

# Reconnect, Restore, Inspire

Unaccompanied Children's Service Provider Training 2023

**March 1-3**

Hotel ZaZa Museum District,  
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**Migrant youth working  
with KIND staff in Mexico.**  
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Cindy Bernal

The 2023 Unaccompanied Children’s Training Conference Advisory Committee is pleased to honor Cindy Bernal and recognize her incredible work and dedication to advocating for unaccompanied children.

**Welcome to the ABA/KIND Unaccompanied Children’s Service Provider Training: Reconnect, Restore, Inspire.** This training has been made possible by the generous support of many sponsors including the American Bar Association, Kids in Need of Defense (KIND), Baker McKenzie, and RAICES.

This is the first national training on serving unaccompanied children since December 2019, when we also gathered in Houston. Over the past three years we have faced many challenges, including a global pandemic, multitudes of changing laws and policies, unprecedented numbers of children arriving in the United States, and the inability to connect in person as we navigated these immense hurdles. At the same time, our community has been slowly recovering and regaining some of the rights and protections lost under the Trump Administration.

As we continue to advance in hope and justice toward a more fair and humane system for unaccompanied children, we are excited to be together in-person once again to support each other as we strive to give the children we serve the best possible assistance and care. We hope this training will provide not only substantive knowledge but will also be a space where you can reconnect with one another, restore your energy for forceful advocacy, and inspire you to find new ways to elevate clients’ voices and help them succeed.

Over the next several days, you will hear from passionate and dedicated practitioners from numerous fields who will share their best practices and strategies for serving unaccompanied children. The 24 training sessions will cover a range of topics from child asylum, Special Immigrant Juvenile cases, and trafficking, to legal/social service collaborations and policy issues. We are confident that you will find sessions to further your knowledge in your practice areas and opportunities to learn about topics that may be new to you.

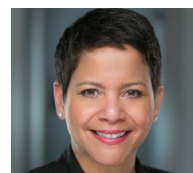
We hope you will also spend time with old friends and make new ones!

We learned over the last three years to be innovative and persistent, navigate virtual meetings and hearings, and conduct our work electronically. We have continued to successfully advocate for and represent unaccompanied children who need our help more than ever before. We hope to build on this hard-won knowledge and provide renewed connection and inspiration as you continue to make a difference in the lives of these children and youth.

**We are honored to be part of this amazing community of advocates, and we look forward to learning from you and working with you this week and beyond.**




**Meredith Linsky**  
Director,  
ABA Commission  
on Immigration

**Maria Odom**  
Senior Vice President,  
Legal Programs,  
KIND

**Cindy Bernal was born in San Salvador, El Salvador.** When she was five years old, she came to the United States with her mother to join her father and siblings. Cindy has vague memories of living in El Salvador, but she has spent most of her life in Texas, both in Houston and the Rio Grande Valley. Cindy always knew that she was not born in the United States, but that did not impact her directly until she reached high school and was rejected from a paid internship because of her lack of legal immigration status. She also lost out on many other opportunities, including employment and college scholarships. It was a long, complicated road before Cindy and her mother were eventually able to obtain legal status. After first trying to file paperwork on their own, they quickly realized they needed legal assistance. Fortunately, Gladis Molina, who then worked at ProBAR, accepted Cindy’s case and worked to reopen old removal orders against her and her mother, allowing them to proceed with a relative petition and adjustment of status.

**From the time Cindy was in high school, she knew she wanted to either go to law school or find another helping profession.**

Her goal was to assist people who were struggling like she and her family had struggled. After graduating from the University of Texas-Pan American with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science, she applied to work at ProBAR and was hired as a paralegal. She remembers her first two years at ProBAR as a time when she was excited and eager to learn, working long hours to absorb as much as she could. Cindy was promoted several times and, in 2018, she decided to return to school to study for a Master’s degree in social work. Cindy studied in the evenings while working full time at ProBAR and completed hundreds of internship hours at night and on the weekend. She graduated in 2020.

**Over the past ten years, Cindy has developed special expertise in working with tender-age children and pregnant and parenting teens.** Cindy has trained and mentored paralegals and attorneys on services for those populations. In September 2022, Cindy was promoted to director of ProBAR’s Shelter Services Department, where she oversees more than 90 staff members who last year served over 24,000 unaccompanied children in 23 different ORR shelters.

