

# FIRST to Communities Not Cages Campaign Explainer

# español abajo

People across the country are joining the call to shut down detention centers to protect immigrant family members, friends, coworkers, and neighbors. The Communities Not Cages campaign amplifies the longstanding local organizing of Detention Watch Network (DWN) members, advocates, and allies across the country, while building a nationally coordinated strategy to stop the expansion of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention, shut down facilities and ultimately abolish the detention system in its entirety.

In 2021, DWN introduced 'First Ten,' the next phase of the Communities Not Cages campaign to make a concerted effort to shut down 10 detention facilities immediately. At a moment when the detention population is the lowest it has been in over 20 years, there is an opportunity to build momentum towards abolition by zeroing in on these detention centers that are emblematic of how the detention system as a whole is inherently abusive, unjust and fatally flawed beyond repair. The Biden administration can and must take immediate executive action to shut down detention centers immediately and end detention contracts. The 'first ten' detention centers provide a roadmap of where to start while building towards the broader vision of abolition. Simply put, people navigating their immigration case should be able to do so with their families and in community—not behind bars in immigration detention.

The Communities Not Cages campaign originally launched in 2018. Currently, there are 23 ongoing local shutdown or anti-expansion campaigns that are part of the national Communities Not Cages effort. Three of these local fights have introduced anti-detention legislation in 2021, including in Maryland, New Mexico, and Washington. Recent campaign wins from DWN members in the past year include Organized Communities against Deportations, Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights, National Immigrant Justice Center, and Wyo Say No preventing the opening of two new detention centers in Illinois and Wyoming, and Rural Organizing Project ending the ICE contract at the Northern Oregon Regional Correctional Facility.

### **16** Hutto Detention Center in Taylor, TX Adelanto Detention Center in Adelanto, CA

First Ten to Communities Not Cages Facilities:

