

2020 Platform Resolution

PACG Civil Rights Forum

Issue: Detention for Asylum Seekers

Whereas both international and United States law allow people suffering persecution and threat of personal harm for their beliefs or actions to seek asylum;

Whereas asylum seekers must establish their case for asylum in a court hearing, not a court of criminal proceedings;

Whereas the history of asylum seekers shows they have not been a threat to life or property in the United States;

Whereas in the past, asylum seekers were not detained and dutifully attended their court appearances, particularly when given assistance in their native language to assure awareness of their court dates and locations;

Whereas detaining asylum seekers is contrary to the intent of international law, and is a high expense proposition that makes the United States responsible for the care of detainees;

Whereas asylum seeking families have children, and locking up children is cruel, immoral and permanently harmful, now, be it

Resolved that

1. Asylum seekers be detained only if it can be established they pose a risk to the community.
2. Asylum seeking families with children not be detained.
3. Privately-owned or operated detention facilities not be used or constructed for detention of asylum seekers.
4. Asylum seekers be given assistance so that they know their legal rights and when and where they should appear in immigration courts, in order to avoid costly and dangerous detention.

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