



2014

Annual Report

CAIR Coalition brings together community groups, pro bono attorneys, volunteers, and immigrants working to ensure that all immigrants are treated with fairness, dignity, and respect for their human and civil rights. We serve as the provider of legal assistance for adult immigrants and unaccompanied immigrant children detained in the Capital area.

Dear CAIR Coalition friends and supporters,

2014 was a year of significant growth at CAIR Coalition, with increases in staff, programs, and clients served. We launched our newest program, the Virginia Justice Program, and expanded children's services into Maryland. These expansions led to new staff hiring in all program areas and levels.

In an exciting programmatic expansion, the Detained Children's Program grew beyond Virginia and began to provide legal services to unaccompanied immigrant children being held in two juvenile facilities in Maryland. We now provide legal assistance to any indigent child released from the facilities we service who reunify with family members in the greater Washington, DC area.

Our expansion in the Children's Program was mirrored by a new level of service within the Detained Adult Program into Maryland. With this, CAIR Coalition has lengthened its reach and has grown the impact we can achieve.

An equally exciting program addition also occurred when we launched the Virginia Justice Program. This new program addresses the intersection between criminal law and immigration law by offering resources and assistance to Virginia's indigent defense providers concerning the immigration consequences of criminal convictions. The Program also seeks to advance development of the law through litigation and advocacy efforts. With many immigrants facing deportation due to a prior, low-level criminal conviction, this program is essential to advancing our mission to serve detained immigrants.

To support our new expansions, CAIR Coalition also continued to grow our staff. We hired our first *pro bono* coordinating attorney to oversee our *pro bono* programs. We also hired new attorneys and expanded our legal support staff.

These program and staff increases have allowed CAIR Coalition to provide services to more detained immigrants in 2014 than ever before. In 2014, CAIR Coalition provided legal assistance, ranging from brief consultations to full legal representation in immigration court, to over 2,000 detained immigrant men, women and children. A record number!

We could not have done this work without you – our wonderful friends, supporters and partners.

Many thanks,



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Kathryn M. Doan, Esq.
Executive Director



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Jonathan M. Fee, Esq.
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LEGAL ASSISTANCE & OTHER DIRECT SERVICES

The **Adult Detention Program** provides “Know your Rights” presentations, individual consultations and access to *pro bono* representation to immigrants detained in jails in Maryland and Virginia by Immigration and Customs Enforcement. At some facilities we also offer pro se workshops to assist detained immigrants to represent themselves in court. In addition, we assist arriving asylum seekers with their credible fear interviews at the Arlington Asylum Office. We also participate in the Board of Immigration Appeals Pro Bono Appeals Project which identifies pro se litigants who could benefit from the assistance of *pro bono* counsel at the appeal stage.

The **Detained Children’s Program** provides legal services to unaccompanied immigrant children ages 9 to 17 detained at six juvenile facilities in Virginia and Maryland. These services include “Know your Rights” presentations, individual consultations, accompanying the children to their first court hearings, and securing *pro bono* placement of cases for children who have a defense to deportation, such as asylum or a Special Immigrant Juvenile Visa, which is available to children who have been abused, abandoned or neglected.

In 2014, CAIR Coalition added its newest program, the **Virginia Justice Program**, which offers resources and assistance to Virginia’s indigent defense providers concerning the immigration consequences of criminal convictions and engages in related litigation and advocacy efforts. The Virginia Justice Program works to minimize disproportionate immigration penalties that often accompany criminal convictions for non-citizen residents in Virginia, including prolonged immigration detention and deportation.

2014 Accomplishments in Direct Service

67

pro se workshops at two Virginia facilities covering a variety of topics including deportation defense, asylum and immigration court proceedings.

107

jail visits providing the 1,000+ adult immigrants detained each month in jails in Virginia and Maryland with access to general legal orientations and pro se materials, permitting them to make informed decisions about whether to proceed with their immigration cases or to accept orders of removal and reduce the amount of time they spend in jail.

1,451

detained immigrant adults provided with an individualized screening to determine if they qualify for an immigration benefit.

114

detained immigrants received *pro bono* legal assistance in removal proceedings, greatly improving their chances of winning their cases.

99

non-detained immigrants received brief advice and counsel in partnership with the DC Bar Pro Bono Program’s Immigration Clinic.

562

unaccompanied immigrant children between the ages of 9 and 17 detained at 6 juvenile facilities in Virginia and Maryland received legal assistance.

11

adult and children facilities served by CAIR Coalition in Virginia and Maryland.

32

asylum seekers prepared for their credible/reasonable fear interviews thereby increasing their chances of passing these interviews and being permitted to apply for asylum.