**Cindy is passionate about ProBAR’s mission** and, as someone who once received critical legal services to navigate the complexities of the immigration system, she brings a unique perspective to this work. According to Cindy, ProBAR’s legal services opened opportunities she otherwise would not have access to in this country. Cindy continues to make a difference by leading her team in the provision of high-quality services to immigrant children.

**When she is not working, Cindy enjoys spending time with her family and friends.** She also attends church regularly for her spiritual growth, which is a key component of her life. Cindy also enjoys watching KDramas and hopes to someday learn Korean.





**Meredith Linsky**  
 Director,  
 ABA Commission  
 on Immigration

Meredith Linsky is the Director of the ABA Commission on Immigration in Washington, DC. She was formerly the Director of ProBAR, the South Texas Pro Bono Asylum Representation Project, located in Harlingen, Texas, from 2000 to 2014, where she supervised staff and mentored volunteers working on behalf of detained immigrants and asylum-seekers. Previously, she worked as a Research and Writing Attorney at the Office of the Federal Defender in the Eastern District of California. In 2012, the American Immigration Lawyers Association awarded Ms. Linsky with the Arthur C. Helton Human Rights Award for her outstanding service in advancing the cause of human rights. In 2013, the State Bar of Texas honored her with the J. Chrys Dougherty Legal Services Award.



**Maria Odom**  
 Senior Vice President,  
 Legal Programs,  
 KIND

Maria M. Odom is the Senior Vice President for Legal Programs at Kids in Need of Defense (KIND), where she leads a team of over 300 immigration professionals who provide high-quality legal services to unaccompanied migrant and children in the U.S. and northern Mexico. With an impressive global network of pro bono partners, KIND's Legal Programs team represents over 6,000 children before the U.S. immigration courts, federal agencies, and state courts. Ms. Odom also oversees KIND's Social Services team which provides vital psycho-social supports to KIND's child clients.

Odom previously served as the DHS Citizenship and Immigration Services Ombudsman. In that role, she worked with stakeholders to improve the quality of citizenship and immigration services delivered to the public by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

Odom previously led the country's largest network of charitable legal immigration programs as Executive Director of the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC). For a decade, she practiced immigration law in the southeast, leading a successful private practice in the areas of removal defense and family-based immigration. Early in her career, Odom served as Assistant District Counsel for the legacy Immigration and Naturalization Service.



**Holly O'Grady Cook**  
 Senior Associate Executive  
 Director, American Bar  
 Association

Holly O'Grady Cook is a Senior Associate Executive Director at the American Bar Association responsible for managing the ABA's Governmental Affairs Office that serves as the focal point for the Association's advocacy efforts before Congress, the Executive Branch, and other government agencies on diverse issues of importance to the legal profession. She also oversees the ABA's Center for Public Interest Law, which includes the ABA's Commission on Immigration.

Holly is a retired Army JAG officer who served almost 23 years on active duty with diverse leadership assignments in Iraq, Bosnia, Korea, Germany, and the United States. After retiring, Holly also served on a congressionally-directed panel analyzing the investigation and prosecution of crimes involving adult sexual assault and related offenses in the military.



**Alda P. Dobbs**  
 Author

Alda P. Dobbs is the author of the historical novels Barefoot Dreams of Petra Luna and its followup, The Other Side of the River (September 2022). Her debut novel received a Pura Belpre Honor and is a Texas Bluebonnet Master List selection. Alda was born in a small town in northern Mexico but moved to San Antonio, Texas as a child. She studied physics and worked as an engineer before pursuing her love of storytelling. She's as passionate about connecting children to their past, their communities, different cultures and nature as she is about writing. Alda lives with her husband and two children outside Houston, Texas.



**Javier Zamora**  
 Author

Javier Zamora was born in El Salvador in 1990. His father fled the country when he was a year old, and his mother when he was about to turn five. Both parents' migrations were caused by the U.S.-funded Salvadoran Civil War. When he was nine Javier migrated through Guatemala, Mexico, and the Sonoran Desert. His debut poetry collection, *Unaccompanied*, explores the impact of the war and immigration on his family. Zamora has been a Stegner Fellow at Stanford and a Radcliffe Fellow at Harvard and holds fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation.

