

CoreCivic's Valued but Limited Role in America's Immigration System

We recognize that immigration is one of the most complex and personal issues that our country deals with. At CoreCivic, we care deeply about the people entrusted to our care and work hard to provide them with a safe, humane and appropriate environment while they prepare for the next steps in their immigration process.

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- CoreCivic has a long-standing, zero-tolerance policy not to advocate for or against any legislation that serves as the basis for – or determines the duration of – an individual's incarceration or detention.
- CoreCivic does not enforce immigration laws, arrest anyone who may be in violation of immigration laws, or have any say whatsoever in an individual's deportation or release.
- CoreCivic does not know the circumstances of individuals when they are placed in our facilities. Our responsibility is to care for each person respectfully and humanely while they receive the legal due process that they are entitled to.

CoreCivic's facilities are monitored very closely by the government.

- Each and every one of our facilities is required to undergo regular review and audit processes.
- More than 500 Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officials are currently assigned to CoreCivic's eight detention facilities. This includes full-time, onsite monitors that ensure real-time accountability and ease of communication.
- Our ICE-contracted facilities are contractually required and held accountable to federal Performance-Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS) and Family Residential Standards (FRS).

CoreCivic has partnered with the federal government to operate detention facilities with every administration for more than 30 years.

- We've worked with both Democrat and Republican administrations to meet their detention needs, including helping address numerous humanitarian border crises.
- As we have been with previous administrations, we will continue to be responsive to ICE's needs and direction.

In the U.S., inflows of undocumented immigrants can shift by hundreds of thousands of people from one year to the next. That's why private contractors are such an important option for the federal government, in addition to its own publicly run facilities.

- We can open or close facilities as needed. Also, the government can modify or cancel private contracts with very little notice, which it has done frequently in the past.
- If we did not exist, it would cost taxpayers billions of dollars to build dozens of new detention facilities and hire tens of thousands of government employees.

CoreCivic's Role in Caring for Immigrant Families

CoreCivic has significant experience providing safe, humane, appropriate care for immigrant families. Please note, **none of our facilities provides housing for children who aren't under the supervision of a parent.**

2014: Responding to a Humanitarian Crisis

In 2014, tens of thousands of Central Americans, including mothers and children, poured over the U.S.-Mexico border seeking asylum. This unprecedented influx led to what President Obama called an "urgent humanitarian situation." To address this crisis on our southwest border, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) partnered with CoreCivic to build and manage the South Texas Family Residential Center (STFRC), a purpose-built (i.e., not retrofitted), civil residential facility specifically designed for immigrant mothers and children in Dilley, TX.

South Texas Family Residential Center: Meeting the Unique Needs of Families

STFRC is a residential facility that has numerous features to meet the unique needs of the families in the care of its dedicated, professional staff:

- Each of STFRC's **residential complexes** is equipped with a 775-square foot playroom, large screen TV, Play Stations, treadmill and exercise bike, board games, books and age-appropriate toys.
- The **Comprehensive Student Education Center** for Pre-K through 12th grade instruction includes 32 classrooms, a gym, computer labs, interactive multimedia instructional content, and 200 annual days of instruction in state-approved core, ESL and Special Education, music and art curricula.
- **Recreation areas** include four indoor gyms (5,400 square feet each), three neighborhood park areas with multiple play structures, handball courts, basketball courts, volleyball courts and soccer fields.
- The facility includes a **6,500-square foot library** with more than 24,000 volumes for entertainment, study and law, as well as computers.
- There are two separate **4,600-square foot chapels** for worship.
- Dedicated privacy rooms are available for **attorney meetings**, and the five onsite courtrooms can also be used as virtual courtrooms.
- **Monitored childcare** is available for parents who prefer not to have their children accompany them for attorney visits, immigration hearings or administrative reviews. ICE officials maintain dedicated office space onsite and coordinate with groups who provide legal counsel to ensure they have access to the facility.
- The facility cafeteria provides **three meals every day** that are culturally sensitive and approved by a licensed dietician. Snacks are available throughout the facility 24/7.
- Families have **freedom of movement** throughout the facility from 5:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. every day. They can also **receive visitors** seven days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- **Parents provide direct supervision of their children unless the children** are attending school or another approved activity.

While CoreCivic does not provide the healthcare at the facility, ICE contracts for and oversees comprehensive onsite medical, mental health and dental services, including a 24/7 walk-in clinic, group and individual therapy, parenting classes and a stress clinic.