12th National Member Conference
Fighting for dignity, justice and liberation
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Welcome to Detention Watch Network’s 12th National Member Conference! We are excited to gather together in Colorado, where local activists, organizers and lawyers are implementing innovative strategies to fight detention and advocate for immigrant rights. In the two years since the last DWN member conference a lot has changed and while we can focus on all the really terrible aspects of the new administration and the current state of politics in the U.S., I think it’s important that we also reflect on all the amazing work that has happened and the powerful collaborations taking place.

Through the #DefundHate campaign we finally shifted the conversation about the budget to focus on cuts and prevented a massive expansion of the detention system through the appropriations process. The Dignity for Detained Immigrants Act of 2017, the most progressive anti-detention bill to date, was introduced in the House and now has more than 60 cosponsors. We’ve seen organizers and lawyers working together to put #ICEonTrial at tribunals across the country, culminating in a final one here in Colorado where we’ll address all the abuses at the GEO Group-run Aurora Detention Center. And we’ve started to see a deeper questioning of immigrant enforcement tactics as the call to abolish ICE grows.

The DWN National Member Conference has always been an important space to connect with members about the work, reflect, assess and plan for what’s to come. We’re excited to be coming together in this moment when our fight feels as critical as ever.

At this year’s conference, we will address the challenges we face in the current landscape as detention is expanding, more immigrants are being criminalized by the DOJ, conditions in detention centers are worsening, and the potential for release is even more limited. We will offer trainings to help strengthen your work and sessions to strategize on how to be even more effective in local and national campaigns against detention.

We will also introduce DWN’s new Strategic Framework, which was developed after consulting with DWN members, staff, allies, and funders last fall. We’re excited to be more strategic as we head into the next few years of the struggle and are looking forward to implementing the plan with you in the coming months.

Thank you for joining us at DWN’s 12th National Member Conference. Your participation and engagement make a crucial difference in the success of our collective fight to end detention.

We look forward to our time together in Colorado.
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DWN Strategic Statement

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Mission

Detention Watch Network is a national coalition building power through collective advocacy, grassroots organizing, and strategic communications to abolish immigration detention in the United States.

Vision

Detention Watch Network imagines a world where every individual lives and moves freely and a society in which racial equity is the norm and immigration is not criminalized. The abolition of immigration detention is part and parcel of struggles against racism, xenophobia, discriminatory policing, and mass incarceration and our aims coincide with these broader struggles against racialized oppression.

Core Purpose

Immigration detention is a key component of the United States’ immigration enforcement apparatus. By focusing primarily on immigrant incarceration, Detention Watch Network aims to remove one of the drivers of mass deportations while also addressing the broader role of incarceration and criminalization in U.S. society. DWN’s core purpose is to bring together complementary strategies for a multi-pronged approach to ending detention, including organizing, advocacy, litigation, direct service, research and communications. DWN provides a space for networking and information sharing as well as for sharing analysis and expertise on shifting government policies. Building the capacity of members through training and peer-exchange is an important aspect of DWN’s work. The Network’s theory of change posits that a paradigm shift from an emphasis on punishment and deportation to one that promotes dignity and freedom must take place in order for us to achieve our vision.

Values

Detention Watch Network’s values help guide our work both internally among DWN staff and members and externally with allies and partners:

- We believe that everyone should be treated with dignity and respect. We strive for equity amongst our members and believe in creating healthy spaces for our work;

- We prioritize collaboration and community decision-making;

- We aim to be as strategic as possible and push our thinking and approach beyond what is believed to be achievable. We know that the struggle to end detention is a long one that will require both dedication and nimbleness;

- We believe that our work is inherently connected to other movements for racial and economic justice and strive to be accountable to those movements and not undermine their efforts in our campaigns and tactics;

- We are committed to continued and collective learning and encourage feedback to ensure our strategies and organizational practices are as effective and accountable as possible.
Acknowledgments

DWN’s 12th National Member Conference: Fighting for Dignity, Justice, and Liberation would not have been possible without the outstanding support, assistance, and collaboration of many individuals and organizations. We are extremely grateful for the care that has gone into planning this conference in Aurora, CO.

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DWN members and donors whose enduring commitment and contributions make it possible for the Network to fight for a world without immigration detention, where every individual lives and moves freely.

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Detention Watch Network (DWN) is a committed member coalition that convenes passionate advocates from diverse backgrounds to strategize and strengthen the movement to end immigration detention. We pride ourselves on the diversity of our community; the unique experiences, expertise, and skills that each of us brings to the Network; and DWN’s culture of feedback and transparency. DWN strives to create “safe spaces” while not reinforcing oppressive or punitive systems when convening members and allies.

Detention Watch Network is committed to values of transformative justice and community accountability. We expect our members and invited allies to adhere to the following code of conduct during DWN’s National Member Conference and related activities:

- Willingness for personal growth by allowing to challenge and be challenged by others in a candid and caring manner
- Accountability for your actions
- Respect for everyone’s identity, background, experiences, skills, and unique role
- Offering words of encouragement if you notice a fellow participant needing support
- Offering thoughtful feedback to DWN staff so we can continue to grow and improve

If at any time throughout the conference you feel as though you are not being respected and/or you experience harmful words, gestures, body language or any other behavior that makes you feel uncomfortable or unsafe please contact Aimee Nichols, DWN’s Associate Director (570-269-0778) or Gabriela Marquez Benitez, Senior Organizer, bilingual in Spanish and English, (901-690-5786), immediately.

Thank you for ensuring our DWN community continues to learn, thrive, and grow together as we collectively develop a transformative justice space.

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# Agenda

## Thursday, May 17

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9:00am  Registration
9:15am  DWN's New Strategic Framework and Next Steps
10:00am Workshop Sessions III
   • Yes We Can! Raising Money with Gusto in Challenging Times
   • Site Fights: Local Struggles Against Detention Expansion
   • Taking it to the Courts: Litigation Strategies to Address Harmful Detention Practices
   • Dismantling the Web of Detention Profiteers
11:30am Break
11:45am Plenary: Immigrant Rights and Anti-Detention Work in Colorado
12:45pm Lunch and Action Prep/Presentation
2:00pm #ICEonTrial tribunal at Del Mar Park (buses to take people)
4:30pm Action Ends
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### Saturday, May 19

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Immigrant Rights, Abolition and the Movement for Racial Justice in the U.S.

