

# KIND AND FAMILY SEPARATION

KIND created its Family Separation Response Team to address the crisis caused by the Administration's "Zero Tolerance Policy" to separate parents and their children upon their arrival to the United States. The generosity of compassionate individuals across the country enabled KIND to mobilize immediately.

## SOCIAL SERVICES

The team coordinates sustained medical and social services to help separated children and families deal with the trauma of separation.

Mental health services are especially critical for our traumatized child clients.

## LEGAL SERVICES

The team interviews new child clients and matches them with free, specially trained attorneys to provide legal representation.

The team provided over 200 separated and detained parents with legal assistance and helped them find and contact their children.

## REGIONAL SERVICES

The team works closely with KIND's Regional Team in Central America to locate and support separated parents who were deported without their children.



## BY THE NUMBERS

10

YEARS OLD

the average age of children turning to KIND for legal help



OVER 300

child victims of the "Zero Tolerance Policy" are receiving legal representation from KIND



WEEKLY

the rate that more separated children and parents seek our help



SEVEN MEMBERS

of the Family Separation Team work tirelessly to ensure no child faces court alone



10 KIND FIELD OFFICES

across the country work alongside our Family Separation Team

## THE TRAUMA OF FAMILY SEPARATION

Highly traumatized by the separation from their parents, the children frequently have difficulty trusting lawyers and others who are trying to help them. KIND's team works intensively to help them establish trust with their lawyers so that they are able to share the difficult, but vital, information needed to support their legal case.

## MOVING FORWARD

The damage to the children and families is profound and the legal and political landscape is complex and treacherous. Serving separated children in the weeks, months and years to come requires sustained commitment and resources. KIND is ready.

**But we need your support.**

To learn more, visit

[www.supportkind.org/silencedvoices](http://www.supportkind.org/silencedvoices)

# HEAR THEIR VOICES

WHAT WE HEARD AT THE BORDER

“

You can't send us back! Make sure they know that. They will kill my dad if we go back. Can you make sure to tell them that?"

-8-year-old boy from Honduras, separated from father

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Every day I wake up with a migraine and a great pain in my heart. I don't feel well until I can speak with my daughter"

-Father, separated from 5-year-old

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We were in the cold place and then they took my mom away. How come they separated us?"

-8-year-old girl, separated from mother

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I haven't seen my son in over two months - I don't want anything from the United States other than my son."

-Father, separated from 9-year-old

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My daughter has a heart condition and needs surgery or she will die. I had to come so that she could get the surgery and live. What was I supposed to do, stay in Honduras and watch my daughter die? I came so that my daughter could live. What would you do?"

-Mother separated from 6-year-old

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My daughter was asleep when I put her in the van. I was crying but the guard told me not to cry, that I would see her again after we came back from court. I believed her. But it was all a lie. I didn't get a chance to say goodbye to her. I can't imagine what she thought when she woke up and didn't see me. She is only 5."

-Mother from Honduras