

CoreCivic's Valued but Limited Role In the Immigration System

Myth 1

CoreCivic detains children separated from their parents.

Fact 1

CoreCivic has not, does not and will not operate any facilities for unaccompanied minors. In 2014, the company partnered with the Obama Administration to build the South Texas Family Residential Center for the sole purpose of caring for women and their children together. In 2021, that facility was re-missioned to care for adults only.

Myth 2

CoreCivic operates temporary shelters that hold immigrants in fenced cages.

Fact 2

CoreCivic does not operate temporary shelters or even contract with federal agencies that do.

Myth 3

CoreCivic lobbies to increase the number of detained immigrants and works to hold people in its facilities for as long as possible.

Fact 3

CoreCivic has a long-standing policy not to advocate for or against legislation that serves as the basis for, or determines the duration of, a person's detention. The company also does not know the circumstances of anyone placed in a facility or have any say whatsoever in their deportation or release.

Myth 4

CoreCivic treats people poorly and offers few services in its facilities.

Fact 4

CoreCivic has a formal, company-wide [human rights policy](#), cares deeply about treating all people with dignity and respect, and offers a wide range of high-quality services in our facilities. CoreCivic also meets or exceeds Federal Performance-Based Detention Standards.

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Myth 5

CoreCivic's facilities are not accessible to the public or held accountable by the government.

Fact 5

CoreCivic's detention facilities have regular visiting hours for family members and attorneys that can extend up to 12 hours per day every day of the week. More than 500 Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement employees work on-site at our facilities to provide stringent government oversight. The general public is also free to take a virtual tour of our South Texas Family Residential Center [here](#).

Myth 6

Taxpayers would benefit if the government owned, operated and staffed all detention facilities.

Fact 6

Migrant flows can fluctuate by hundreds of thousands of people from one year to the next. Newly elected leaders can and do abruptly change immigration policies. Private contractors are an important option for the government to ensure that taxpayers aren't left holding the bag with billions of dollars in infrastructure and tens of thousands of federal employees when migrant flows and policies change.

Myth 7

CoreCivic forces detainees to work in its facilities, and they face retribution if they chose not to participate.

Fact 7

All facility work programs are completely voluntary and operated in full compliance with ICE standards, including federally established minimum wage rates for detainee volunteer labor. We deliver the same high standard of care – including three daily meals, access to health care and other everyday living needs – regardless of whether a person chooses to participate in a voluntary work program.