Time: 10:15 am
Location: Grace Lee Boggs

Presenters:
- Khalil Cumberbatch, Associate Vice President of Policy, Fortune Society
- Katrina Dizon Mariategue, Policy Manager, Southeast Asian Resources Action Center
- Kimberly Gonzalez, Operations Director, Law for Black Lives
- Moderator: Silky Shah, Executive Director, DWN

The immigration detention system is a byproduct of the prison industrial complex and the deportation system in the U.S. As we strategize to get closer to our vision of a world without detention it is critical that we understand and work in alignment with broader efforts to end deportations and address police violence and mass incarceration. This plenary aims to begin a conversation about the role of immigrant rights activists in the movement for racial justice and how we can learn from the fight for prison abolition.

We Will Not Be Silenced: Recent Retaliation Against Activists by DHS

Time: 4:00 pm
Location: Grace Lee Boggs

Presenters:
- Alejandra Pablos, Field Coordinator, Virginia Latina Advocacy Network
- Maru Mora Villalpando, Community Organizer, NWDC Resistance
- Caitlin Deighan, Volunteer, No More Deaths
- Janay Cauthen, Co-Founder, New Sanctuary Movement of New York City and member of Families for Freedom
- Moderator: Mary Small, Policy Director, DWN

As the resistance against Trump, DHS and DOJ’s anti-immigrant agenda grows, it’s no surprise that activists started to become targets as well. In an attempt to silence the opposition, several prominent immigrant rights activists are now facing deportation or criminal charges for their work. In this plenary we'll hear from four women who have been impacted by this recent wave of retaliation, learn about how they are fighting back and how to support people being targeted for their activism.
Plenary Descriptions

Friday, May 18

Immigrant Rights and Anti-Detention Work in Colorado

Time: 11:45 am
Location: Grace Lee Boggs

Presenters:

- Nina DiSalvo, Executive Director, Towards Justice
- Shoeb Iqubal, Human Rights Activist, American Friends Service Committee Colorado
- Sarah Jackson, Executive Director, Casa de Paz
- Sarah Plastino, Senior Staff Attorney, Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network
  Moderator: Barbara Suarez Galeano, Organizer, DWN

With the current national political climate, understanding and taking advantage of the particularities of local contexts to counter this administration’s racist agenda is more crucial than ever. This plenary will provide insights into the current and ongoing struggles of anti-detention work in Colorado, incorporating perspectives from legal, grassroots, and direct service initiatives. The panel will conclude with a look at what’s to come in the next year for the struggle against immigrant detention in the area including nascent opportunities and challenges.
Detention 101: Unraveling the Machine
Location: Angela Davis Room

Presenters:
- Gabriela Marquez-Benitez, Senior Organizer, Detention Watch Network
- Luis Robledo, Workers’ Rights Organizer, Adelante Alabama Worker Center
- Jessica Vosburgh, Executive Director, Adelante Alabama Worker Center & Staff Attorney, National Day Laborer Organizing Network

In 2017, ICE jailed a daily average of nearly 40,000 people. In this workshop, we'll share an overview of the immigration detention system in the US, conditions, and patterns/trends in detention. We'll also hear about current anti-detention campaigns, including strategies and lessons learned from Alabama’s Shut Down Etowah campaign.

Building Grassroots Power Through Movement Lawyering
Location: Sylvia Rivera Room

Presenters:
- Paromita Shah, Associate Director, National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild
- Eunice Hyunhye Cho, DWN Steering Committee Member and Staff Attorney, ACLU of Washington

This interactive session will introduce participants to the theory and practice of “movement lawyering,” which is a form of legal practice that centers grassroots power-building. This session is designed for lawyers who are interested in becoming better equipped to participate within mass movements and support grassroots organizing, and for organizers looking to develop more productive relationships with lawyers.
Intersecting Oppressions: The Plight of Womxn in Detention

Location: Berta Caceres Room

Presenters:

- Christina Fialho, Executive Director, Freedom for Immigrants (formerly CIVIC)
- Sulma Franco, Austin Sanctuary Network Organizer, Grassroots Leadership
- Katharina Obser, Senior Policy Advisor, Women's Refugee Commission
- Lisbeth Rivera, Organizer, Cristantemas

The current administration's push to maximize the number of people detained has only led to worsening conditions for those inside detention centers. This session will offer the opportunity to hear about recent and ongoing campaigns pertaining to the different abuses that womxn experience while in detention. This workshop will have testimonies and analysis from leaders and advocates pushing for accountability in cases of sexual abuse, against the separation of mothers from their children, and for the rights of trans and queer womxn currently detained.

Strategies to Support Medical Care and Health in Detention

Location: Ella Baker Room

Presenters:

- Chanelle Diaz, Physician
- Liz Jordan, Staff Attorney, Civil Rights Education and Enforcement Center
- Lauren Quijano, Community Organizer, New York Lawyers for the Public Interest
- Clara Long, Senior Researcher, Human Rights Watch

Join this educational session where advocates will share their experience and perspective on the lack of medical care and mental health access in detention, inadequate services, and the dangerous and deadly impacts upon those detained. Presenters will also discuss the mechanisms to hold ICE accountable and models of community-driven healthcare, training, organizing and advocacy efforts to effect change.
Detention 201: A Field Guide for Activists

Location: Angela Davis Room

Presenters:

- Laura St. John, Legal Director, Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project
- Katharina Obser, Senior Policy Advisor, Women’s Refugee Commission
- Azadeh Shahshahani, Legal & Advocacy Director, Project South
- Moderator: Silky Shah, Executive Director, Detention Watch Network

If you ever found yourself wondering what certain terms or acronyms mean while talking about detention (e.g. RFI/CFI, mandatory detention, expedited removal, IGSA, CDF, OIG, etc.), this workshop will help answer all those questions and more. We’ll take a deep dive into detention contracting, avenues for humanitarian relief and detention oversight. We’ll also answer any other burning questions you may have about detention, but are too afraid to ask.