- Berks Family Detention Center in Leesport, PA

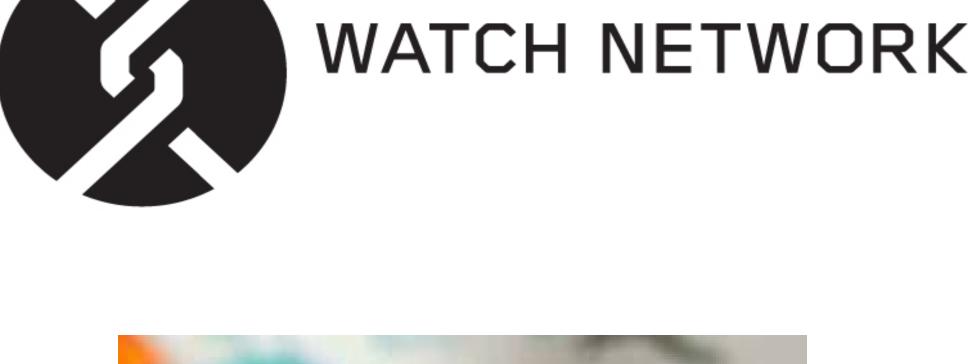
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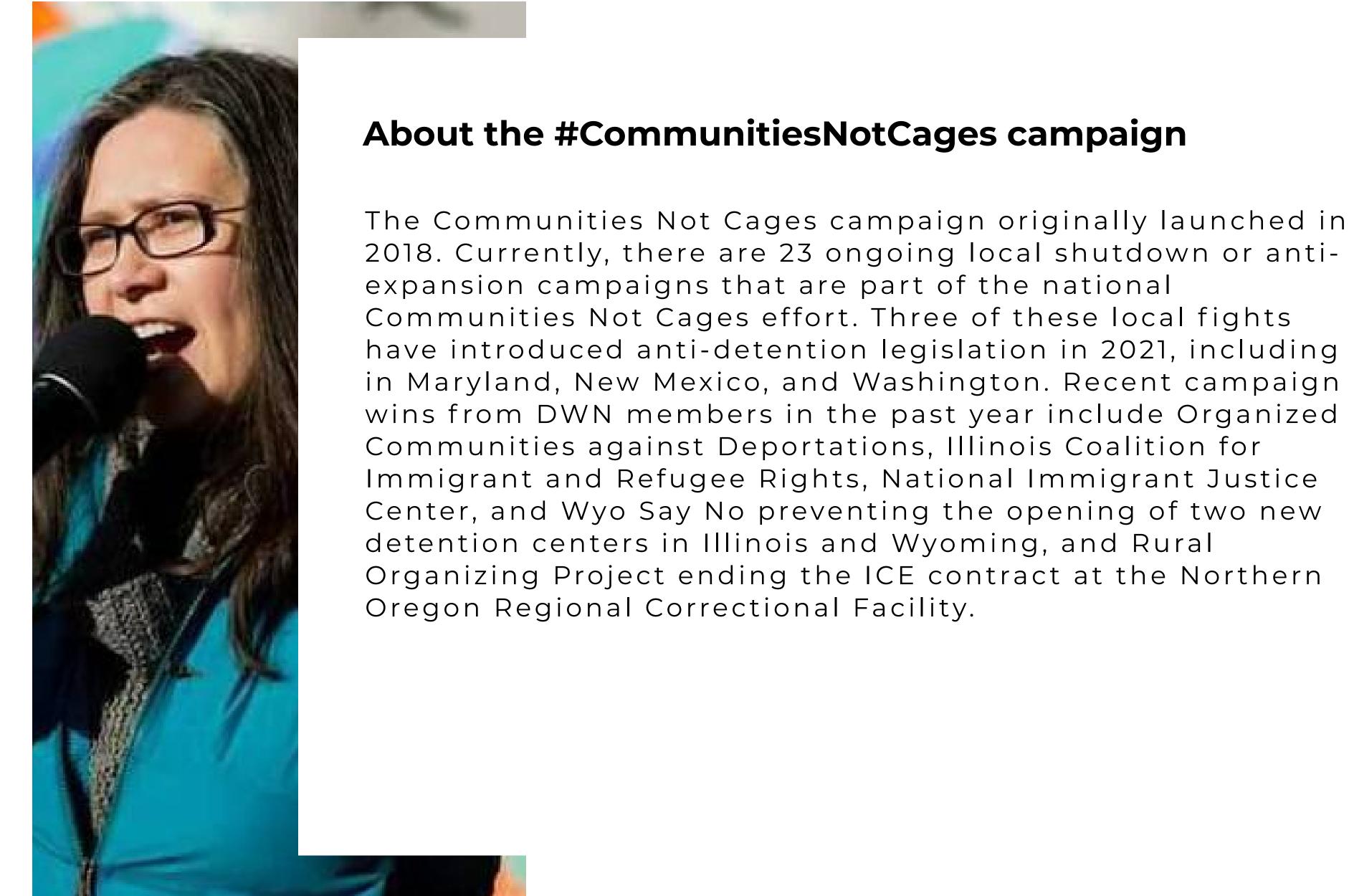
- **¶4** Etowah Detention Center in Gadsden, AL
- **15** Farmville Detention Center in Farmville, VA

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- Irwin Detention Center in Ocilla, GA
- **18** Karnes Family Detention Center in Karnes City, TX
- Mesa Verde Detention Center in Bakersfield, CA

Otero County Processing Center in Chaparral, NM





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### access to webinars, toolkits and support for advocacy, communications and organizing strategies, including messaging

materials, direct actions, regional convenings, as well as artwork

What resources does #CommunitiesNotCages provide?

Communities Not Cages supports local campaigns by

coordinating national calls for participants to share updates,

lessons and analysis. The campaign also offers local campaigns

How can I support this effort? Visit our campaign webpage, which lists upcoming events for local campaigns, as well as petitions and other ways to support specific local/regional campaigns.

