



Summer 2018 EJA Fellow



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Entry 1: Week of 6/11/2018

#EJAFellowUpdate Over the past few weeks, I have worked with **Capital Area Immigrants' Rights (CAIR) Coalition** to conduct intakes at detention facilities in the DMV area to determine whether detained immigrant children have viable immigration relief. Due to the effects of this administration's "zero tolerance" policy, many of these children were separated from their parents at the border, making their journeys all the more horrific.

Entry 2: Week of 6/25/2018

#EJAFellowUpdate Equal Justice America During my time working with CAIR Coalition, I have been shocked to witness the prevalence of mental health illnesses within the detained immigrant children population. Many immigrant children, even when free to move about the United States, suffer from crippling anxiety due to fear of getting deported, symptoms of posttraumatic stress disorder, and depression. Detention, especially in secure facilities, introduces new obstacles like frequent confinement, restraint of freedom of movement, and decreased autonomy. These new factors often exacerbate existing mental health issues or trigger the onset of brand new mental health problems.

Entry 3: Week of 7/9/2018

#EJAFellowUpdate Equal Justice America During my past few weeks at CAIR Coalition, I have had the opportunity to work on multiple cases with various forms of immigration relief. I have also continued to help conduct intake interviews for children at detention centers in the DMV area.

Entry 4: Week of 7/23/2018

#EJAFellowUpdate Equal Justice America My internship with **Capital Area Immigrants' Rights (CAIR) Coalition** ends this week. I feel honored to have worked alongside such amazing attorneys, legal assistants, and staff members. My work with CAIR has given me a glimpse into the difficult challenges that detained immigrant children face, both in detention and in immigration court.