Turning up the Heat: Escalating the Fight to #DefundHate in FY19

Location: Sylvia Rivera Room

Presenters:

- Cinthya Rodriguez, Immigration Organizer, Chicago Religious Leaders Network
- Mary Small, Policy Director, Detention Watch Network
- Clara Long, Senior Researcher, Human Rights Watch
- Chia-Chia Wang, Organizing and Advocacy Director, American Friends Service Committee Immigrant Rights Program

Are you outraged by the endless funding increases for CBP and ICE? Do you believe that stopping the flow of money is critical to stopping Trump’s anti-immigrant agenda? Whether you’ve been deeply involved in the #DefundHate campaign already, or are considering participating in the next round, join us to celebrate some important gains, reflect on lessons learned, hear from two remarkable local campaigns, and strategize together about how to turn up the heat as Congress considers funding for next year.
Strike! Supporting the Resistance in Detention

Location: Berta Caceres Room

Presenters:

- Wendy Pantoja, Community Organizer, NWDC Resistance
- Kazi Fouzia, Director of Organizing, Desis Rising Up & Moving
- Maru Mora Villalpando, Community Organizer, NWDC Resistance

People in detention have put their bodies on the line to organize and resist the cruel and unjust detention system to expose abuses inside facilities, where they often face retaliation for mobilizing. Alongside their fight, have been activists on the outside organizing and maintaining strong support, from regular communication with leaders inside, to daily rallies outside, the resistance both inside and outside of detention continues to grow. Join this workshop to hear from member leaders about the work to support the resistance from the inside and grow it from the outside.

DWN Messaging Training: Learn How to Talk About Detention

Location: Grace Lee Boggs Room

Presenters:

- Bridget Whelan, Training and Engagement Coordinator, The Opportunity Agenda
- Carly Perez, Communications Director, Detention Watch Network

At a time when racist and anti-immigrant rhetoric is on the rise and continually coming from the White House, effectively messaging to our audiences and engaging new audiences is more critical than ever. In this workshop, we will dive into The Opportunity Agenda’s signature communications structure – Value, Problem, Solution, Action – to guide values based messages on immigration detention that motivates audiences to action.
Fighting the Confederate at the Border: Challenging Jeff Sessions and the Criminalization of Migration

Location: Ella Baker Room

Presenters:

- Bob Libal, Executive Director at Grassroots Leadership
- Judy Greene, Director of Justice Strategies
- Paromita Shah, the National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild

In April, Jeff Sessions announced a “zero tolerance” policy instructing federal agencies to arrest and criminally charge all migrants at the southern border, building on a more than decade-long trend of the growing use of federal criminal prosecutions and incarceration of migrants. We’ll look at the prosecution trends from Operation Streamline to the use of federal criminal prosecutions against immigration activists and explore organizing opportunities to push back on criminalization in the era of Trump and Sessions and beyond.
Yes we Can! Raising Money with Gusto in Challenging Times

Location: Angela Davis Room

Presenters:

- Marjorie Fine, Fundraising Consultant

Join Marjorie Fine, noted grantmaker and fundraiser, for learning, sharing, discussing and cheerleading on finding the excitement in fundraising—even and especially in tough economic times. Whether you are a new or seasoned fundraiser, paid staff or volunteer, comfortable or nervous about asking for money—this session is for you. We will explore attitude adjustments about money, how fundraising IS organizing, where to find major donors, and practice asking! Come with your questions, ready to laugh and ready to share.

Site Fights: Local Struggles Against Detention Expansion

Location: Sylvia Rivera Room

Presenters:

- Marbella Chavez, Co-Coordinator, Coalition Against the Elkhart County Immigrant Detention Center
- Sabrina King, Policy Director, ACLU Wyoming
- Antonio Serrano, Organizer, ACLU Wyoming & Chairman of Juntos
- Fred Tsao, Senior Policy Counsel, Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights

The current administration's xenophobic agenda depends greatly on the expansion of the immigrant detention system, especially detention facilities themselves. This workshop will start off with insights and lessons from successful local campaigns against proposed detention centers in different localities. The session will then break off into a discussion and brainstorm, applying past strategies and our collective knowledge, to support a growing campaign in Wyoming against a possible detention center expansion.
Taking it to the Courts: Litigation Strategies to Address Harmful Detention Practices

Location: Berta Caceres Room

Presenters:
- Moderator: Mary Small, Policy Director, Detention Watch Network
- Michael Tan, Staff Attorney, ACLU Immigrant Rights Project
- Andrew Free, Attorney, Nashville, Tennessee
- Liz Jordan, Attorney, Civil Rights Education and Enforcement Center

While litigation strategies have been used for decades to mitigate the impact of detention policies and practices, this last year has seen an even more focused effort given the harsh administration of the Trump White House. In this session, participants will learn about some of the exciting and groundbreaking strategies to address the growing and harmful system of detention. Speakers include those on the front lines of the fights around prolonged detention, inhumane conditions and access to counsel. If you want to learn more about litigation and how it can support local organizing efforts, this is the session for you.

Dismantling the Web of Detention Profiteers

Location: Ella Baker Room

Presenters:
- Moderator: Danny Cendejas, Organizing Director, Detention Watch Network
- Alex Friedmann, Associate Director, Human Rights Defense Center
- Bob Libal, Executive Director, Grassroots Leadership
- Jamie Trinkle, Senior Campaign and Research Coordinator, Enlace

Almost every aspect of detention has been commodified as an additional source of profit. From the contracting of guards, to (substandard) medical care and food services, profiteers collude with the government to create an entangled relationship affecting detained people at every step while in ICE custody. This interactive workshop will include a timeline of detention, the creation of a web of profiteers, and brainstorm of how to tackle this web.
Policia y la Migra, la Misma Porqueria: Collaborations between ICE and Local Police

Location: Angela Davis Room

Presenters:

• Priyanka Bhatt, Legal Fellow, Project South
• Fernanda Castellanos, Organizer, Organized Communities Against Deportations
• Nanci Palacios, Lead Community Organizer, Faith in Florida
• Sarath Suong, Executive Director, Providence Youth Student Movement

This workshop will delve into some of the existing avenues that allow direct collaboration between ICE and local police departments. The session will start off with a discussion on current examples of ICE/police collaboration, specifically regarding ICE detainers and the connection between gang databases and immigration enforcement. We will also focus on looming threats and learn more about a current pilot program in Florida that circumvents existing strategies to challenge ICE/police collaborations.