## FEATURED SPEAKERS

### Final Remarks



**Timothy Tyler**  
Counsel, International  
Dispute Resolution &  
Arbitration, Vinson & Elkins

Tim practices international commercial arbitration, investor-state arbitration under treaties and state contracts, and associated U.S. litigation. He represents clients in many industries (most frequently in the energy value chain, including renewables), drafts international dispute-resolution clauses and procedures, and counsels clients on how to structure investment holdings into emerging markets to maximize investment-treaty protection.

Tim has been involved in arbitrations under all major rules, in the major seats, under numerous applicable laws. He has advised on, or been counsel in, investors-state cases under tens of bilateral investment treaties or free-trade agreements. As an Adjunct Professor at The University of Texas School of Law, Tim has taught international commercial arbitration since 2005 and investor-state arbitration since 2010.



**Dalia Castillo-Granados**  
Director,  
CILA

Dalia Castillo-Granados is the director of the Children's Immigration Law Academy (CILA), a project of the American Bar Association Commission on Immigration. Prior to working at CILA, Dalia was a senior attorney at Kids in Need of Defense, a staff attorney at Tahirih Justice Center, a clinical supervising attorney at the University of Houston's Immigration Clinic, and a Greenberg Traurig, LLP Equal Justice Works fellow at Catholic Charities' Cabrini Center. Throughout her career, Dalia has represented hundreds of children in their immigration proceedings and before Texas state courts. In her free time, Dalia is active in her community. She is currently on the boards of the Houston Association of Women Attorneys, the Houston Immigration Legal Services Collaborative, the Houston Lawyer Referral Service, and the Galveston-Houston Immigration Representation Project.



**Yasmin Yavar**  
Deputy Director,  
CILA

Yasmin Yavar is the Deputy Director with the ABA's Children's Immigration Law Academy. She is a 2004 graduate of the University of Texas School of Law, where she fell in love with immigration law through Barbara Hines' immigration clinic and a brief summer internship at ProBAR. She began her legal career as a commercial litigator at the Houston office of Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw. After three years, Yasmin relocated to Harlingen, Texas for a year to work for the South Texas Pro Bono Asylum Representation Project (ProBAR) and learn the ropes of removal defense for detained adults. She returned to Houston and was the first employee of Kids in Need of Defense's Houston office, serving as the pro bono coordinator. Immediately prior to working at CILA, Yasmin worked as a consultant for ProBAR's Children's Project.



