

Ensuring the Protection of Children Alone in Their Search for Safety

Unaccompanied children around the world are searching for safety, fleeing violence and persecution from which their governments cannot protect them. No matter what their country of origin or reason for migration, these children need our help to pursue a safer future.

Our Vision

A world in which children's rights and well-being are protected as they migrate alone in search of safety.

Our Mission

Ensure that no child appears in immigration court without high quality legal representation.

Advance laws, policies, and practices that ensure children's protection and uphold their right to due process and fundamental fairness.

Promote in countries of origin, transit, and destination durable solutions to child migration that are grounded in the best interests of the child and ensure that no child is forced to involuntarily migrate.

Our Clients

Leandro's Journey

Leandro* fled to the U.S. when he was 15 years old after being threatened and extorted by gangs and the police in El Salvador. KIND fought for his asylum case and successfully helped him gain U.S. protection. Leandro went on to take college courses and enlisted with the U.S. Marines.

"I want to show that people who come to the U.S. from other countries come here to succeed and do good and help others."

*name changed to protect identity

Our impact since
KIND's founding
in 2008

+70,000

children educated on
their legal rights in the
United States and Mexico

+14,000

children received legal
representation in
the United States

+11,000

children and families
provided with psychosocial
support in the United States
and Mexico

+3,000

children assisted with legal
services support in Europe
in collaboration with our
global partners

Our Work

Legal Protection

KIND's expert staff, along with our extensive network of private sector pro bono and nongovernmental organization partners, provide unaccompanied children with innovative holistic care that includes legal representation, education, assistance, family reunification, and litigation.

Policy and Advocacy

KIND works to ensure unaccompanied children receive fair and humane treatment throughout their journey to safety by advocating for policies and actions that advance child protection globally.

Psychosocial Programs

KIND provides comprehensive psychosocial support programming, connecting thousands of children and families to essential medical care, mental health care, access to education, and crisis intervention to ensure their safety and well-being.

Global Programs

KIND works with global partners to protect children alone. We use our civil society partnerships and our extensive pro bono network to ensure the safety and well-being of children alone in countries of origin, arrival, transit, and destination.

Immigration judges are 100 times more likely to grant relief to unaccompanied children with legal representation than to those without it.¹

¹ Congressional Research Service, Unaccompanied Alien Children: An Overview, at 17, Sept. 1, 2021

Our Offices

United States

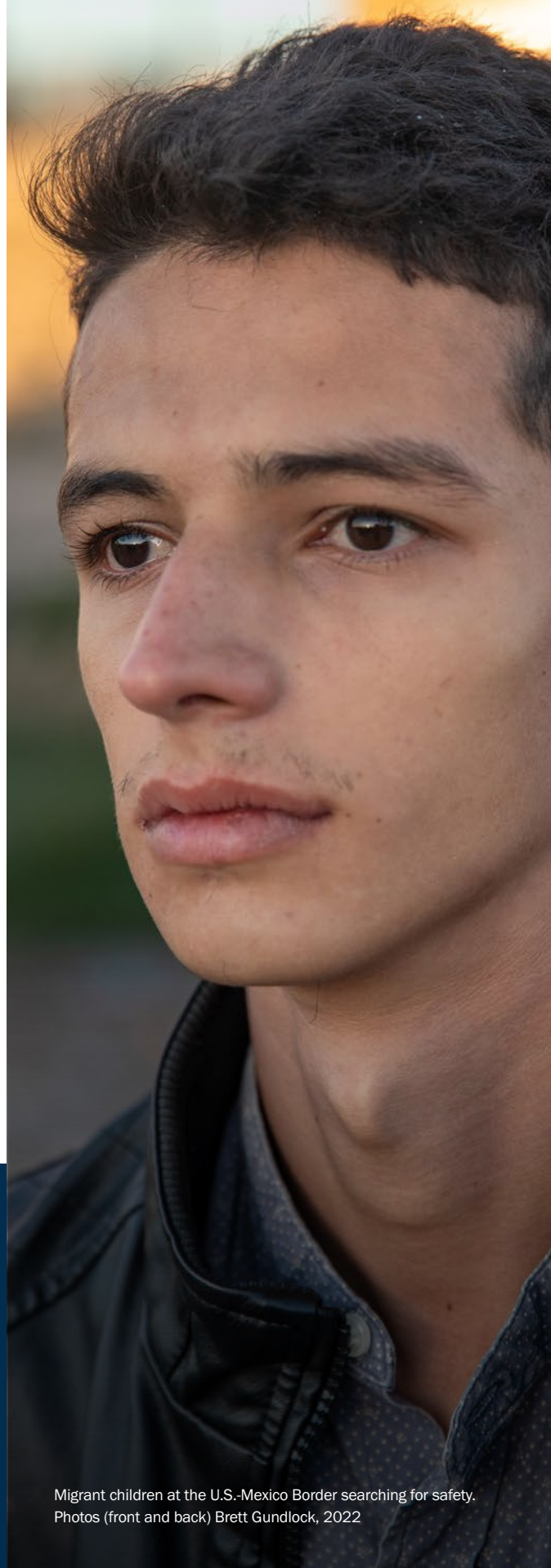
Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, El Paso, Fresno, Hartford, Houston, Jacksonville, Los Angeles, Newark, New York, Northern Virginia, Orlando, Providence, San Francisco, Seattle, Washington, DC

Mexico

Juarez, Mexico City, Tijuana, Tapachula

Global

Central America, Europe, Mexico, United Kingdom, United States



Migrant children at the U.S.-Mexico Border searching for safety.
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