

PAIFUP

News from the fight for freedom, safety and dignity for all immigrants detained in Pennsylvania.

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August Recap

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The contract between York County and ICE ended on August 12th, after nearly 30 years! Our efforts are now focused on expanding PAIFUP to include non-detained individuals who are in removal proceedings.

This week PAIFUP was a part of a virtual roundtable promoting universal representation throughout the state. **[Watch the recording of the event on the City of Philadelphia's Office of Immigrant Affairs Facebook page.](#)** One of our clients, Juan Carlos, shared his powerful story starting at minute 44:51.

Client Success: Tom

Tom has been living in the United States since he was 12. After being born and raised in a refugee camp in Ghana, he and his family moved to Philadelphia where he has continued to live.

Tom's PAIFUP attorney represented him during the entirety of his immigration case. Unfortunately, they were unsuccessful in winning in front of the Immigration Judge. Having been detained for several years, Tom declined to appeal, given the thought of being detained for many more months or years. At the forefront of that decision was the notion that Tom is stateless and that ICE would be unable to remove him from the United States.



On August 6, Tom was finally released, after 5 years, based on a parole request submitted by his attorney. ICE is currently unable to remove him and he will be able to live and work in Philadelphia for the foreseeable future.

In Other News



Shut Down Berks rallies outside Philly ICE office

Berks County Commissioners voted in favor of repurposing the center after what activists are calling an “illegal” deliberation process.

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aldianews.com](https://www.aldianews.com)

US steps up effort to unite families separated under Trump

The Biden administration is expanding its effort to find and reunite migrant families who were separated at the U.S.-Mexico border under President Donald Trump as part of a zero-tolerance policy on illegal crossings.

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www.inquirer.com](https://www.inquirer.com)

In PA, anguish and a scramble to help Afghans

Across Pennsylvania, groups are mobilizing to help people who are able to come now.

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Questions? Comments? News worth sharing? Send Karina, our PAIFUP coordinator, an email at ksuarez@pirclaw.org.

The Pennsylvania Immigrant Family Unity Project (PAIFUP) is a collaborative of nonprofit organizations in Pennsylvania formed in order to achieve universal representation for detained immigrants in removal proceedings in PA.