EDUCATION & TRAINING

CAIR Coalition is committed to increasing the number of *pro bono* attorneys trained to represent detained immigrants who wish to fight deportation, often through asylum or similar types of immigration relief. CAIR Coalition offers frequent trainings on issues related to detention and deportation with a particular emphasis on the most vulnerable individuals such as arriving asylum seekers, those suffering from severe mental illness, and unaccompanied immigrant children. CAIR Coalition also partners with other non-profit organizations to provide trainings for the local immigrant community.

2014 CAIR Coalition Trainings Included:

- ✓ In partnership with the law firm of Sidley Austin, completing a practice manual for *pro bono* attorneys representing unaccompanied immigrant children.
- ✓ Leading Basic and Advanced Asylum Trainings at the DC Bar for prospective volunteer attorneys. (67 attendees at the basic training and 50 at the advanced training)
- ✓ Leading trainings for prospective *pro bono* attorneys at five major multinational law firms. (A total of 104 participants)
- ✓ Leading trainings for Fairfax Office of the Public Defender on the immigration consequences of crimes. (25 participants)
- ✓ Serving as instructors in a national webinar hosted by the Immigration Advocates Network on the subject of "Mental Health and Capacity in Immigration Court." (200 listeners)

ADVOCACY

CAIR Coalition advocates for the rights of immigrants in collaboration with, and on behalf of, our members and coalition partners.

2014 CAIR Coalition Advocacy Included:

- ✓ In partnership with American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), coordinating meetings with local offices of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to discuss policy issues and case-related concerns.
- ✓ Participating in Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) NGO-working group on detention reform issues.
- ✓ Participating in a collaborative of local non-profit organizations and law school based clinics that assist immigrant children with the goal of increasing access to legal counsel for these children, both detained and non-detained.
- ✓ Participating in DC area Criminal/Immigration Collaborative which includes the Maryland Office of Public Defender and the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law.

Our 2014 Coalition partners and members included:

ACLU Immigrants' Rights Project, ACLU of Southern California, Pennsylvania Immigrant Resource Center, Texas Appleseed, National Immigrant Justice Center, National Immigration Forum, Physicians for Human Rights, CASA de Maryland, American Immigration Council, Amnesty International of the USA, AYUDA, Central American Resource Center (CARECEN), Catholic Charities Immigration Legal Services, Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC), Hogar Immigration Services, Human Rights First, Just Neighbors Ministry, Legal Services of Northern Virginia, Legal Aid Justice Center, National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild, Office of Refugee Resettlement, Tahirih Justice Center, Justice for our Neighbors, Whitman-Walker Health, World Relief, D.C. Bar Foundation.

FEATURED CASE STUDIES

EZEQUIEL'S STORY

Up until the age of 12, Ezequiel worked every day for his father collecting firewood that his father would sell. After suffering years of abuse and eventual abandonment by his father, Ezequiel, like thousands of other children, was forced to abandon his homeland of Guatemala. He made the treacherous journey from Guatemala to the U.S. to live with his brother in order to escape the abuse and to further his education in a safe environment.

After crossing the border into the United States, Ezequiel was picked up by border control and was placed in a juvenile facility in Virginia served by CAIR Coalition. CAIR Coalition's Detained Children's Program placed his case with a *pro bono* attorney, Richard Siegel at Alston & Bird. Mr. Siegel assisted Ezequiel in securing a Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) Visa which allows him to remain in the U.S., safe from harm. Ezequiel recently received his green card and is currently attending high school and working part-time at a local restaurant.



Mari Dorn-Lopez of CAIR Coalition with client Ezequiel and his *pro bono* attorney, Richard Siegel.

SOFIA'S STORY

Sofia (name changed), at the age of 20, had already endured a lifetime of hardship as a lesbian woman living in El Salvador. Prior to fleeing to the United States, Sofia attempted to come out of the closet after surviving years of violence at the hands of her children's father. As a result she was brutally abused and threatened by her family, and her girlfriend was murdered.

After being detained as an arriving asylum seeker to the U.S., Sofia was sent to Rappahannock Regional Jail where she met representatives from CAIR Coalition. CAIR Coalition placed her case with a *pro bono* team from Arent Fox. With help from attorneys Julia Lacovara, Cesar Francia, and Meghan Hottel-Cox, Sofia won her asylum claim and is living in Virginia, safe from further persecution and abuse.

"Telling our client that she was granted asylum was one of the most rewarding experiences of our lives"