**"Emanuel"**  
Client

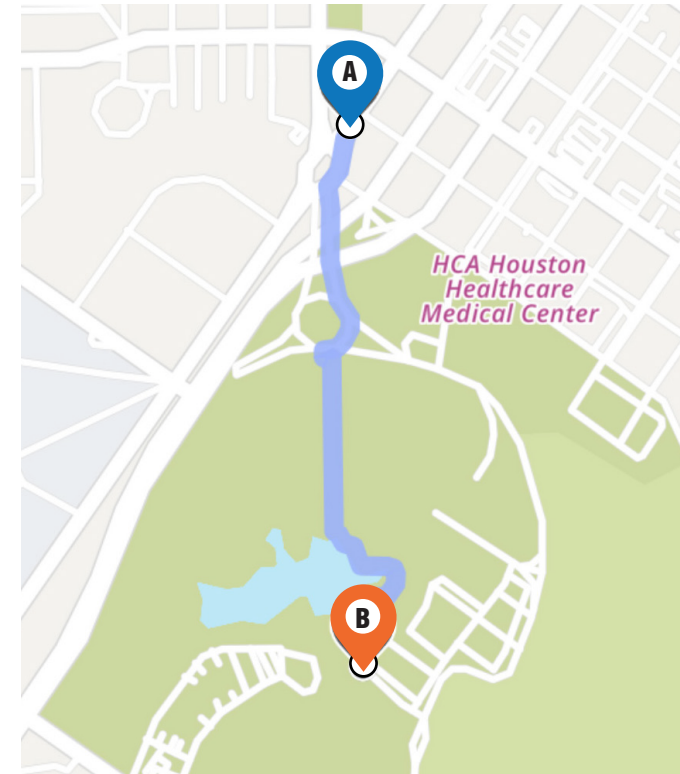
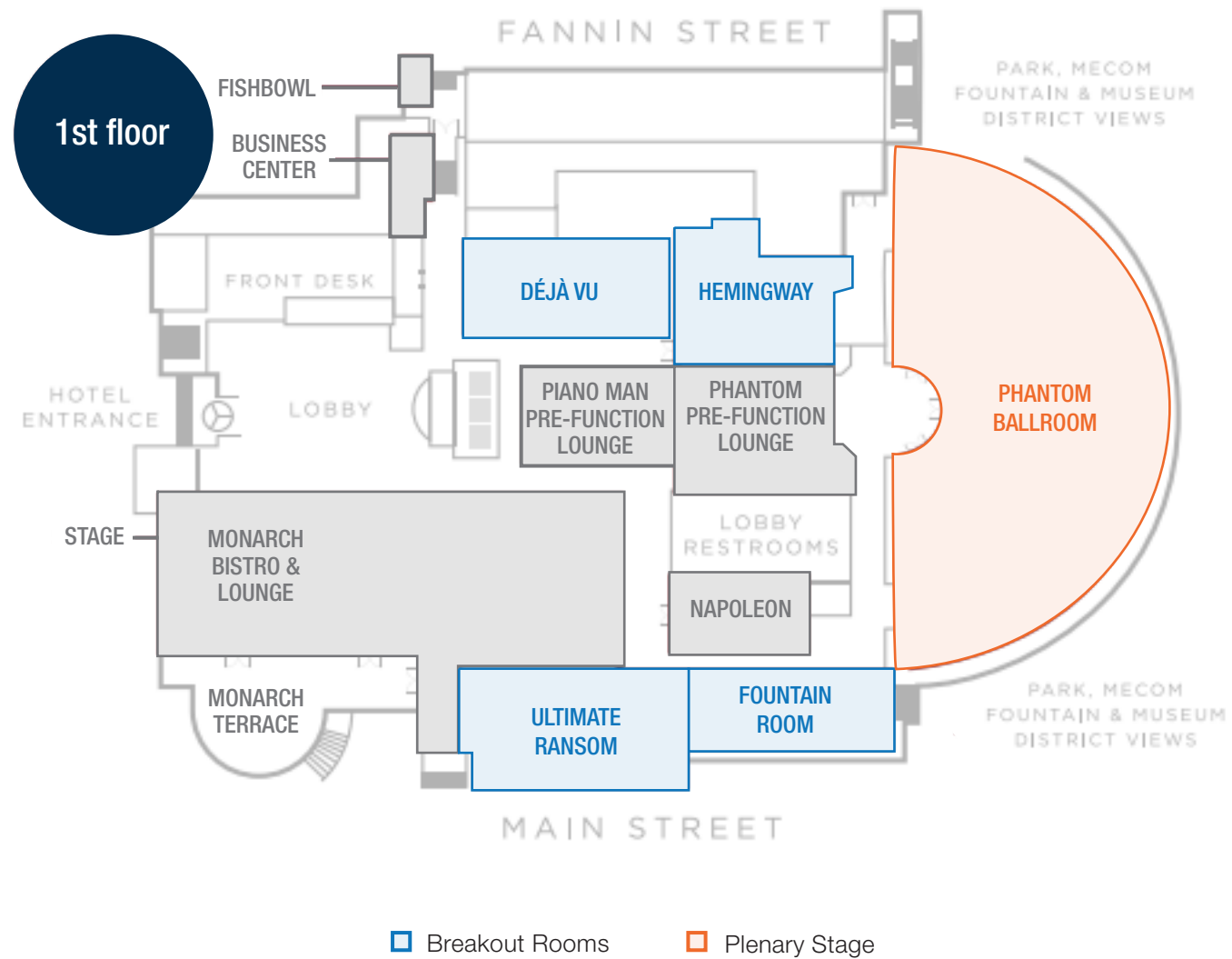
Client of first KIND then CILA who will speak about his experiences navigating the immigration process and working with his legal team.



