



The Recruitment of Young People and Children for the facilitation of irregular border crossings on the US-Mexico Border: the El Paso/Juarez case



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RSVP Information

When: Friday, June 23, 2023

Time: 9:00AM – 12:00PM

Where: The University of Texas at El Paso
Blumberg Auditorium (UTEP Library)

RSVP Deadline: Monday, June 19, 2023

Entrance Fee: No attendance fee is associated with this symposium.

How to Register

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This symposium is funded by the Department of Homeland Security, Office of Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention presented to you by The University of Texas at El Paso's REACH (Resilience, Education, Action, Commitment, and Humanity) Program.

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According to official data from the Mexican government, in 2022 US CBP identified over six hundred cases of Mexican children involved in the facilitation of irregular border crossings in the El Paso sector alone.

Beyond the numbers, there is troubling evidence concerning the forms of targeted violence the children face at the hands of those who recruit them, including organized crime. Reports of threats, intimidation, verbal and physical assaults, torture and even homicides have also been recorded. Embedded in deeply violent dynamics, the children may also be engaging in increasingly aggressive practices that impact the lives of the migrants who rely on their services, but also their own and those of their families.

This symposium brings together community-based advocates and researchers from both sides of the border whose work has documented the dynamics of border crossing facilitation and its reliance on the recruitment of child and young people's labor in the El Paso-Juarez region. In addition to presenting data on the phenomenon along the US-Mexico border, presenters will share their latest findings concerning the profile of the children and their experiences, and the work derived from community-based initiatives aimed to reduce recidivism among children and their families.

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