



FYI from the MCWNN (March 31, 2013)

News & Opinions

[Immigrant detainees and the right to counsel](#) (New York Times, March 30, 2013).

[Immigration report highlights deportee family separation](#) (KVOA 4 - March 28, 2013). Researchers surveyed more than 1,000 deported immigrants for this report from 2010 to 2012, and they found 1 in 4 of these deportees have children under the age of 18 who are U.S. citizens. According to the University of Arizona's immigration report, in many cases, mothers are separated from their young kids when they're found in the country illegally.

[Undocumented Kids Crossing the U.S. Border Alone in Increasing Numbers](#) (Daily Beast, March 23, 2013).

[Opinion - Time to Strengthen Family Unity](#) (New York Time, March 24, 2013).

[Pro-Obama Group Enters Immigration Fray](#) (New York Times, March 26, 2013). Organizing for Action will promote online personal stories from supporters of a path to citizenship for illegal immigrants.

[“How Comprehensive Immigration Reform Should Address the Needs of Women and Families”](#) (by Wendy Cervantes, First Focus Campaign for Children, Testimony to Senate Judiciary Committee Hearing on Immigration, March 18, 2013, 3 pages).

[A Senate Plan Alters Waiting Periods for Immigration](#) (New York Times, Mar 17, 2013).

[Gang of Eight: National ID Out, E-Verify In](#) (Associated Press, Mar 13, 2013).

[Young Immigrants Applications Fall](#) (Wall Street Journal, March 15, 2013).

[How the sequester would affect our dysfunctional immigration system](#) (Washington Post, Feb 24, 2013).

[We Need to End our ‘Natural Experiment’ With Undocumented Children](#) (National Journal, Feb 2013).

[‘Dreamer’ Carlos Saavedra: On How Obama Changed His Immigration Policy, and How UK Politicians Can too](#) (Huffington Post UK, Feb 27, 2013).

[Making Immigration Reform Work for Children](#) (by Bruce Lesley, First Focus, The Hill, Feb 25, 2013).

[Obama’s Immigration Plan is Far Harsher than Reagan’s](#) (Mother Jones, Feb 2013). Articles describe the 8-year wait under the Obama plan, versus the 18-month wait period for temporary legal status until filing for citizenship under the Reagan plan. Here is the [link](#) to the interactive article about “beating the immigration maze.”

[Report – Most people subject to ICE hold at jails have no convictions](#) (New America Media, Feb 25, 2013). 77% of all ICE “hold” requests were issued for individuals with no criminal convictions.

[In Immigration Debate, Same-Sex Marriage Comes to the Fore](#) (Washington Post, Feb 2, 2013).

[Seeing Citizenship Path Near, Activists Push Obama to Slow Deportation](#) (New York Times, Feb 23, 2013).

[Dems: Obama can act unilaterally on immigration reform](#) (The Hill, Feb 20, 2013).

[The ‘Line’ for legal immigration is already about 4 million people long](#) (NPR, Feb 21, 2013).

[A Company That Runs Immigration Jails Will Have Its Name on a Stadium](#) (New York Times, Feb 20, 2013). Florida Atlantic University, in Boca Raton, confirmed a deal to rename its football building GEO Group Stadium, a private prison corporation. GEO Group reported revenues in excess of \$1.6 billion in 2011, income generated mostly from state and federal prisons and detention centers for illegal immigrants.

Adoptions

[Home is where the harm is](#) (Op Ed by Joan Meier, New York Times, March 6, 2013). Last month Japan’s prime minister, Shinzo Abe, [promised](#) that he would soon sign an international agreement requiring the return of abducted children to their home countries. Japan is among the few industrial countries that has not joined The Hague Convention on the [Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction](#), and Mr. Abe’s statement comes after pressure from the White House, the State Department and Congress. Proponents of the convention, which the United States signed in 1981, characterize it as a means of reunifying families. And it can be. However, in practice, it often has a dark side: in many cases children and custodial mothers are being sent back to a dangerous or abusive father from whom they fled.

[Texas court infuriates Russians: Foes of U.S. adoptions assail ruling averting criminal charges in death](#) (New York Times, March 3, 2013). Supporters of a Russian law banning adoptions by Americans reacted with renewed fury and derision on Saturday after Texas officials said that so far they had found no reason to file criminal charges against the adoptive mother of a 3-year old boy from Russia who died under mysterious circumstances.