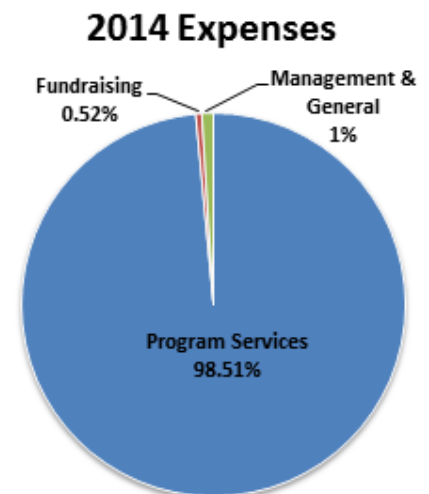
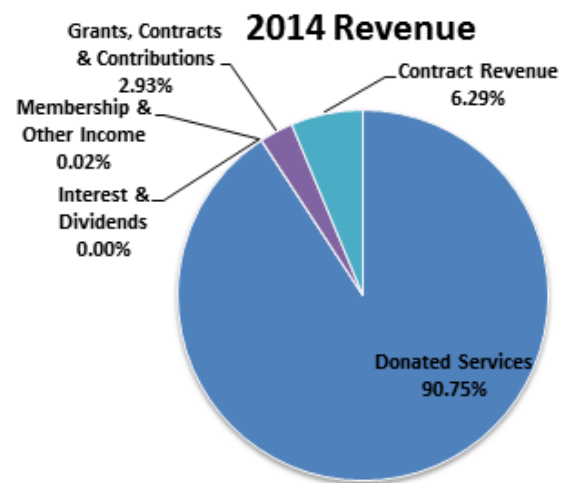
-- Gibson Dunn *pro bono* attorney

2014 FINANCIALS

DONATING TO CAIR COALITION IS A GREAT RETURN ON INVESTMENT

With a small staff and a modest budget, CAIR Coalition leveraged over \$9,700,000 in *pro bono* legal assistance in 2014. Every dollar invested in CAIR Coalition leveraged an additional \$9.80 to support critical efforts to ensure that immigrants are treated with fairness, dignity, and respect for their human and civil rights.

ASSETS	FY 2014
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$132,843
Contributions receivable	\$50,000
Accounts receivable	\$167,376
Prepaid Expenses	\$31,063
Furniture and Equipment, Net	\$15,447
Deposit	\$3,808
TOTAL ASSETS	\$400,537
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Accounts Payable	\$27,435
Accrued Vacation	\$21,830
Deferred Rent	\$203
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$49,468
NET ASSETS	
Net Assets, Beginning of Period	\$335,934
Changing in Net Assets	\$15,135
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$351,069
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$400,537
REVENUE AND SUPPORT	
Grants and Contributions	\$313,965
Contract Revenue	\$674,595
Donated Services	\$9,727,252
Interest and Dividends	\$151
Membership and Other Income	\$2,635
TOTAL REVENUE AND SUPPORT	\$10,718,598
EXPENSES	
Program Services	\$10,543,910
Support Services	
Fundraising	\$55,342
Management and General	\$104,211
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$10,703,463
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$15,135
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF PERIOD	\$335,934
NET ASSETS, END OF PERIOD	\$351,069



The listing below recognizes those who have provided support of \$250 or more to CAIR Coalition in 2014. While space does not permit listing everyone who contributed, we are honored and humbled by your support and generosity.

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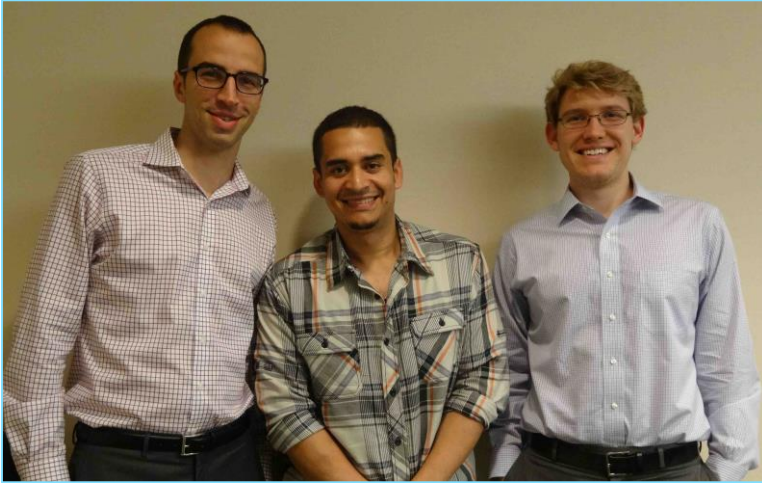
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Pro Bono Partner Win



Craig Fansler, associate at Wiley Rein LLP, with client Juan and legal assistant Ben Dahl after winning cancellation of removal for Juan, allowing him to remain safely in the United States with his family.

PRO BONO PERSPECTIVES:

A CHRONOLOGY OF GOING HOME

An excerpt from a blog post written by attorney Craig Fansler of Wiley Rein LLP about his experience representing a detained client in immigration court:

The result, though, is a picture I will always remember. At the end of the hearing, the judge said those three magic words: you can stay. The judge then left the courtroom, but not before telling the family they could come up to the monitor. I will never forget seeing our client's family crowd around the television monitor. No longer was it used for our client to learn his fate. Instead, he now had control of the airwaves. Family crying, he said: ***I'm coming home.***

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art by detained immigrant children served by CAIR Coalition



Painting
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Drawing by an
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