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**U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Public Comment Session:
Immigration Detention Centers & Treatment of Immigrants**

Friday, April 12, 2019 | Washington, DC

The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will hold a [public comment session](#) on the condition of immigration detention centers and status of treatment of immigrants in detention, including children. (*Para ver esta información en español, consulte [aquí](#).*)

The Commission's 2015 [report](#), *With Liberty and Justice for All: The State of Civil Rights at Immigration Detention Facilities*, addressed the status of detained undocumented immigration children. In July 2018, the Commission voted to reopen its investigation on the conditions of immigration detention, and appointed a Subcommittee to examine the issue further. We seek to hear from members of the public, including advocates, legal experts, affected persons, and other individuals who wish to speak on the issue. The agenda and logistical details may be viewed [here](#).

The Commission has previously assessed the civil rights of immigrants, including issuing statements and correspondence with government officials. Prior Commission positions, by majority vote, include [disapproving](#) of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) actions at local courthouses, [encouraging](#) greater oversight in light of alleged abusive practices at detention facilities, and [condemning](#) the announcement of imposition of quotas on immigrant court judges.

The Commission is specifically seeking public comment on the changes in policy, procedures, treatment and impact of the detention and separation of immigrant families detained at the southern border by the current Administration.

- DATE:** Friday, April 12, 2019 | 10:00 am – 1:15 pm EDT
(End time may be earlier if all speaking slots are filled)
- LOCATION:** U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 1331 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Suite 1150, Washington, DC 20425 (Also [live-streaming](#))
Call-in (listen-only) 800-682-0995, Conference ID 1023168
- AGENDA:** Comments from members of the public in attendance
(Preceded by Commissioners' business meeting beginning at 9:00 am)

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