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## Criminal Justice Issues and Prisoners' Rights

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Universal Representation for Detained Immigrants Facing Deportation in Upstate New York

In recent years, threats of arrest and detention of immigrants have soared, families have been systematically separated, and noncitizens are more vulnerable than ever to deportation. Yet immigrants facing deportation do not have the right to a public defender if they cannot afford a lawyer. The New York Immigrant Family Unity Project (NYIFUP) is ...

Common Misconceptions and Emerging Safe Alternatives

While the precise number of people held on any given day in what's commonly called solitary confinement though also known as segregated or restricted housing is not known with any certainty, estimates run between 80,000 to 100,000 in state and federal prisons. However, evidence mounts that the practice produces many unwanted and harmful outcomes for ...

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