Throwing Down: Prepping for Direct Action

Location: Sylvia Rivera Room

Presenters:

• Andrew Willis-Garcés, Siembra NC & American Friends Service Committee
• Danny Cendejas, Organizing Director, Detention Watch Network

In the last year, we’ve seen groups around the country put ICE on trial, stand up to Jeff Sessions and take on powerful public actions against the current harsh administration. In this workshop, you’ll learn about the basics of action planning and the various roles required to successfully pull off a direct action. You will also get a chance to practice by taking part in a simulated direct action.
Legislating Dignity: Lessons from Passing State Immigration Reforms in California

Location: Berta Caceres Room

Presenters:

- Christina Fialho, Attorney and Co-Founder/Executive Director, Freedom for Immigrants (formerly CIVIC)
- Grisel Ruiz, Staff Attorney, Immigrant Legal Resource Center

Every day, our local governments willingly assist in the separation and devastation of immigrant families and communities. Attend this workshop to learn about: a) recently passed California laws that reduce local government involvement in detention and deportations at the city, county and state levels; b) California’s defense of those laws in Sessions v. California; and c) how you might move similar bills in your state that call for dignity, not detention.

Public Records Requests: How to Get the Dirt you Need to Get the Job Done

Location: Ella Baker Room

Presenters:

- Heidi Altman, Director of Policy, National Immigrant Justice Center
- Fred Tsao, Senior Policy Counsel, Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights
- Luis Suarez, Policy and Campaigns Coordinator, Inland Coalition for Immigrant Justice

ICE and its contractors are infamous for their lack of transparency. Federal and state public records laws give us the right to request a wide range of government records and communications (including emails!). Sometimes these records are enough to, for example, help shut down a proposed detention center or influence the outcome of a county council vote on a new enforcement program. In this workshop you will hear about previous campaigns that successfully utilized public records requests and learn how to write your own public records request.
Presenter Bios

Heidi Altman is the Director of Policy for the National Immigrant Justice Center, a legal services and advocacy organization dedicated to advancing human rights protections and access to justice for immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers. Previously, she served as the Legal Director for the Capital Area Immigrants’ Rights Coalition and created the in-house immigration services program at the Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem.

Gabriela Marquez-Benitez is Senior Organizer based out of Chicago with Detention Watch Network. Gaby was born in Chihuahua, Mexico and migrated to Memphis, Tennessee at the age of six. Coming from a family that has been directly affected by the detention and deportation machine, she has a strong commitment to immigrant community organizing. Gaby is a graduate from the University of Memphis and obtained her MA in Latin American and Latino Studies at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Priyanka Bhatt is an Attorney and Legal Fellow with Project South, a social justice organization based in Atlanta that works in the defense of immigrants, Muslim-Americans and communities of color across the South. Project South has worked for years combating oppressive policies, detention centers, and detention pipelines through reports on the human rights violations in Georgia detention centers, educating the public, lobbying against anti-immigrant bills, impact litigation, and working with communities to pass non-detainer policies.

Fernanda Castellanos is an Immigrant Rights Organizer and Member of Organized Communities Against Deportations (OCAD) based out of Chicago, Illinois. Fernanda became involved in the struggle against detentions and deportations when her mother was detained in 2013. Having fought and won her mother’s case alongside her community, Fernanda continues to devote her time to contributing to OCAD’s base building and popular education efforts.
Presenter Bios

**Wendy Pantoja Castillo** is a Community Organizer with the NWDC Resistance and a Social Anthropologist. She has worked on migration issues since 2002, including in the Mayan Yucateca region and at a migrant shelter near “La Bestia” located by an existing division between Central America and Mexico. Since her arrival in the U.S. in 2007, Wendy has been supporting detained people in Northwest Detention Center (NWDC) in Tacoma, Washington and was a supporter of one of the first hunger strikes in NWDC.

**Janay Cauthen** is the former wife of deported immigrant activist Jean Montrevil. She is also the mother of his three children. Janay and Jean are Co-Founders of New York City’s New Sanctuary Movement. Janay has been a member of Families for Freedom since 2005. Janay is the mother of two daughters ages 19 & 11, and her son, who is 14. Janay will not allow ICE or any other injustice silence her. She will continue to advocate for the rights of immigrants.

**Danny Cendejas** is the Organizing Director with Detention Watch Network (DWN). Previous to DWN, Danny organized at the Texas Organizing Project for five years, where he supported community leaders on migrant and housing rights campaigns, including efforts to end collaboration with ICE and anti-displacement work in migrant neighborhoods being targeted for gentrification. Based in DWN’s D.C. office, Danny lives in Virginia and spends free time building community and hanging out with La ColectiVA.

**Marbella Chavez**, a resident of Elkhart County, was one of the three co-coordinators who organized a coalition to stop the building of a proposed CoreCivic immigration detention center in her hometown. Marbella is the daughter of immigrants and a huge advocate for social justice who felt compelled to stand up and fight back as soon as she heard news about the proposal. Together with Richard Aguirre and Marilyn Torres, the co-coordinators of the coalition rallied their community together to educate one another and to stand up to CoreCivic. After three months of organizing, educating, rallying, and prayer the Coalition was successful and CoreCivic withdrew their proposal to build a detention center in Elkhart County.
Presenter Bios

**Eunice Hyunhye Cho** is a Staff Attorney at the ACLU of Washington. She has worked as a Staff Attorney at the Southern Poverty Law Center and as a Skadden Fellow at the National Employment Law Project, where her advocacy and litigation focused on immigrant rights, including immigration enforcement and detention. She is a graduate of Yale University and Stanford Law School, and was a clerk to the Hon. Kim McLane Wardlaw of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Prior to her work as an attorney, Eunice was a community organizer and popular educator at the National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights for several years. She is a member of DWN’s Steering Committee.

**Khalil A. Cumberbatch** serves as Associate Vice President of Policy at the Fortune Society, a reentry organization whose goal is to build people, not prisons. He previously served as Manager of Training at JustLeadershipUSA and is also a lecturer at Columbia University School of Social Work. In December 2014, after being held for five months in immigration detention, Khalil received an Executive Pardon from New York Governor Andrew Cuomo to prevent his deportation from the U.S.

**Caitlin Deighan** lives in Tucson, Arizona. She has been a volunteer with the organization No More Deaths for three years, providing humanitarian aid to people crossing the U.S.-Mexico border in Southern Arizona, and is currently working as the organization's Abuse Documentation Coordinator. In January 2018, she helped to release a report implicating the U.S. Border Patrol in the routine interference with humanitarian aid efforts, including the intentional destruction of water and food supplies intended for migrants. She is currently facing federal misdemeanor charges related to her work with No More Deaths.