[Russians protest death of adoptee](#) (Washington Post, March 2, 2013). Russian officials remained suspicious Saturday about the circumstances surrounding the death in Texas of an adopted 3-year-old despite an autopsy report that determined he died accidentally. Four pathologists agreed the death was an accident. Two weeks ago, Russian officials informed the public here about his death, saying the child had been abused and given psychiatric drugs. No evidence was presented, but that description quickly became an emotional element of anti-American rhetoric and colored the explosive question of adoptions.

Research and Reports

[Unauthorized Immigration to the U.S.: Annual Estimates and Components of Change, by State, 1990 to 2010](#) (International Migration Review, Feb 19, 2013, 34 pages). This report puts the size of the unauthorized population at 11.7 million as of January 2010. The number arriving in the U.S. peaked in 1999–2001 and then declined rapidly through 2009. The population growth stopped after 2007 primarily because entries declined and not because emigration increased during the economic crisis.

[In the Shadow of the Wall: Family Separation, Immigration Enforcement and Security](#) (The Center for Latin American Studies, University of Arizona, 2013). Year-long study regarding migration and immigration

enforcement at the Arizona border to understand who is being deported and their family connections to the United States.

[Crossroads: The Intersection of Immigrant Enforcement and the Child Welfare System](#) (by Rosie Hidalgo, Synergy - National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, 16(1), p2-8)

[Key Facts on Health Coverage for Low-Income Immigrants Today and Under the Affordable Care Act](#) (Kaiser Health Foundation, March 2013).

[Collaboration between King County \(Seattle, WA\) jails and ICE Results in unfair and costly impact](#) (University of Washington, March 27, 2013). The report highlights that the current King County practice of submitting to all ICE detainer requests: extends the time in jail for individuals subject to them by an average of nearly 30 days; disproportionately impacts Latinos -more than one-fourth of Hispanics booked into King County jail were transferred to ICE upon release, and costs King County and local municipalities nearly \$2 million dollars in 2011 alone. The report finds that nearly two-thirds of the people flagged by ICE were not charged with a felony offense when booked into jail and approximately one in eight were not charged with any crime at all before being handed over to ICE's custody.

[Regional Migration Perspectives: Trends, Patterns and Policies in Central America, Mexico, and the U.S.](#) (Migration Policy Institute Series, March 2013). Eight articles written by leading experts on the relationships between US, Mexico and Central America.

Trafficking

[New York State - The Trafficking Victims Protection and Justice Act](#) (Paulin/Lanza, A.2240/S.2135). The legislation would recognize that buying children for sex is child abuse; acknowledge that all prostituted children under the age of 18 are trafficking victims, bringing State law in line with Federal law so that 16- and 17- year olds are not treated as criminal defendants for prostitution charges; defend trafficked people from criminal prosecutions; improve victim access to social services; increase penalties for traffickers and close loopholes for exploiters; and eliminate stigmatizing language for victims of trafficking.

[Safe Harbor Laws for Victims of Sex Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation](#) (American Bar Association Midyear Meeting, 2013).

[PPT - ARC-HT: An Intervention Framework for Survivors of Human Trafficking](#) (by Margaret Dunn, The Trauma Center at JRI, 2013).

Legislation and Advocacy

[How Comprehensive Immigration Reform Should Address the Needs of Women and Family](#) (Webcast, Senate Judiciary Committee Hearing, March 11, 2013).

Resources for Service Providers

[Law Help NY](#) (website). Available in multiple languages, this website includes easy to read, helpful information for New York state residents with their legal questions, including immigration (such as [SIJS](#), DACA, healthcare, language rights, resources specifically for [immigrant children and teens](#), TPS, etc.)

[College Scholarships Available for Youth Adopted at 12 or older from US Foster Care](#) (DUE May 17, 2013). UMPS CARE Charities has partnered with The Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption (DTFA) and Slate XP to offer the UMPS CARE Charities All-Star Scholarship. All-Star Scholarships are open to children adopted from U.S. foster care

at the age of 12 years or older. Funding will provide \$5,000 scholarships for a two-year institution or \$10,000 scholarships for a four-year institution.

[Undocumented Americans](#) (VIDEO, 10 minutes, American Psychological Association). Story of three undocumented youth who arrived as young children.

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