


IMMIGRATION REFORM

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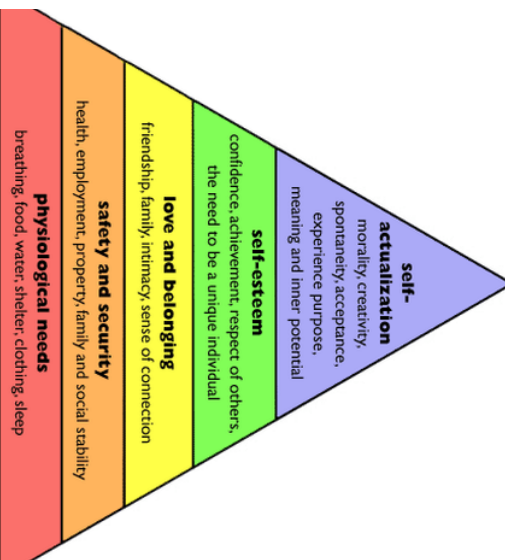
- The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) reported that from April to May 2018 **1,995 children** have been separated from their families. These numbers have increased to above **2,000 children** in June alone.



RESEARCH

- Children separated from their parents are not able to process information and solve problems effectively (American Academy of Pediatrics, 2018).
- Children who are detained without their parents were significantly more likely to show signs of depression, anxiety, aggression and conduct problems than children whose parents were not deported or whose parents were in the process of deportation (apa.org, 2018).
- Children separated from parents score lower on their IQ Test.
- On average there are 65 children a day being separated from parents at the  border
- Some of these facilities also separate or keep fathers in different facilities from the mothers and children.

BASIC HUMAN NEEDS



Abraham Maslow proposed that healthy human beings have a certain number of needs that must be met. These needs are similar to instincts and play a major role in motivating behavior and avoiding unpleasant feelings or consequences.

- Physical Survival needs
- Physical Safety needs
- Love & Belonging needs
- Self Esteem Needs
- Self- Actualization

ECONOMIC & HEALTH COSTS

- The cost to maintain a family bed, which keeps mothers and children together in a family residential center, costs around **\$319 a day**, according to DHS (CNBC, 2018)
- On average it costs **\$133.99 for one adult** detention bed. Immigration groups have increased the cost to **\$200 a day**.
- This is versus the cost of families being separated. Detention centers for migrant children are very costly. A new tent city put into places costs **\$750 per day per child**.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Have highly educated trained professionals such as providing social workers, psychologists, and Educators who can speak native tongue and can provide services.
- Suitable living environment that includes bed increase, good quality of food, water and medical care.
- Provide educational material for children.

GAPS/LIMITATIONS

- Need **qualified and trained** DHS agents are to effectively cater to the needs of children and families
- Define and specify terms like “minimal”, “parent”, and “adequate services”
- Why are immigrants being detained for a **Misdemeanor**