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A Toolkit for Advocates, Organizers, Legal Service Providers, and Policymakers

The 2020 election brought much joy and relief to immigrant rights activists, many of whom worked around the clock to help defeat a president who made cruelty to immigrants a central tenet of his administration, and amplified the inhumanity of an immigration system that has been never been fair or just. But more than a year after President Bidens ...

While the U.S. government may provide pillows and booster seats for children who are too small for the chairs in immigration court, it doesnt have to give them an attorney to protect their rights. As a result, far too many children face deportation proceedings alone. They shouldnt have to. Why arent children who are facing deportation entitled ...

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