**Migrants in Mexico.**  
Photo by Brett Gundlock

# Hotel ZaZa Houston Floor Plan

# Houston Zoo



## Directions

### Hotel ZaZa to Houston Zoo

19 min | 0.7 miles

- **Hotel ZaZa**  
5701 Main St, Houston, TX 77005
- ↑ Head southwest on Main St. Go for 190 ft.  
Then 0.04 miles
- Walk left around the roundabout and turn the 2nd street Hermann Park Dr. Go for 0.2 mi.  
Then 0.16 miles
- Walk left around the roundabout and turn at the 2nd street. Go for 456 ft.  
Then 0.09 miles
- ← Turn left. Go for 46 ft.  
Then 0.01 miles
- Turn right. Go for 0.2 mi.  
Then 0.19 miles
- ← Turn left. Go for 476 ft.  
Then 0.09 miles
- Turn right. Go for 0.1 mi.  
Then 0.10 miles
- Turn left. Go for 197 ft.  
Then 0.04 miles
- ← Turn right onto Zoo Circle Dr. Go for 59 ft.  
Then 0.01 miles

- **Houston Zoo**  
6200 Zoo Circle Dr, Houston, TX 77030



- From the main entrance, reference the path on the map for the easiest route to the HBE Lone Star Pavilion.

1:00 - 2:00	Registration and check-in	
2:00 - 3:20	<p><b>Welcome Remarks</b>  <b>Plenary Speaker</b>  <b>Presentation Of Community Award to Cindy Bernal by Gladis Molina</b></p>	<p><b>Meredith Linsky</b>, Director, ABA Commission on Immigration  <b>Holly O'Grady Cook</b>, Senior Associate Executive Director, ABA  <b>Maria Odom</b>, Senior Vice President, KIND  <b>Alda P Dobbs</b>, Author</p>
3:20 - 3:30	BREAK	
3:30 - 5:00	PANELS	
	<p><b>1. Need a Child Advocate? Giving Meaning to Interdisciplinary Best Interests Advocacy</b>  <b>OPTION #1</b></p> <p>■ <b>Interdisciplinary Services</b></p> <p><b>FOUNTAIN ROOM</b> 75 minutes</p>	<p><b>Elissa Steglich</b>, Co-director and Instructor at the Immigration Clinic, University of Texas School of Law (Moderator)  <b>Jena Gutierrez</b>, Managing Attorney, Young Center  <b>Raia Stoicheva</b>, Managing Attorney, Young Center  <b>Tami Benchoam Rogers</b>, LMSW, Young Center  <b>Tania Torres</b>, LMSW, Young Center</p>
	<p><b>2. Representing Children Seeking Asylum: Strategies for Success</b>  <b>OPTION #2</b></p> <p>■ <b>Developments in Substantive Law or Practice</b></p> <p><b>ULTIMATE RANSOM</b> 90 minutes</p>	<p><b>Andrea Mangones</b>, Director of Legal Training, KIND  <b>Laura Egan</b>, Managing Attorney, Children's Immigration Law Academy (CILA)  <b>Karen Baker</b>, Legal Associate, U.S. Protection, UNHCR</p>
	<p><b>3. Successful Strategies Using State Authority to Protect Unaccompanied Children</b>  <b>OPTION #3</b></p> <p>■ <b>Advocacy, Policy and Litigation Updates</b></p> <p><b>HEMINGWAY</b> 90 minutes</p>	<p><b>Cindy Liou</b>, State and Local Policy Director, KIND (Facilitator)  <b>Amanda Pennington</b>, Director of Client Services, Office of Colorado's Child Protection Ombudsman  <b>Daniel Jeon</b>, Assistant Attorney General, Washington State Attorney General's Office's Civil Rights Division</p>
	<p><b>4. The View: Four Ethical Perspectives</b>  <b>OPTION #4</b></p> <p>■ <b>Developments in Substantive Law or practice</b></p> <p><b>DÉJÀ VU</b> 75 minutes</p>	<p><b>Dalia Castillo-Granados</b>, Co-founder and Director, CILA  <b>Vickie Giambra</b>, Managing Attorney, CILA  <b>Elizabeth (Chiqui) Sanchez Kennedy</b>, Executive Director, Galveston-Houston Immigrant Representation Project (GHIRP)  <b>Marisa Peterson</b>, Staff Attorney, KIND</p>
5:00 - 7:00	RECEPTION AND PERFORMANCE BY MARIACHI LOS PASAJEROS By The Pool At Hotel ZaZa	
7:15 - 10:00	DINNER ON OWN	