**Chanelle Diaz** is a Physician and Health Activist in the Bronx, New York completing residency in Primary Care and Social Internal Medicine at Montefiore Medical Center. Chanelle is interested in using health care to promote social justice and human dignity by training physicians to provide immigration detention evaluations, developing sanctuary clinic and hospital policies, and ensuring access to health care for undocumented patients.
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**Nina Disalvo** is the Executive Director of Towards Justice, a non-profit legal services organization that roots out systemic barriers to economic mobility. Nina has also worked as a policy-maker in state Government, an attorney at Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP, a human rights organizer in Argentina, and a high school teacher in Puerto Rico. Nina is fluent in English and Spanish and received her law degree from the University of Virginia and her bachelor’s from Wesleyan University.

**Christina Fialho** is an Attorney and the Co-Founder/Executive Director of Freedom for Immigrants (formerly CIVIC), a national nonprofit working to abolish immigration detention. Christina has worked to introduce several laws in California and at the federal level, such as the Dignity Not Detention Act and a federal budget amendment for a moratorium on immigration detention expansion. She is an Echoing Green Fellow and an Ashoka Fellow.

**Marjorie Fine** is a consultant to social benefit organizations and grantmakers and is featured in many conferences on social justice philanthropy and fundraising. Marjorie has written and delivered numerous workshops with an emphasis on major donor fundraising rooted in the arts of community organizing. Marjorie has over 20 years of experience leading grantmaking institutions. She believes fundraisers are the unsung heroes of social justice and often repeats the mantra, “fundraising is organizing.”

**Kazi Fouzia** comes from a long history of struggles for justice. Kazi has organized in Bangladesh, supporting a street vendors union and free community health clinics and education for slum children. Kazi immigrated from Bangladesh to the U.S. in 2008 and was introduced to Desis Rising Up & Moving (DRUM) in 2009 through a ‘Know your Rights’ workshop. Since, Kazi has been involved with DRUM as a member, leader, community organizer, and now as the Director of Organizing.

**Sulma Franco** was the main Organizer behind her own campaign when she lived in sanctuary at the First Unitarian Universalist Church in Austin, Texas for two and a half months to stop her own deportation. After winning her campaign and helping establish the Austin Sanctuary Network, Sulma was a major part of supporting other sanctuary campaigns in Austin. Sulma, has also been an active member of the ICE out of Austin campaign in the fight to stop deportations from the City of Austin. She is also a mentor for the Refugees Services of Texas (RST).
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R. Andrew Free is the Founder and Managing Attorney of a social justice legal startup based in Nashville, Tennessee. His practice focuses on stopping deportations, attacking criminalization and mass incarceration for profit, and holding abusive bosses, government agencies, and officials accountable in federal court. As a movement-minded, client-centered advocate, Andrew provides strategic advice to organizers, allies, and affected communities in struggle throughout the Deep South and around the country.

Alex Friedmann serves as Associate Director of the Human Rights Defense Center and Managing Editor of HRDC’s monthly publication, Prison Legal News (www.prisonlegalnews.org). He is also President of the Private Corrections Institute, a non-profit that opposes privatization of correctional services, and serves on the advisory board of the Prison Policy Initiative. He served 10 years behind bars, including six years at a private prison, prior to his release in 1999.

Barbara Suarez Galeano joined DWN’s staff in September 2017 and is based out of Chicago, Illinois. Prior to joining DWN, she focused on anti-displacement work by way of organizing against evictions, gentrification, and deportations. Additionally, Barbara has done work with indigenous communities in resistance in Chiapas. She holds a Master’s in Education from University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, with a focus on popular education.

Andrew Willis Garcés, originally from Memphis, Tennessee, is on staff with Siembra NC & AFSC, organizing with Latinx immigrants in North Carolina. Andrew is a core trainer with Training for Change, and a member of Mijente.

Kimberly Gonzalez is a queer Latinx woman, born and raised in Miami, Florida by way of Cuba and Puerto Rico. She is the Operations Director of Law for Black Lives. She’s committed to self-determination of communities of color and enjoys sharing her history and culture through food. Kimberly spent the last five years organizing communities of color against police brutality and towards the end of mass incarceration. Kimberly believes liberation can only be won through the liberation of womxn and addressing patriarchy and white supremacy.
Judy Greene has spent four decades researching, writing and orchestrating criminal justice reform. She has received a Soros Senior Justice Fellowship from the Open Society Institute, served as a senior research fellow at the University of Minnesota Law School, and as director of the State-Centered Program for the Edna McConnell Clark Foundation. From 1985 to 1993 she was Director of Court Programs at the Vera Institute of Justice.

Shoeb Iqbal is a Bengali activist who was detained for over two years in Aurora. Seeking asylum, he was released January 2017 and adjusted to life outside by speaking out about detention conditions: the cost of phone calls, the lack of mental and physical health care, etc. He delivers for Dominos and works at DIA. He’d like to attend college for accounting or marketing. He calls his family in Bangladesh often, and hopes to bring them to Colorado.

Sarah Jackson went on an educational trip to the U.S.-Mexico border and saw first-hand families being separated. She returned to Colorado and opened up Casa de Paz — a home for immigrants leaving detention and also a place for families to stay when they have a detained loved one. Sarah’s hope and prayer is to ease the isolating experience of immigrant detention, one act of love at a time.

Laura St. John is Legal Director of the Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project. The Florence Project provides free legal and social services to men, women, and children detained in immigration custody in Arizona. Laura specializes in direct representation of detained adults before the Immigration Judge, Board of Immigration Appeals, and Ninth Circuit. Laura also helps coordinate the Florence Project’s collaboration with both community and national advocacy organizations.

Liz Jordan is a Staff Attorney at the Civil Rights Education and Enforcement Center (CREEC). After graduating from Yale with a BA in Political Science and Latin American Studies, Liz worked at Human Rights First in New York and conducted research in Madrid, Spain as a Fulbright Scholar. She graduated from New York University School of Law in 2013. Before joining CREEC to focus on systemic immigration detention litigation, she was an attorney for The Door’s Legal Services Center, representing unaccompanied minors.
Presenter Bios

**Sabrina King** is the Policy Director for the ACLU of Wyoming. Her work includes organizing, lobbying, and policy advocacy around immigrant rights, LGBTQ rights, criminal justice reform, and environmental justice. Her previous work includes organizing farmers and ranchers opposing the Keystone XL pipeline line South Dakota and organizing directly affected communities in western Colorado around the coal mining moratorium in 2016. She lives in Laramie, Wyoming.

