

Short term effects on children:

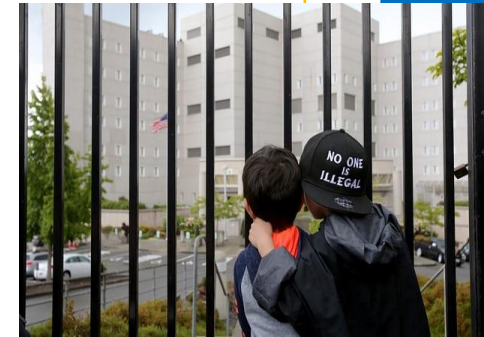
- Family separations damage the relationships with others.
- Detention centers damage the psycho-social development of children. Their mental and physical health is also affected.
- Depression, anxiety, and suicidal thoughts have been seen in children who have been detained.

Long term effects of children:

- Young children between the ages of 4 to 8 are more vulnerable to experience emotional distress because their brains are still developing.
- When trauma is experienced at early stage of life, it has a significant effect on emotional and behavioral development.
- Migrant children may most likely experience post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), which affects the brain and the body.
- Detained children may often experience a delayed cognitive development, which affects concentration, memory, problem solving, etc.
- Children that are detained tend to have sleeping problems such as insomnia and night terrors.

Injustices within facilities:

- Detention centers don't provide immigrant children with basic necessities to survive and thrive.
- Migrant children use sheets of foil as blankets to lay down on the floor.
- Since detention facilities are overcrowded and unsanitary, diseases spread rapidly. Babies drink from unwashed bottles.
- Migrants are given little to no medical attention and are kept for long periods of time.



The excruciating conditions of detention centers for immigrant children



Violation of human rights:

- Many innocent children have died in federal immigration custody because they weren't given medical care.
- US border agents have sexually harassing children and adults.
- Migrant children are sometimes kept in the same cells as adults.
- It is unlawful to detain unaccompanied minor for more than 72 hours, yet children stay in these facilities for months.

“No child should ever be separated from their parent. No child should ever be taken from their family.

~ Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez



- Carlos Gregorio Hernandez Vasquez, a 16-year-old from Guatemala had a fever of 103-degree and the nurse practitioner recommended that he be reevaluated.
- Mr. Hernandez was laying on a pool of his own blood for hours in his cells before he was found dead by his cellmate.



Conclusion:

Immigration detention centers are turning into prisoner-of-war camps and need to be abolished because of the lack of medical care, as well as violating human rights, resulting in the deaths of many immigrants.