8:00 - 9:00	BREAKFAST	
9:00 - 10:15	PANELS	
	<p><b>5. Understanding and Averting the Harms of Significant Incident Reports (SIRs)</b>  <b>OPTION #1</b></p> <p>■ <b>Advocacy, Policy and Litigation Updates</b></p> <p><b>FOUNTAIN ROOM</b> 75 minutes</p>	<p><b>Scott Bassett</b>, Senior Attorney, CAIR Coalition  <b>Azadeh Erfani</b>, Senior Attorney, NIJC  <b>Cynthia Felix</b>, Managing Attorney, Immigrant Defenders Law Center (ImmDef)  <b>Jane Liu</b>, Senior Litigation Attorney, Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights  <b>Marie Silver</b>, Managing Attorney, NIJC</p>
	<p><b>6. Post-18 SIJS Best Practices and Discussion</b>  <b>OPTION #2</b></p> <p>■ <b>Developments in Substantive Law or Practice</b></p> <p><b>ULTIMATE RANSOM</b> 60 minutes</p>	<p><b>Erika E. Vera Livas, Esq.</b>, Supervising Attorney, The Door  <b>Mariah Ferraz</b>, Supervising Attorney, NWIRP  <b>Michele Suarez</b>, Supervising Attorney, NWIRP  <b>Anna Rae Goethe</b>, Managing Attorney, ImmDef  <b>Daniel Gestal</b>, Senior Attorney, CAIR Coalition  <b>Hillary Richardson</b>, Managing Attorney, NIJC</p>
	<p><b>7. Pregnant and Parenting Youth: Elevating their voice while advocating for best interests</b>  <b>OPTION #3</b></p> <p>■ <b>Interdisciplinary Services</b></p> <p><b>DÉJÀ VU</b> 60 minutes</p>	<p><b>Melody Koch</b>, Staff Attorney, Young Center  <b>Juliana Pinto McKeen</b>, LMSW Social Worker, Child Advocate Supervisor, Young Center</p>
	<p><b>8. Working with LGBTQIA children from Central America as a Central American LGBTQIA Lawyer</b>  <b>OPTION #4</b></p> <p>■ <b>Service Delivery Innovations</b></p> <p><b>HEMINGWAY ROOM</b> 60 minutes</p>	<p><b>Ana Moraga Archila</b>, Supervising Attorney, KIND</p>
10:15 - 10:30	BREAK	

<b>10:30 - 12:00</b> PANELS	
<p><b>9. Reducing ORR’s Reliance on Large Scale Congregate Care Settings: A Discussion with Experts in State Child Welfare Systems, and Children’s Immigration Law and Policy</b> OPTION #1</p> <p>■ Advocacy, Policy and Litigation Updates</p> <p><b>HEMINGWAY</b> 60 minutes</p>	<p><b>Jennifer Podkul</b>, Vice President, Policy and Advocacy, KIND <b>Scott Hollander</b>, Executive Director, KidsVoice <b>Neha Desai</b>, Senior Director of Immigration, National Center for Youth Law</p>
<p><b>10. My Client Was Mistreated in CBP Detention: Strategies for Pursuing Accountability</b> OPTION #2</p> <p>■ Advocacy, Policy and Litigation Updates</p> <p><b>DÉJÀ VU</b> 75 minutes</p>	<p><b>Carly Sessions</b>, Senior Attorney, KIND <b>Esther Araya</b>, Staff Attorney, KIND <b>Carson Scott</b>, Staff Attorney, ImmDef <b>Yesenia Rames</b>, Senior Legal Assistant, FIRRP</p>
<p><b>11. Effective Response to Self- Harm And Suicidal Ideations</b> OPTION #3</p> <p>■ Rapid Response Efforts</p> <p><b>FOUNTAIN ROOM</b> 60 minutes</p>	<p><b>Andres Cervantes</b>, Senior UC Specialist, ProBAR <b>Lilia Garcia</b>, LMSW, ProBAR <b>Noe Flores</b>, Shelter Services Coordinator, ProBAR</p>
<p><b>12. Teaming up for Success in Asylum Merits Hearings</b> OPTION #4</p> <p>■ Developments in Substantive Law or Practice</p> <p><b>ULTIMATE RANSOM</b> 75 minutes</p>	<p><b>Sonia Suire</b>, Supervising Attorney, RAICES (Moderator) <b>Hannah Eash-Gates</b>, Staff Attorney, RAICES <b>Zachary Bleckner</b>, Staff Attorney, RAICES <b>Monica Pepping</b>, Legal Assistant, RAICES <b>Karla Ruiz</b>, Legal Assistant, RAICES</p>
<b>12:00 - 2:00</b> LUNCH AND CONVERSATION WITH JAVIER ZAMORA Optional Book Signing	
<b>2:00 - 2:15</b> BREAK	