**Bob Libal** is Executive Director of Grassroots Leadership. He has worked for more than a decade on issues of prison privatization, immigration detention, and criminal justice reform. Bob is author of many reports and articles including *Operation Streamline: Costs and Consequences*. Bob has been interviewed for the New York Times, NPR, Business Week, and numerous other local and national media outlets on issues including criminal justice reform, immigration enforcement policies, and the business of prisons.

**Clara Long** is a Senior Researcher with Human Rights Watch's US Program focusing on immigrant rights in the US. With a background as a lawyer and filmmaker, she's responsible for in-depth research and advocacy work on dangerous medical care in immigration detention, abuses of vulnerable groups in detention such as families and transwomen and mistreatment of asylum seekers among other issues.

**Katrina Dizon Mariategue** currently serves as the Immigration Policy Manager for the Southeast Asia Resource Action Center (SEARAC). In this capacity, she works with community-based organizations and national advocates to uplift the narratives of family and community members directly impacted by mass incarceration, deportation, and criminalization. Dizon Mariategue holds a Master of Public Policy degree from the University of Maryland, College Park.

**Katharina Obser** is a Senior Policy Advisor in the Women’s Refugee Commission’s Migrant Rights and Justice program, where she advocates for the rights of women, children, and families seeking protection. She previously researched and advocated on immigration detention issues at Human Rights First, where she also worked to expand access to legal representation nationally for asylum seekers. She holds a BA from the University of Michigan and MA from the University of the Witwatersrand.
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**Alejandra Pablos** is a reproductive justice activist and is a story-teller with We Testify. Her work focuses on "community defense" education within communities that have multiple intersections and identities. Growing up in Arizona has informed her activism around immigration and mass incarceration. Through advocacy and organizing, she fights the multiple systems that are oppressing women and families by challenging narratives about brown people. She holds principles of prison/police abolition and futurism.

**Nanci Palacios** was born in Guanajuato, Mexico, but has been living in Florida for 23 years. She is a DACA recipient, and her own undocumented status has driven her calling and passion for organizing. She currently organizes communities of faith with Faith in Florida, and is working to end the collaboration between ICE and the Local Sheriff in her county.

**Carly Perez** is Communications Director at Detention Watch Network (DWN) where she is responsible for crafting the Network’s message and amplifying staff and member voices. Carly has been at DWN since 2012 where she previously managed DWN’s membership and administrative work. Prior to joining DWN, Carly supported communications at Farmworker Justice.

**Sarah Plastino** is a Senior Staff Attorney on the Rocky Mountain Advocacy Network’s (RMIAN) Detention Program. RMIAN works to provide direct representation, pro bono representation, and pro se support to individuals detained at the GEO Group Inc./ICE detention facility in Aurora, Colorado. RMIAN’s detention program strives to empower those detained in Aurora by providing them with information and legal support as they navigate the complex immigration system in the United States.

**Lauren Quijano** is the Community Organizer for the Health Justice Program at New York Lawyers for the Public Interest. Lauren's major campaign is addressing egregious medical neglect in immigration detention. Lauren is building a network of volunteers who can respond to the needs of community members held in immigration jails. Healthcare workers all over the country want to end the immigration detention system. This can only be achieved with community power.
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Lisbeth Rivera is a cis-gendered transnational activist and organizer. She works to provide support for trans women and Black queer individuals seeking asylum in the United States. Based in Southern California near the Mexico/California Border, Lisbeth provides direct services to support the survival of individuals after assisting them through their time in immigration detention. Lisbeth also works to support the abolishment of prisons, police, and all paramilitary institutions.

Luis Robledo was born in Colombia and migrated to the U.S. as a child with his family. He has been in the Birmingham area since 2006, when he began his undergraduate in International Studies at University of Alabama at Birmingham. Luis is interested in empowering the worker community with the tools they need to represent themselves in their struggle for equality and justice.

Cinthya Rodriguez is the Immigration Organizer for the Chicago Religious Leadership Network on Latin America (CRLN) where she builds interfaith power for immigrant justice. At CRLN, Cinthya has mobilized people of faith and people of conscience for Expanding Sanctuary. From the Southwest Side of Chicago, Cinthya is also a community-based educator and provides critical ethnic studies training to teachers and organizers of color in the city.

Grisel Ruiz is a Staff Attorney at the Immigrant Legal Resource Center where she focuses on the intersection between immigration law and criminal law. This includes advising on the immigration consequences of criminal offenses, training on removal defense, and supporting local and statewide immigration enforcement campaigns.

Antonio Serrano is an ACLU Organizer in Wyoming. Before working with the ACLU, he founded a nonprofit dedicated to helping and advocating for immigrants. Thanks to his hard work, his organization has been able to provide know your rights handbooks and legal documents to hundreds of immigrant families around Wyoming. Antonio's dedication to helping immigrants has led him to working on the #WyoSayNo campaign to prevent construction of a new private immigration prison in Uinta County, Wyoming.
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Paromita Shah has served as Associate Director of the National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild since 2005, specializing in strategies to combat immigration detention, enforcement and criminalization. She provides legal and advocacy support to grassroots groups, organizers, and community stakeholders fighting criminalization and immigration enforcement and trains legal advocates and lawyers on removal defense. Previously, Paromita served as director of Capital Area Immigrants’ Rights (CAIR) Coalition and was a staff attorney at Greater Boston Legal Services.

Silky Shah is Executive Director of Detention Watch Network (DWN). She's been at DWN since 2009 and has worked as an organizer on issues related to immigration detention, mass incarceration, and racial and migrant justice for over 15 years. Over the last nine years she has helped transform DWN into a national leader in the immigrant rights movement and a champion of abolishing detention in the US. Prior to DWN, Silky worked at Grassroots Leadership in Texas and at the independent news program, Democracy Now.

Azadeh Shahshahani has worked for a number of years in the South to protect the human rights of immigrants and Muslim and Middle Eastern communities. She is Legal & Advocacy Director with Project South and a past President of the National Lawyers Guild. Azadeh is the co-founder of Georgia Detention Watch. She is author or editor of several articles and reports on immigration detention including: Imprisoned Justice: Inside Two Georgia Immigrant Detention Centers.

