



Somatic Descriptions of the Processes Affecting Unaccompanied Immigrant Children in Farmville, VA

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Immigrant Detention + Child Placement

Specifics of Farmville Detention Facility

- **280 people**
- **11 children**
- **98%** are transfers
- Known for **abuse allegations, COVID-19 outbreak, and poor conditions**

Rights of Children + What's at Stake



For-Profit Private Foster Care Agencies

- **The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)**
 - Catholic Charities program
- **Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS)**
 - Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area



Advocacy + Alternative Solutions



“We need to be building as much as we’re dismantling. A constant state of revolution is what it will take, alongside legislative fixes. People who have direct experience in detention can only determine if justice is possible”

- *Danny C. (Community Organizer, La ColectiVA)*

Thank You!

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