



## Do you know a child who is detained at the border, or who is missing after crossing the border?

### There may be a way to help get this child released.

- If you know a minor who is...
    - now detained after crossing the border alone
- OR
- missing after crossing the border ...

#### Call these numbers to learn how to get help:

- HIAS Pennsylvania – WhatsApp – (484) 604-9412 – Mary M
  - Las Americas (in El Paso, Texas) – (915) 303-6948
- Try to have the following information about the child:
    - **Name, date of birth, and nationality**
    - **Date** and **place** of border crossing
    - Approximate **location**

### What is happening?

- Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has been detaining unaccompanied children who cross the border and deporting them quickly, without letting them see a judge.
- The government has been using the rationale of “public health” to deny unaccompanied kids the right to ask for protection in the United States.
- Children who cross the border are detained in secret locations, like hotels, that do not follow the legal standards for the care of immigrant youth. Then, these minors are quickly “expelled” back to their home countries.
- **If a detained child at the border wants to fight deportation, their families can try to help them if they act very fast.** With assistance, families can ask for children to be transferred to a shelter, where they can request release and begin fighting their cases in court.
- It’s important to **act immediately**, since children at the border are often deported in only a day or two.