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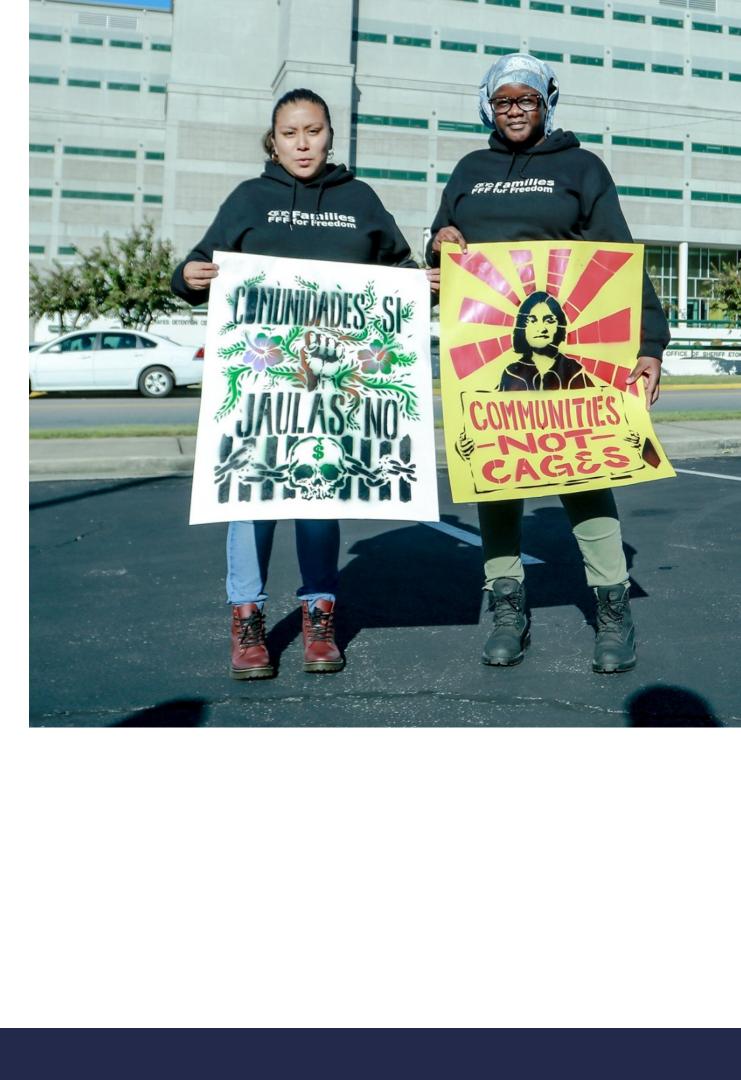


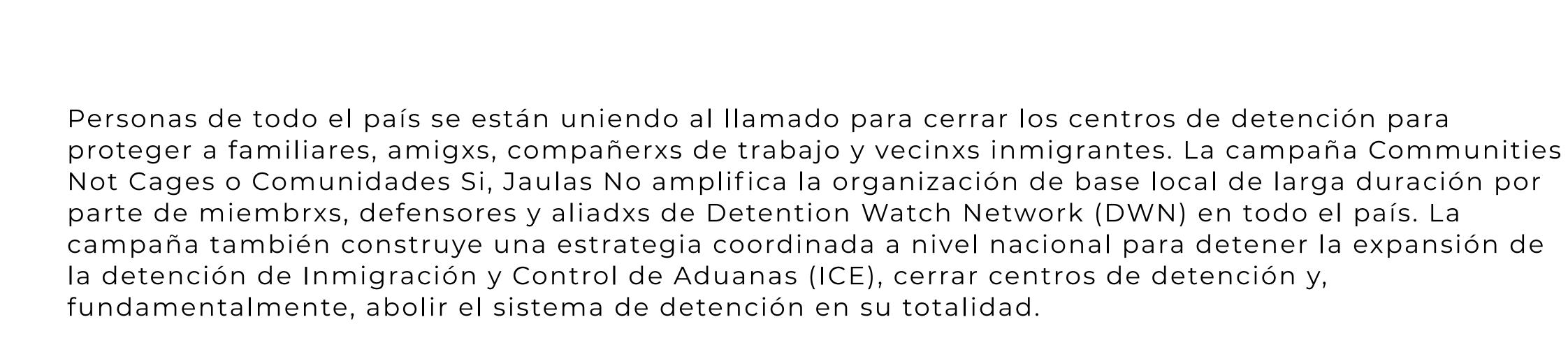
and on-the-ground support.

For more information, visit:

https://bit.ly/communitiesnotcages

WATCH NETWORK





un centro de detención de inmigrantes.

PRIMEROS

DIEZ

# Not Cages o Comunidades Si, Jaulas No amplifica la organización de base local de larga duración por parte de miembrxs, defensores y aliadxs de Detention Watch Network (DWN) en todo el país. La campaña también construye una estrategia coordinada a nivel nacional para detener la expansión de la detención de Inmigración y Control de Aduanas (ICE), cerrar centros de detención y,

de Comunidades Si, Jaulas No

Resumen de campaña

Los Primeros Diez de Comunidades Si, Jaulas No: Adelanto Detention Center in Adelanto, CA **16** Hutto Detention Center in Taylor, TX 12 Berks Family Detention Center in Leesport, PA Irwin Detention Center in Ocilla, GA 13 Dilley Family Detention Center in Dilley, TX **18** Karnes Family Detention Center in Karnes City, TX

