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ProBAR staff returns to our office in Harlingen | April 2022

A Message from the Director...

Kimi Jackson
ProBAR Director

On the morning of April 25, I gathered my belongings and drove several miles down the road to begin a workday that was at once both momentous and mundane. After more than two years of remote work, our ProBAR team had reached our official “Return-to-Office” date and most of our staff would be returning to the office to work en masse for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic began. That morning, ProBAR’s Director of Business Administration and I positioned ourselves outside the front door of the office with signs to greet ProBAR’s team, including many staff members who had joined during the pandemic. Energy was high, and there was an immediate sense of connection...

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Program Spotlight A Breath of Fresh Air

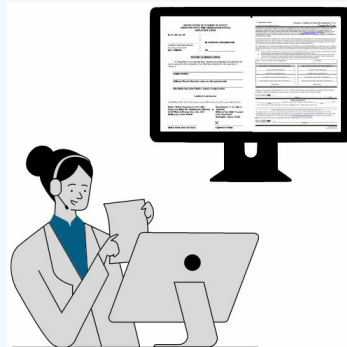
After 2 years of working from home, ProBAR's Shelter Services team has returned to providing in-person services at ORR (Office of Refugee Resettlement) facilities across the Rio Grande Valley. Due to the unique challenges that presented during virtual services, the team expanded their strategies to improve engagement with the children they serve, but they were nonetheless eager to resume connecting with children in-person. For this edition's Program Spotlight, we spoke with members of the Shelter Services team about their experiences returning to familiar scenes equipped with new strategies and tools that help provide services capable of transforming lives.

[Read more here.](#)



ProBAR Celebrates Recent Case Victories

ProBAR is excited to share that we are celebrating the victories of at least 15 people who have been granted asylum or protection under



ProBAR'S Virtual and Interactive Change of Venue Workshops Help Prevent Removal Orders

ProBAR's Release Support team recently began virtual workshops

the Convention Against Torture from mid-March to mid-June 2022 while subject to the Migrant Protection Protocols. These new asylees fought hard to accomplish this, diligently preparing for their hearings, presenting their cases, and ultimately winning relief. [Read more here.](#)

to assist children and their sponsors with the Change of Venue (COV) and Change of Address (COA) process to help prevent removal orders in absentia. Read more to learn about the impact of this creative technique. [Read more here.](#)

New & Notable



Infografía "ProBAR By the Numbers"

Durante 2021, ProBAR atendió a más de 26.000 personas de más de 30 países y recibió más de 5.000 horas de apoyo voluntario. Obtenga más información sobre el trabajo de nuestro equipo durante el año pasado al ver [nuestra infografía](#) titulada "ProBAR By the Numbers" ("Las Cifras detrás de ProBAR").



¿Qué es el programa Protocolos de Protección a Migrantes (MPP/'Espera en México')?

Entre 2019 y 2021, más de 70.000 solicitantes de asilo se vieron obligados a esperar en condiciones peligrosas en México bajo los Protocolos de Protección al Migrante (MPP). El MPP finalizó el año pasado, pero un juez federal luego le ordenó al gobierno que reiniciara el programa. El 30 de junio, la Corte Suprema emitió una **decisión** en el caso Biden v. Texas sobre la terminación del programa. Entonces, ¿qué es exactamente MPP? [Haga clic aquí](#) para ver nuestra infografía

Get Involved!



Pro Bono Spotlight:

Make a Difference with ProBAR!

Pro Bono Opportunities

If you are an attorney interested in getting involved or learning more about our pro bono opportunities, fill out our [Pro Bono Interest Form](#). Any questions can be sent to volunteer@abaprobar.org.

Remote Translation Program

***"Today, I am Happy
Because I am Free."***

The Asylum and Convention Against Torture Appellate Clinic at Cornell Law School and ProBAR join our client in celebrating his recent grant of asylum! Learn more about this recent win that was secured for Boubacar, thanks to volunteers from [#CornellLawClinics](#), who got involved in our pro bono program. Pro bono plays a major role in the work that we do and advances our goal of providing migrants with access to counsel and representation.

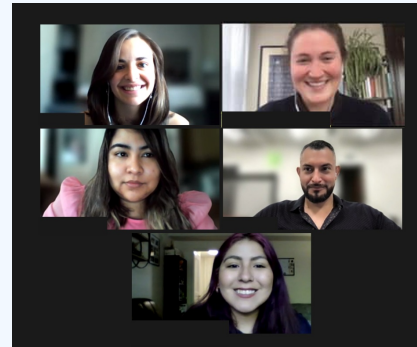
[Read more here.](#)

ProBAR's Remote Translation Program is also accepting volunteer applications! If you or someone you know possess a language ability in addition to English and want to make a difference by providing crucial translation support, please fill out our [Remote Translation Program Interest Form](#).

Questions can be directed to volunteer@abaprobar.org.

Welcome to our Interns!

ProBAR's summer legal internship season is in full swing! We have been fortunate to welcome 6 legal interns to our team so far this summer. ProBAR is happy to have you and can't wait to see what you accomplish throughout the summer!



ProBAR: Advocating For Hope



Join our Legal Team!

Working at ProBAR is a unique opportunity to practice law with humanity alongside a team of dedicated professionals.

ProBAR's Legal Team is a diverse and growing team of passionate

advocates who serve adults and unaccompanied children on the frontlines of immigration. Attorney positions at ProBAR include roles serving children in the custody of the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), adults in ICE custody, and asylum-seekers subject to Migrant Protection Protocols (MPP). Depending on their role, our attorneys may provide a combination of legal orientations, direct representation, and pro se assistance.

ProBAR's Legal Team has opportunities for attorneys with various levels of experiences. From entry-level Staff Attorney roles to Senior and Supervising positions, attorneys looking to make an impact on people's lives have several different ways to contribute to ProBAR's mission.

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Join Our Team!

ProBAR is currently hiring for a number of positions in our Legal, Release Support, and Outreach Departments.

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