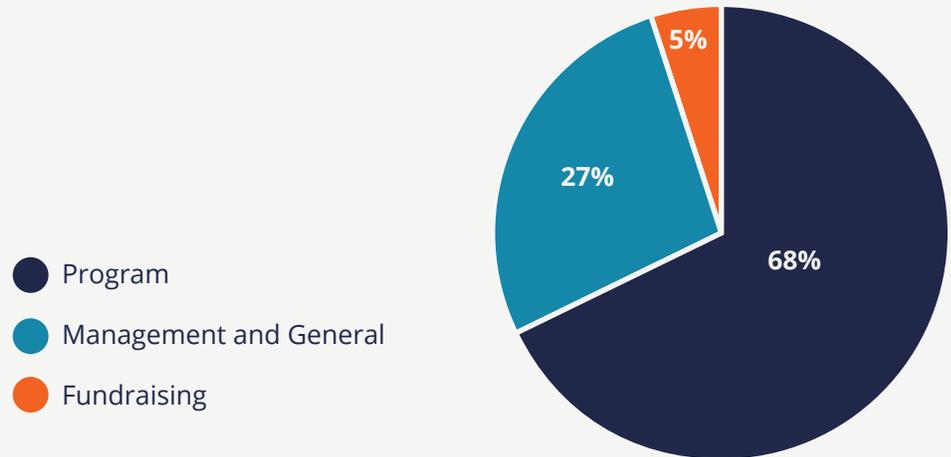
2020 marked the first year of Detention Watch Network operating as an independent 501c3 non-profit, spinning off from its fiscal sponsor on January 1. The Network is experiencing a pivotal shift from a smaller organization to a key national player within the immigrant rights movement and building with those fighting against the criminal punishment system. The Network's budget continues to steadily grow, and in 2020 the organization created a six-month operating reserve fund. The organization closed out the year with 14 staff spread across CA, DC, IL, TX, and WA. As part of the shift to a formal 501c3 entity, DWN developed and grew its Board of Directors, including offering trainings on financial management and governance and recruiting four new members to the Board.

COVID-19 Response

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, DWN adopted new policies and provided additional resources to staff and members in an attempt to mitigate burnout and adapt to operating within a global pandemic. The Network implemented COVID leave which allowed staff to take care of themselves and loved ones if affected by COVID-19. DWN also worked with staff members to modify their work schedules and provided home-office furniture and equipment. The Network continued its practices of offering a staff wellness fund, holding (now virtual) staff retreats with an emphasis on team building, and organizing political education for staff to strengthen the organization's abolitionist framework and camaraderie with one another. The team participated in collective trainings, such as one hosted by the Anti-Oppression Resource and Training Alliance (AORTA) about creating equitable and interactive virtual spaces, and held virtual get togethers including: game night, a holiday gift swap, and a Halloween costume contest.

FINANCES

2020 Expense by Function



Income

Total Direct Contributions	\$1,098,549.51
Total Foundation Grants	\$1,750,000.00
Total Program Revenue	\$47,869.94
Total Income	\$2,896,419.45
Gross Profit	\$2,896,419.45

Expenses

Total Salaries & Related Expenses	\$1,466,601.89
Total Grants & Direct Assistance	\$337,997.80
Total Contract Service Expenses	\$234,008.97
Total Nonpersonnel Expenses	\$58,120.58
Total Facility Expenses	\$99,240.51
Total Travel & Conference Expenses	\$66,118.54
Total Other Expenses	\$16,694.33
Total Expenses	\$2,278,782.62
Net Operating Income	\$617,636.83
Net Income	\$617,636.83