<b>2:15 - 3:45</b> PANELS	
<p><b>13. USCIS Policy Updates Relating to Unaccompanied Children</b> OPTION #1</p> <p>■ Developments in Substantive Law or Practice</p> <p><b>ULTIMATE RANSOM</b> 60 minutes</p>	<p><b>Margot Dankner</b>, Policy Analyst, Office of Policy &amp; Strategy, USCIS <b>Carly Salazar</b>, Policy Analyst, Office of Policy &amp; Strategy, USCIS</p>
<p><b>14. Breaking the Silence and Creating Trust: A Holistic Trauma-Informed Approach to Identifying and Helping Child Survivors Navigate the U and T visa Process</b> OPTION #2</p> <p>■ Interdisciplinary Services</p> <p><b>FOUNTAIN ROOM</b> 60 minutes</p>	<p><b>Alysa Medina</b>, Staff Attorney, RAICES <b>Nancy Tangarife</b>, Senior Legal Assistant, RAICES <b>Jessica Howton</b>, Managing Attorney, Tahirih Justice Center <b>Sarah Bryan</b>, Managing Attorney, RAICES <b>Yanira Peraza</b>, STEP Supervisor, Refugee Services of Texas <b>Sarah K Howell</b>, LCSW-S, Founder of STAR Counseling and Consultation</p>
<p><b>15. Know Your Audience! Highlighting Best Practices in the KYR Setting</b> OPTION #3</p> <p>■ Interdisciplinary Services</p> <p><b>HEMINGWAY</b> 90 minutes</p>	<p><b>Rebekah Fletcher</b>, Director of Legal Training, KIND (Facilitator) <b>Matthew Brill-Carlat</b>, Paralegal, KIND <b>Luis Enrique Jacquez</b>, Social Service Coordinator, KIND <b>Jonathan Barrales</b>, Program Director, ImmDef <b>Natalia Eisenstadt</b>, Legal Assistant, Detained Children’s Program, CAIR Coalition</p>
<p><b>16. Building Legal-Educational Partnerships: Two California Case Studies</b> OPTION #4</p> <p>■ Interdisciplinary Services</p> <p><b>DÉJÀ VU</b> 60 minutes</p>	<p><b>Dr. Sara-Jean (“SJ”) Lipmen</b>, Newcomer Instructional Coach, Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) and Professor, Rossier School of Education, USC <b>Hannah Feldman</b>, LAUSD Kinship Attorney, Bet Tzedek Legal Services <b>Katie Annand</b>, Managing Attorney, Immigrant Legal Defense <b>Lesly Mendoza</b>, Staff Attorney, Bet Tzedek Legal Services <b>Nathaniel Dunstan</b>, Program Manager, Newcomer and Refugee/Asylee Services, Oakland Unified School District</p>
<b>3:45 - 4:00</b> BREAK	



4:00 - 5:30		<b>PANELS</b>	
17. Case Assessment Workshop: Getting it Right from the Start OPTION #1	Joanna Mexicano Furmanska, Staff Attorney, CLINIC Marta Garcia-Lascurain, Staff Attorney, CLINIC	■ Interdisciplinary Services	
<b>HEMINGWAY</b> 90 minutes			
18. Building a Coalition to Advocate with and for SIJS Youth OPTION #2	Geovanny, Youth Leader Maria, Youth Leader Rachel Davidson, Lead Organizer, End SIJS Backlog Coalition Dalia Castillo-Granados, Co-founder and Director, CILA	■ Interdisciplinary Services	
<b>DÉJÀ VU</b> 75 minutes			
19. Finding Home: Best Practices for Safe Repatriation Advocacy OPTION #3	Estrellita Alvarado, Safe Repatriation Manager, Young Center Pam Nickell, Deputy Program Director, Young Center	■ Interdisciplinary Services	
<b>ULTIMATE RANSOM</b> 75 minutes			
20. Tips & Tricks on Managing Tender Age and Teen Populations with Unique and Challenging Situations OPTION #4	Alondra Flores, UC Specialist, ProBAR Biridiana Ballesteros, Senior UC Specialist, ProBAR Xochilth Roman, Senior UC Specialist, ProBAR	■ Service Delivery Innovations	
<b>FOUNTAIN</b> 75 minutes			
5:30 - 6:30		<b>BREAK</b>	
6:30		<b>DINNER AT HOUSTON ZOO</b>	

