

PAIFUP

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

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July Recap

6 CLIENTS RELEASED

6 NEW CLIENTS

7 HEARINGS

July was a hectic month for PAIFUP as we united with community partners to mobilize a Release Not Transfer campaign. Read more on our collaborative efforts and what happened at York County Prison during its final month as an ICE detention center (including a hunger strike and several mass transfers) [here](#).

As we continue to work with our transferred clients, we have received information that ICE is planning a new detention facility at the **Moshannon Valley Correctional Center, privately operated by the GEO Group**. We are monitoring this development and plan to advocate for our detained community members wherever they are held.

Client Success: Alexander

Alexander, 19 years old, and his family were apprehended at the border after fleeing from Venezuela due to Alexander's father's status as an elected official. Both Alexander and his father were detained at the York County Prison while other family members were separated to detention centers across the U.S. While Alexander's father was released by ICE on an order of supervision, Alexander was not.

Alexander's PAIFUP attorney, Alissa, requested a bond, which was granted in the amount of \$5,000. After weeks of searching, Alissa was able to find the funds from the **Fianza Fund in El Paso, TX** to post his bond. On the day he was released, the **Parish Resource Center** provided a volunteer to take him to the bus station as well as some supplies for his 48-hour bus trip to Houston. He is now happily living in Houston with his family.



Alexander (left) with his PAIFUP attorney, Alissa (right)

Stronger Together: Meet Our Affiliates



CASA is an organization building power for justice in Latinx and immigrant communities through grassroots community organizing, with an office in York, PA. [Learn about their programs here.](#)

In Other News



Philly's and Pittsburgh's mayors want immigration action

Mayor Jim Kenney and Mayor Bill Peduto, along with more than 80 other mayors from 28 states, signed onto a letter urging our representatives in Washington to move quickly.

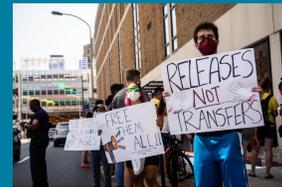
[Read more](http://www.inquirer.com)
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Bill to allow driver's licenses for undocumented immigrants?

A Republican-controlled House panel held a rare hearing on a Democratic-sponsored bill, which would allow undocumented immigrants to get a Pennsylvania driver's license.

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York County Prison has no more ICE detainees

Many detainees have been sent to other detention centers, in some cases farther from their families.

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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.

