



TYLA/ProBAR Unaccompanied Children's Project

YOU COULD SAVE THE LIFE OF A CHILD

Each year, hundreds of unaccompanied children reach the Texas border after fleeing abuse, neglect or persecution in their home countries. Without adequate legal representation, these children remain in detention, unable to navigate the complicated immigration system and facing almost certain deportation to the misery they left behind.

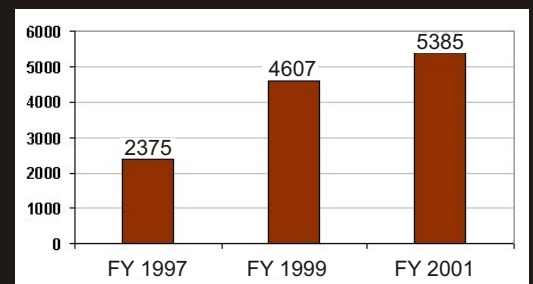
South Texas Pro Bono Asylum Representation Project (ProBAR) is a national effort to provide pro bono legal services to immigrants, including children, who are detained in South Texas. ProBAR recruits, trains and coordinates the activities of volunteer attorneys, law students and legal assistants.

The TYLA/ProBAR Unaccompanied Children's Project is a joint effort between TYLA and ProBAR to provide a voice for the unaccompanied children who are detained in South Texas and seeking immigration relief.

By taking a TYLA/ProBAR case, volunteers will assist a child detained at the border. Prior to taking a case, volunteers will learn about the different agencies involved in apprehension and the typical scenarios the detained children encounter. They will also become familiar with immigration court and the types of relief available to the children.

If your organization is interested in hosting a TYLA/ProBAR Unaccompanied Children's Project training session, or if it is interested in assisting with the project, please contact the TYLA office at (800) 204-2222 ext. 6429. For further information, please feel free to contact Sylvia Cardona at (210) 736-6600 or at scardona@langleybanack.com.

Unaccompanied Children Detained by U.S.*



*Source: Immigration and Naturalization Service Fact Sheets: "INS' Office of Juvenile Affairs" (August 1, 2002) & "INS' Juvenile Detention and Shelter Care Program" (September 7, 2000).