

# SOUTH TEXAS FAMILY RESIDENTIAL CENTER

## A Safe, Humane and Appropriate Environment

### History

- In September 2014, ICE approached several vendors urgently requesting bids to house its growing immigrant family population in an appropriate setting.
- CoreCivic was the only organization to respond to ICE's request for a purpose-built (not retrofitted) civil residential facility specifically designed for immigrant mothers and children.
- CoreCivic was able to provide a solution to the crisis, ultimately designing and building the South Texas Family Residential Center according to ICE's rigorous specifications.
- Families have freedom of movement throughout the facility from 5:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Parents provide direct supervision of their children, unless the children are in school or another approved activity.



### Education

- The Comprehensive Student Education Center for Pre-K through 12th grade instruction includes 32 classrooms, a gym, computer labs, interactive multimedia instructional content, and 200 annual days of instruction in state-approved core, ESL and Special Education, music and art curricula.

### Housing

- Each of the 10 suite residential complexes is equipped with a 775 square foot playroom, large screen TV, Play Stations, treadmill and exercise bike, board games, books and age-appropriate toys.

### Recreation

- Outdoor recreation areas include four indoor gyms (5,400 square feet each), three neighborhood park areas with multiple play structures, handball courts, basketball courts, volleyball courts and soccer fields.



### Faith

- There are also two separate 4600 square foot chapels for worship.

### Legal

- The five onsite courtrooms can also be used as virtual courtrooms.
- Dedicated privacy rooms are available for attorney meetings.

### Resources

- Monitored childcare is available for parents who prefer not to have their children accompany them for attorney visits, immigration hearings, or administrative interviews.
- The facility includes a 6500 square foot library with more than 24,000 volumes for entertainment, study and law, as well as computers.
- Residents can receive visitors seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

### Health Care

- ICE contracts for and oversees comprehensive onsite medical, mental health and dental services, including a 24/7 walk-in clinic, group and individual therapy, parenting classes and a stress clinic.