En 2021, DWN presentó "First Ten"(Primeros Diez), la siguiente fase de la campaña Communities

Not Cages para hacer un esfuerzo concertado para cerrar 10 centros de detención de inmediato.

detención en su conjunto es inherentemente abusivo, injusto y fatalmente defectuoso sin posibilidad

de reparación. La administración de Biden puede y debe tomar medidas ejecutivas inmediatas para

cerrar los centros de detención de inmediato y poner fin a los contratos de detención. Los "Primeros

trabaja hacia la visión más amplia de la abolición. En pocas palabras, las personas navegando su caso

de inmigración deberían poder hacerlo con sus familias y dentro de la comunidad, no tras las rejas en

En un momento en el que la población de detenidxs es la más baja en más de 20 años, existe la

oportunidad de generar impulso hacia la abolición de los centros de detención. Podemos generar

impulso centrándonos en los centros de detención que son emblemáticos de cómo el sistema de

Diez" centros de detención proporcionan una hoja de ruta sobre por dónde empezar, mientras se

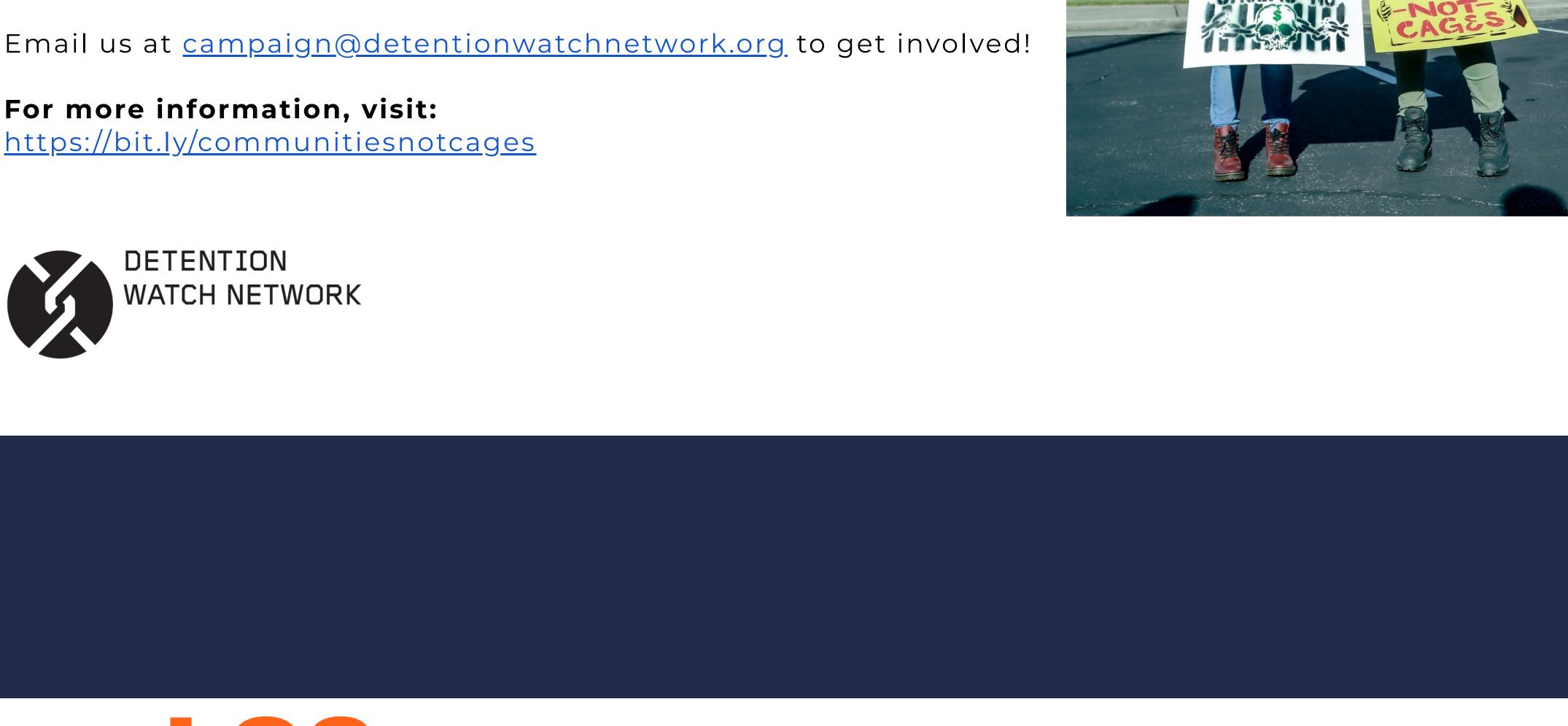