8:00 - 9:00		<b>BREAKFAST</b>	
9:00 - 10:30		<b>PANELS</b>	
21. Terra Firma: A Model of Holistic, Interdisciplinary Representation of UC OPTION #1	Brett Stark, Esq., Co-Founder and National Network Director, Terra Firma National Josephine Herman, Staff Attorney, New Jersey Consortium for Immigrant Children Eric Hassell, Coordinating Immigration Attorney, New York Legal Assistance Group's Legal Health Unit	■ Interdisciplinary Services	
<b>ULTIMATE RANSOM</b> 90 minutes			
22. Resources and Models for Serving Unaccompanied Immigrant Children with Disabilities OPTION #2	Karen Noemi Coronado Martinez, Supervising UC Specialist, ProBAR Michelangelo Fleury, Shelter Services Coordinator, ProBAR Anne Kelsey, Esq, Policy Analyst for Disability Rights, Young Center Laura Zelaya, LMSW, Social Worker, Young Center Lauren Wert, Senior Attorney, KIND Corie O'Rourke, Managing Attorney, Ayuda	■ Service Delivery Innovations	
<b>DÉJÀ VU</b> 90 minutes			
23. Hearts in Two Worlds: Representing Unaccompanied Afghan Minors (UAMs) OPTION #3	Maria Acosta, Senior Attorney, KIND Reta Arbusto, Staff Attorney, KIND Cruz Espitia, Staff Attorney, KIND Mary Giovagnoli, Senior Counsel, Policy and Advocacy, KIND	■ Interdisciplinary Services	
<b>FOUNTAIN</b> 75 minutes			
24. Building & Implementing New Protections for Detained Immigrant Children: Updates from Lucas R. Counsel and Lessons Learned from Practitioners in the Field OPTION #4	Scott Bassett, Senior Attorney, CAIR Coalition Marie Silver, Managing Attorney, NIJC Mishan Wroe, Senior Attorney, National Center for Youth Law	■ Advocacy, Policy and Litigation Updates	
<b>HEMINGWAY</b> 75 minutes			
10:30 - 10:45		<b>BREAK</b>	
10:45 - 11:45	Remarks by Timothy Tyler, Dalia Castillo-Granados, Yasmin Yavar, and their former client "Emanuel."		
11:45 - 12:00		<b>BREAK</b>	
12:00 - 12:30		Farewell Remarks	

# Seeking Safety, Creating Change

This collection of drawings, paintings, and prints by children served by Kids in Need of Defense (KIND) offers insight into their personal migration journeys towards freedom from fear. Each work reveals the multi-faceted emotions and challenging experiences they have faced. Feelings of terror, despair, and loneliness are juxtaposed with positivity, togetherness, and hope. The exhibit also features pieces focused on self-reflection and cultural identity. Overall, the exhibition invites the viewer to reflect on each child's unique migration experience and the responsibility each one of us has in seeing, hearing, and protecting children on the move alone.

The collection is traveling nationally to promote understanding of unaccompanied children and their inspiring contributions to our communities. Please contact [comms@supportkind.org](mailto:comms@supportkind.org) to learn more.



**Domingo Pablo**  
*Nationality*  
Screen print on paper



**Domingo Pablo**  
*You & I Together*  
Colored pencil on paper



**Robin**  
*Raíces del Pasado*  
(*Roots from the Past*)  
Mixed media on canvas



**Yon**  
*Mas Alla de la Creatividad*  
(*Beyond Creativity*)  
Mixed media on paper



**Oliver**  
*Untitled*  
Archival pigment print on paper



**Domingo Pablo**  
*Right of a Child*  
Archival pigment print on paper



**Robin**  
*Tiempo, Realidad, e Imaginación*  
(*Time, Reality, and Imagination*)  
Mixed media on canvas

