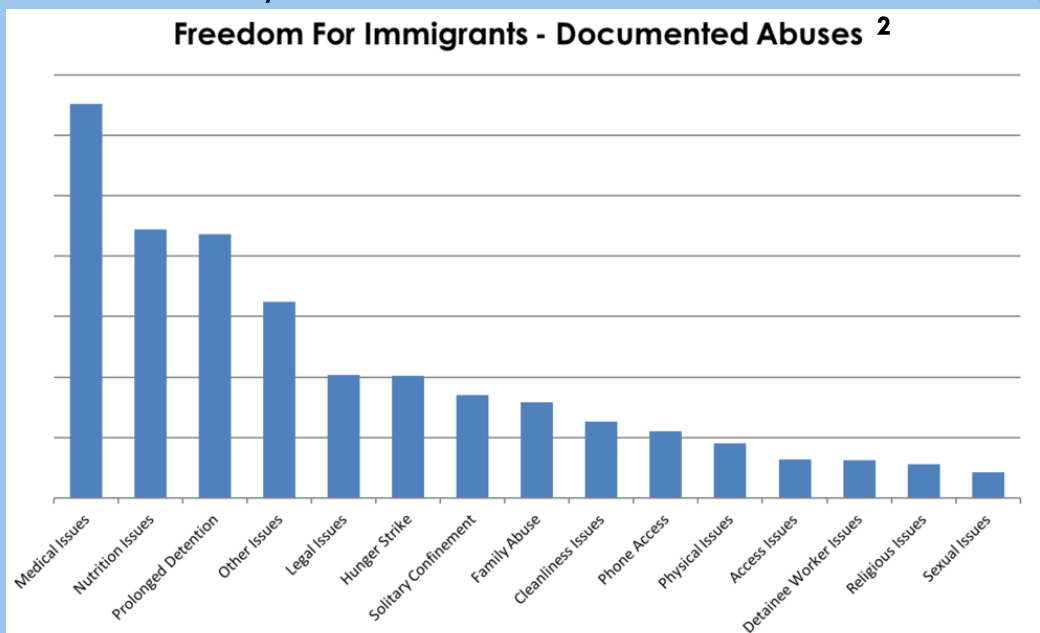


THE TRUTH OF TRANSITION

SHEDDING LIGHT ON CONDITIONS IN SOUTH FLORIDA'S IMMIGRANT TRANSITIONAL DETENTION CENTERS

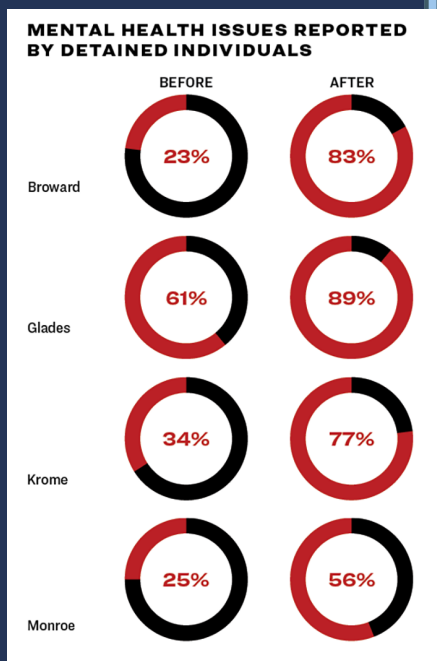
Immigrant detention has skyrocketed in recent years. The Center for Migration Studies reported **47,000 South Florida detainees in 2019**. Just five years before, that number was **below 33,000**.¹



THE PROBLEM: These South Florida detention centers are rife with **abuses, unsafe conditions, and inhumane methods of punishment.**

INADEQUATE MENTAL HEALTH CARE¹

• Sharp increases in reported mental health issues in all 4 South Florida detention centers

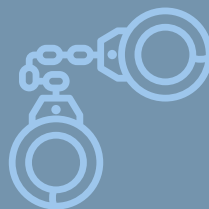


LACK OF DISABILITY ACCOMMODATIONS¹



- Lack of effective communication
- Lack of visual aids
- Lack of mobility accommodations

SOLITARY CONFINEMENT¹



- Overuse of solitary confinement as punishment— considered *torture*
- Disregard of the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Torture's suggestion to ban solitary confinement
- Further damage to mental health

INADEQUATE MEDICAL CARE¹



- Lack of language access
- Limited access to hospital care
- Delays in medication
- Ignored sick calls
- Inadequate dental care
- Prevalence of chronic health conditions

- Out of **52 cases** reviewed by Human Rights Watch, **bad medical care** in 15 detention facilities across the nation contributed to **23 deaths**³

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?



DETENTION CENTERS ARE UNETHICAL. Those detained by ICE are unprotected and experience mistreatment. The detention centers fail to adhere to ICE's minimal standards. They lack adequate oversight, and are able to get away with committing human rights violations because of this. The conditions within these transitional facilities in South Florida are a reflection of conditions of immigrant detention throughout the nation—as the number of detainees increases, so will these abuses.¹

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