Mary Small is Policy Director at Detention Watch Network (DWN) where she is responsible for leading DWN’s research, policy analysis, and advocacy to strategically dismantle the U.S.’s detention industry. She values the chance to do policy work that is informed by and accountable to the deep and rich expertise of the entire Network. Prior to joining DWN, Mary worked on detention strategy at the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and was the Assistant Director for Policy at Jesuit Refugee Service/USA.

Luis Suarez is a queer, undocumented and first-generation college student. He immigrated into the United States at the age of eight with his parents from Jalisco, Mexico. Luis has been part of the Inland Empire-Immigrant Youth Collective since 2012 and currently serves as a board member of the organization. Currently, he works for the Inland Coalition for Immigrant Justice as the Policy and Campaigns Coordinator.
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**Sarath Suong** was born a refugee after his family fled Cambodia during the American War in Southeast Asia. He is a Co-Founder and Executive Director of Providence Youth Student Movement (PrYSM), a grassroots organization in Providence, Rhode Island who mobilizes Southeast Asian youth and families, queer and trans youth of color, and survivors of state violence to build grassroots power and organize collectively for a world without prisons and police.

**Michael Tan** is a Staff Attorney at the ACLU Immigrants' Rights Project (IRP). His practice includes litigation and advocacy relating to immigration detention, immigrants' access to education, and the rights of undocumented young people. He is a graduate of Harvard College and the Yale Law School and also holds a Master's Degree in Comparative Literature from New York University. In 2014, he was awarded a California Lawyer of the Year Award in Immigration Law for his work on Rodriguez v. Robbins, a class action lawsuit challenging the prolonged detention of immigrants without bond hearings.

**Jamie Trinkle** is the Senior Campaign and Research Coordinator at Enlace. Enlace is an international alliance of organizations that has developed an Integrated Organizing Approach (IOA) focused on teambuilding and strategic campaigning. We use this IOA to win campaigns against transnational corporations, and build the capacity of organizations. Enlace launched the National Prison Divestment Campaign in 2011 and the Freedom Cities movement in 2017.

**Fred Tsao** is the Senior Policy Counsel at the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights. He provides technical support, trainings, and presentations as well as updates and analysis on immigration policies and procedures to ICIRR members and allies and assists with the coalition's advocacy efforts. A self-described “recovering attorney,” Fred is a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School and the son of immigrants from China.

**Maru Mora Villalpando** is a Community Organizer with NWDC Resistance, a grassroots volunteer group working to end all detentions and deportations in Washington state, and to shut down the Northwest Detention Center (NWDC) in Tacoma, Washington. She is a single mother who has been recently targeted by ICE and put in deportation proceedings due to her work to bring to light the inhumane conditions at NWDC in collaboration with people detained there.
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Jessica Vosburgh is the Executive Director of Adelante Alabama Worker Center and a Staff Attorney at the National Day Laborer Organizing Network. Adelante is a worker-led community organization based in Birmingham, Alabama that unites low-wage and immigrant workers and their families to defend their rights, promote their dignity, and pursue justice for all. Jessica’s focus areas include lawyering in support of social movements and the intersections of immigration, labor, criminal and civil rights law. She received her JD from Yale Law School in 2013.

Chia-Chia Wang is the Organizing and Advocacy Director at the American Friends Service Committee Immigrant Rights Program. Chia-Chia supervises organizing staff, fellows and interns and has been with AFSC since 2005. Prior to joining AFSC, Chia-Chia was with the Children’s Defense Fund - New York working to increase access to health care for low-income children and families. Chia-Chia has a graduate degree in International Relations and was born and raised in Taiwan.

Bridget Whelan leads skills-building and field training efforts for social justice organizations and advocates around the country in her role as Training and Engagement Coordinator at The Opportunity Agenda. The Opportunity Agenda is a social justice communication lab committed to moving hearts, minds and policy for lasting change.
Welcome to DWN's National Member Conference

Conference Location
The Summit Event Center
411 Sable Blvd, Aurora, CO 80011

Hotel Location
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Denver– Aurora
13696 East Iliff Place, Aurora, CO 80014
Tel: 303-337-2800

Local Travel Information

From the Airport to the DoubleTree Hotel
Denver, CO (Denver International Airport)

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As a reminder, although there are shuttle services available to and from the hotel, you are responsible for securing and covering the costs for ground transportation. DWN will have buses available to take participants to the airport at the conclusion of the conference on Saturday.

Public Transportation – Light Rail

1) Denver Airport Station (#34476) – Board the A towards Union Station
2) Peoria Station (#34744) – Board the R towards R Line Lincoln Station
3) Get off at Iliff Station (#34677) - Walk 10 Mins
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6) Turn left toward Xapary St – 207 ft
7) Turn left toward Xapary St – 95 ft
8) Turn left toward Xapary St – 112 ft
9) Turn left at E Iliff Pl – 105 ft
10) Turn right – arrive @ Double Tree
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**Courtesy Shuttle to The DoubleTree Hotel from the Airport:** For shuttle service from the airport to the hotel, exit the East Terminal at door #505, go to the third island and call 303-337-2800. You may request a shuttle pick-up by providing your first and last name along with your phone number. The hotel operator might be able to offer an estimated time for pick-up. Per the instructions of the Double Tree, please do not call until you have exited the terminal and are waiting for pick-up. If you are not present and ready at the time of the shuttles arrival you will have to call and re-schedule another shuttle.

**Courtesy Shuttle from The DoubleTree Hotel to the Airport:** Shuttle service to the airport is available on a first come first serve basis. Stop by the front desk to check on availability if your departure time is outside of the conclusion of the conference.

**DEN Airport Driving Directions to The DoubleTree Hotel:** Take Pena Blvd South to I-70 West to I-225 South and exit at Iliff Avenue, exit #5. Turn right (West) on Iliff Ave. and at the first stop light (Xanadu) turn left. Entrance is on your left one block down.