Photo: Shut Down Etowah

MEMBERS

- Abolition Apostles
- ACLU Immigrants' Rights Project
- Adelante Alabama Worker Center
- Advocate Visitors with Immigrants in Detention in the Chihuahuan Desert
- Alianza Americas
- Amend Law LLC
- American Friends Service Committee
- American Gateways
- American Immigration Council
- American Immigration Lawyers Association
- Americans for Immigrant Justice
- Amnesty International USA
- Arriba Las Vegas Worker Center
- Benedictine Sisters of Baltimore
- Brooklyn Community Bail Fund
- California Immigrant Youth Justice Alliance
- Center for Constitutional Rights
- Center for Victims of Torture
- Centro de Trabajadores Unidos
- Chicago Religious Leadership Network on Latin America
- Civil Rights Education and Enforcement Center
- Colorado People's Alliance (COPA)
- Community Justice Exchange (National Bail Fund Network)
- Comunidades Unidas en una Voz
- Cornell Law School Asylum Clinic
- Desis Rising Up & Moving (DRUM)
- Detained Migrant Solidarity Committee
- Dolores Street Community Services
- El Refugio Ministry
- Faith In Action (La Red, PICO)
- Families Belong Together
- Families for Freedom
- First Friends of NJ & NY
- Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project
- Freedom For Immigrants
- Friends Committee on National Legislation
- Georgia Detention Watch
- Grassroots Leadership

"DWN has been a great support to us, especially around messaging and helping bridge gaps in our own knowledge. Around our last Abuse Documentation report release DWN provided support in helping us clarify advocacy goals, as we have very little knowledge and experience with advocacy. It's great having an organizations whose abolitionist stance and political goals we can trust and share knowledge with."

- No More Deaths



HIAS

Human Rights First

Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights

Immigrant Action Alliance

Immigrant Defense Advocates

Immigrant Defense Project

Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project

Immigrant Legal Defense

Immigrant Legal Resource Center

Immigrant Youth Coalition

Immigrants' Rights Clinic, Stanford Law School

Inland Coalition for Immigrant Justice

Innovation Law Lab

“DWN is a valued national partner, and we are appreciative of the support of our regional organizer, Liz, as well as other DWN staff and resources.”

- Georgia Detention Watch

Interfaith Immigration Coalition

Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity

Jefferson County Immigrant Rights Advocates

Jewish Activists for Immigration Justice of Western MA

Juntos

Just Futures Law

Justice Strategies

La ColectiVa

La Colectiva Legal del Pueblo

La Resistencia

Latinx Therapists Action Network

LaUnidad11

Law Offices of Brelje and Associates

Long Beach Immigrant Rights Coalition

Make the Road

Mano Amiga

Mariposa Legal

Mid-South Immigration Advocates, Inc.

“We are proud to be part of the DWN network, and to participate in the community-driven campaigns to abolish detention and defund ICE.”

- Public Counsel

Minnesota Interfaith Coalition on Immigration (MN ICOM)

Mission Presbytery

Movement for Justice in El Barrio

Mustino Times

National Immigrant Justice Center

National Immigration Law Center

National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild

National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights

National Religious Campaign Against Torture

New Mexico immigrant Law Center

New Orleans Workers' Center for Racial Justice

New Sanctuary Coalition of NY



No Detention Centers in Michigan

No More Deaths

NorCal Resist

Northwest Immigrant Rights Project

Northwest Indiana Resist (NWI Resist)

Organized Communities Against Deportations

Oxfam America

Private Corrections Working Group

Progressive Americans Action League

“RAICES has received imperative support from DWN and we find it important to continue our partnership with this coalition.”

- RAICES

Providence Youth Student Movement

Proyecto Azteca

Public Counsel

Queer Detainee Empowerment Project

Quixote Center Inc

RAICES

RGV Equal Voice Network

Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network

Rural Organizing Project

Sanctuary DMV

Santa Fe Dreamers Project

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Siembra NC

Sisters of Mercy of the Americas

Showing up for Racial Justice Education Fund

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Southeast Asia Resource Action Center

Southeast Immigrant Rights Network

Southern Poverty Law Center

St. Louis Inter-Faith Committee on Latin America

Sueños Sin Fronteras de Tejas

The FANG Collective

The Opportunity Agenda

Tsuru for Solidarity

UndocuBlack Network

Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC)

“We strongly believe in the mission and collective organizing power of DWN.”

- Tsuru for Solidarity

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