

Media Advisory for: Friday, June 15th, 2018 at 6 pm

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KS Coalition: End Family Separation & Detention Press Conference

TOPEKA, KS— Kansas Latinx/Xican@, social justice organizations along with seasoned activists will hold a press conference detailing their newly created coalition. The coalition's focus is part of a nationwide call to end the human rights abuses caused by family separation and detention. Additionally the coalition will provide resources to vulnerable communities and their allies to create a unified front for safe and humane immigration reform in the state of Kansas.

WHO: Coalition of local Kansas immigration/Refugee Rights and Social Justice Organizations

WHAT: Press conference to address injustices in the immigrant and refugee community as well as highlight and uplift organizations from across the state of Kansas who are currently working for justice in those communities

WHEN: Friday, June 15, 2018 at 6pm

WHERE: Southside Capitol steps

BACKGROUND:

The current administration has targeted immigrants and refugees with their racist, inhumane policies. This administration is tearing families apart and terrorizing these communities.

We are forming this Coalition to uplift and center organizations from across the state of Kansas who are currently working on immigration and refugee justice. We will continue to highlight what the supporting organizations do in their communities to address the human rights violations of the immigrant and refugee community along with standing as one united front for the communities in Kansas. We will also pledge to provide each organization's unique skills and resources to aid in the protection and sanctuary of all immigrants and refugees.

Representatives from Kansas immigration organizations will unite on Kansas State Capitol Steps in Topeka, Kansas to address the media on the following injustices in the immigrant and refugee community:

- Family Separation
- Abuse in for profit detention centers
- The rejection of Asylum seekers
- Our government's rejection of legislation for DACA recipients
- The injustices in the Kansas Government and violation of voter rights by Kris Kobach
- Potential anti immigrant legislation created by the Trump Administration

KS Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights: This coalition is a conglomerate of current pro immigrant and refugee human rights organizations across Kansas. These organizations have decided to come together and unify their works for the protection and support of Kansas Immigrants and Refugees. This is their inaugural press conference and announcement of the formation of the coalition.

Members of the the Coalition Include:

Sunflower Community Action

Mariel Ferreira

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YWCA of NE Kansas

Deportation Defense Legal Network - Kansas City Region (DDLNKC)

LULAC State of Kansas

Kansas / Missouri DREAM Alliance

Advocates for Immigrant Rights & Reconciliation (AIRR)

Kansas Appleseed

Kansas Interfaith Action

Kansas Poor People's Campaign

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