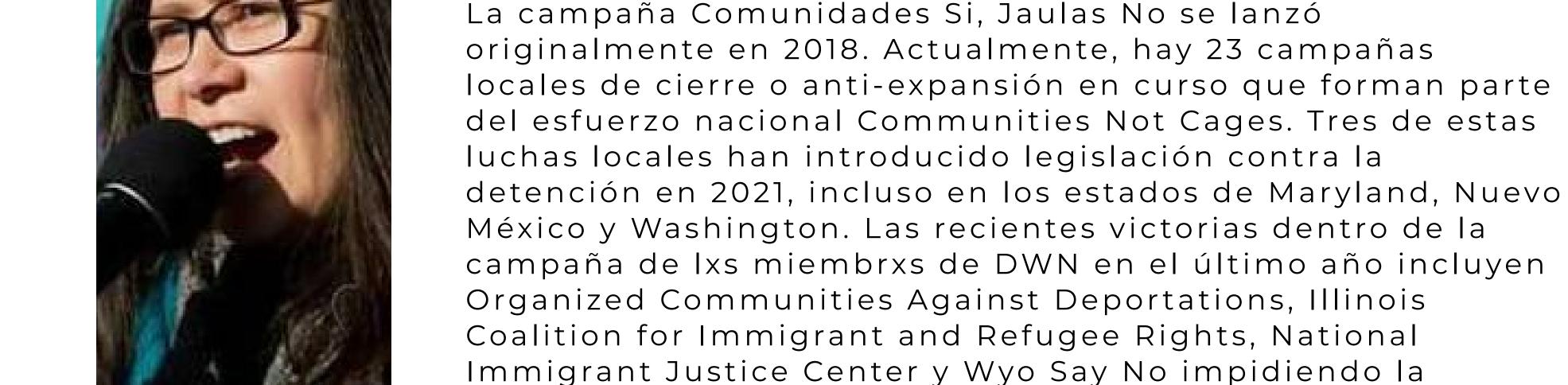
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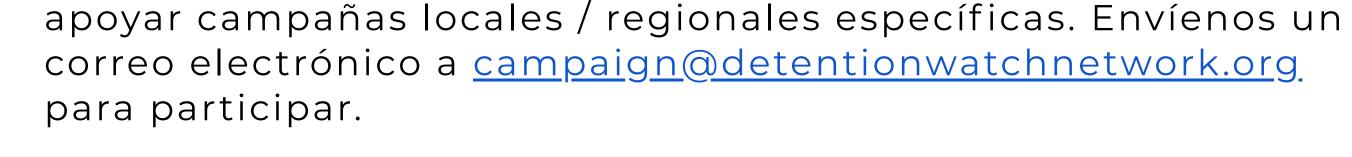
Wyoming. Además, el Rural Organizing Project terminó el contrato de ICE en la Instalación Correccional Regional del Norte de Oregón. ¿Qué recursos proporciona #CommunitiesNotCages?

apertura de dos nuevos centros de detención en Illinois y

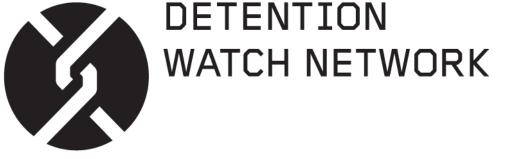
Sobre la campaña Comunidades Si, Jaulas No

#### Communities Not Cages apoya campañas locales coordinando convocatorias nacionales para que lxs participantes compartan actualizaciones, lecciones y análisis. La campaña también ofrece a las campañas locales acceso a seminarios web, conjuntos de

herramientas y apoyo de abogacía, comunicaciones y estrategias de organización de base, que incluyen materiales de comunicaciones, acciones directas, reuniones regionales, así como material gráfico y apoyo en el terreno local. ¿Cómo puedo apoyar este esfuerzo? Visite nuestro sitio de campaña, que enumera los próximos eventos



para campañas locales, así como peticiones y otras formas de



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