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American Immigration Lawyers Association; Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC); Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Refugee & Immigration Ministries; Church World Service; Columban Center for Advocacy and Outreach; Detention Watch Network; First Focus; Franciscan Action Network; Friends Committee on National Legislation; Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service; National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd; National Immigrant Justice Center; NETWORK, A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby ; Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Office of Immigration Issues; Sisters of Mercy of the Americas; Unitarian Universalist Service Committee; United Methodist Church, General Board of Church and Society; United Methodist Women; We Belong Together; and the Women's Refugee Commission

INVITE YOU TO ATTEND A BRIEFING ON:

Family Detention:
The Inside Perspective

A year ago, June 2014, the Obama Administration massively escalated the detention of mothers and children fleeing violence in Central America. Over 4,800 mothers and children have been booked into these facilities so far. Currently, over a thousand mothers and children are being detained in three family detention facilities. The overwhelming majority of these families, including very young children, are asylum seekers who have suffered domestic violence, sexual assault, gang violence and other atrocities and are protected under international and U.S. asylum and humanitarian law.

Come hear directly from two distinguished experts with experience helping mothers and children inside family detention facilities.

Speakers:

Sister Kathleen Erickson   Former Chaplain at the South Texas Family Residential Center in Dilley, Texas

Karen Lucas   Associate Director for Advocacy, American Immigration Lawyers Association

Moderated by:

Brittney Nystrom   Director for Advocacy, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services

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