Become Part of the Solution...

The American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) along with the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI) launched the National Center for Refugee and Immigrant Children (Center) in March 2005. Since then, the Center has trained and recruited over 200 volunteer attorneys willing to provide pro bono services to non-citizen children who are facing removal proceedings alone in the U.S. Many of the volunteers are non-immigration attorneys from medium to large law firms that are able and willing to donate significant resources to pro bono efforts on behalf of children. These volunteers bring a wealth of enthusiasm and creativity to their cases. They do not all, however, bring immigration experience.

Experienced AILA members are uniquely able to help volunteer attorneys understand the complexity of immigration laws and processes. Therefore, the Center is seeking AILA members willing to serve as a pro bono mentor to a volunteer attorney. Mentors are not expected to act as co-counsel in the case. Instead, a mentor is expected to help the volunteer attorney adequately explore all forms of relief and be available to answer questions as they arise during the volunteer's representation of a child.

Serving as a mentor is a very rewarding experience—it provides you with the opportunity to help a child without making the time commitment necessary to provide direct legal services. Training materials, regular practice advisories, and AILA telecons on emerging issues are available to support mentors. To volunteer as a mentor, please complete the form and send it to Kathy Moccio via email at *kmoccio@aila.org* or via fax to 612-823-3842

❑ YES, Im interested in helping the National Center for Refugee and Immigrant Children

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Firm: _____

No. of years in immigration or family practice: _____

Do you have foreign language capability? ❑ yes ❑ no. If yes, please list language and capability: _____

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Please check all the areas in which you have experience:

❑ Affirmative Asylum ❑ Special Immigrant Juvenile Status ❑ Removal Actions/Petitions ❑ State Court CHIPS

❑ T Visa/Status ❑ VAWA ❑ U Visa/status ❑ Children's Cases

❑ Probono Attorney ❑ Mentor

Federal court experience (please describe:)_____

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Expertise in country conditions (please list the countries:) _____

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Expertise in a particular type of asylum claim (please list expertise:)_____

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If you are interested in learning more about mentor opportunities,
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