Families Torn Apart by Detention and Deportation

Today’s criminalization and mass incarceration policies divide and devastate families in communities of color. In addition, the criminalization of children of citizen communities of color further traumatizes and separates families. In the first six months of 2011, the federal government removed more than 46,000 mothers and fathers of U.S. citizen children. These deportations shatter families and endanger the children left behind.