**Distance from Hotel:** 17 mi.  **Drive Time:** 25 min.

**Hotel Information**

**Parking:** Free (self-parking)

**Amenities & Services:**
- Restaurant and Pub inside the DoubleTree.
- Fitzgerald Restaurant open 6:00am – 10:00pm, Fitzgerald Pub open 4:00pm – 10:00pm
- Complimentary Internet
- Business Center
- Fitness Room
- Indoor Swimming Pool
- Coffee Maker
- Iron/Ironing Board
- LCD Flat Panel TV
- Room Service Available 4:00pm – 11:00pm

**Check-in:** 3:00pm  
**Check-out:** 12:00pm
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Conference Shuttle Service

Shuttle service will be provided to guests staying at the DoubleTree Hotel. Please meet at the lobby at the following times for transportation to the Summit Event Center:

- Thursday, May 17th at 8:00am
- Friday, May 18th at 8:00am
- Saturday, May 19th at 8:30am

On Thursday, May 17th, DWN will host a reception in the Theater District of Denver at Su Teatro. Transportation will be provided from the Summit Event Center at 5:00pm, to and from Denver for all participants.

On Friday, May 18th, participants will join us for a People’s Tribunal to put #ICEonTrial at Del Mar Park at 2:00pm. We will provide transportation to and from the action for all conference participants.

On Saturday, May 19th, shuttle service to the DoubleTree and Airport will be available at the closing of the conference. Participants needing shuttle service to the airport should bring bags and leave on the bus. Buses will depart the Summit Event Center at 12:30pm and participants can go to the DoubleTree or the airport.

Meals

If you are staying at the hotel, there will be breakfast vouchers in your room for a full breakfast buffet at Fitzgerald’s Restaurant located in the lobby. DWN will be providing light breakfast Thursday – Saturday at the conference. In addition, a full lunch will be served Thursday and Friday, and boxed lunches on Saturday.

During the reception on Thursday, May 17th at Su Teatro** light refreshments will be served along with one drink ticket.

** Su Teatro’s mission is to promote, produce, develop and preserve the cultural arts, heritage, and traditions of the Chicano/Latino community; to advance mutual respect for other cultures; and to establish avenues where all cultures may come together. **
Dietary Restrictions: If you indicated dietary restrictions during your event registration process, we have made arrangements to meet your needs.

Childcare
Childcare will be available at the Summit Event Center during all conference hours. If you did not indicate childcare needs during the registration process, please email Feven Ferai at fferai@detentionwatchnetwork.org to ensure adequate coverage is available.

Dress Code
Please be sure to bring a light jacket/sweater to wear inside the meeting locations, as meeting room temperature may be a bit cool and dressing in layers is recommended.

Climate
The climate in Denver in May is usually pleasant but also unpredictable. Average temperature is expected to be a high of 70 degrees during the day, with evenings dropping to the mid 40's.

Additional Information:
In case of an emergency, please feel free to contact Aimee Nichols at anichols@detentionwatchnetwork.org or (570) 269-0778 and/or Barbara Suarez Galeano (bilingual) at bgaleano@detentionwatchnetwork.org or (786) 395-664.
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Local Attractions

**Aurora Reservoir**
5800 S. Powhaton Road, Aurora CO 80016 - 12.9 miles from the DoubleTree
*Hours: Monday – Sunday 5:30am – 9:00pm*
The Aurora Reservoir offers a wide variety of fun activities including archery, paddle boarding, boating, fishing, SCUBA, and a swim beach. The trail around the reservoir is about 8.5 miles long and is a great option for bike rides, runs, or a walk in a natural setting.

**Denver Museum of Nature and Science**
2001 Colorado Blvd, Denver CO 80205 – 15.7 miles from the DoubleTree
*Hours: Monday – Sunday 9:00am to 5:00pm*
The Denver Museum of Nature & Science is a municipal natural history and science museum in Denver, Colorado. It is a resource for informal science education in the Rocky Mountain region. A variety of exhibitions, programs, and activities help museum visitors learn about the natural history of Colorado, Earth, and the universe. The 716,000-square-foot building houses more than one million objects in its collections including natural history and anthropological materials, as well as archival and library resources.

**Cherry Creek State Park**
4201 S. Parker Rd, Aurora, CO 80014 – 4.9 miles from the DoubleTree
*Hours: Monday – Sunday 5:00am to 10:00pm*
Cherry Creek State Park is a state park in Arapahoe County, Colorado. The park consists of a natural prairie environment with an 880-acre reservoir at its center which is shared by powerboats, sailboats, and paddle craft. A large imported-sand swim beach is situated on the north-eastern side along with ample parking. The park has 12 miles of paved roads and 35 miles of multi-use trails open to runners, cyclists, and horseback riders.

**Castle Rock Zip Line Tours**
1375 W Plum Creek Pkwy, Castle Rock, CO 80109 – 25.2 miles from the DoubleTree
*Hours: Wednesday – Monday 9:00am to 4:00pm, Closed Tuesday*
Castle Rock Adventure Park is among the top-rated things to do in Denver. Castle Rock Zip Line Tours is only 30 minutes away from Downtown Denver and near the Castle Rock Outlet Mall.
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**Red Rocks Park**

18300 W. Alameda Pkwy, Morrison CO 80465 – 28.1 miles from the DoubleTree  
*Hours: Red Rocks Park and trails open one hour before sunrise and close one hour after sunset on non-show days.*  
Red Rocks Park is a mountain park owned and maintained by the city of Denver as part of the Denver Mountain Parks system. The park is known for its very large red sandstone outcrops. Many of these rock formations within the park have names, from the mushroom-shaped Seat of Pluto to the inclined Cave of the Seven Ladders. The most visited rocks, around the amphitheater, are Creation Rock to the north, Ship Rock to the south, and Stage Rock to the east. The park is a popular site for runners and has two trails for hiking and biking.

**Denver Zoo**

2300 Steele St, Denver CO 80205 – 16 miles from the DoubleTree  
*Hours: Monday - Sunday 9:00am – 4:00pm*  
The Denver Zoo is an 80-acre facility located in City Park of Denver, Colorado and was founded in 1896. The Denver Zoo was started with the donation of an orphaned American black bear. With the construction of Bear Mountain, it became the first zoo in the United States to use naturalistic zoo enclosures rather than cages with bars.

**Denver Botanic Gardens**

1007 York St, Denver, CO 80206 – 13.8 miles from the DoubleTree  
*Hours: Monday - Sunday 9:00am – 5:00pm*  
The Denver Botanic Gardens' 24 acres feature 15,000 species of plants from across the globe, including more than 700 types of plants that are native to Colorado. Comprising 41 individual gardens, this impressive facility in downtown Denver's Cheesman Park treats visitors to a variety of different environments, from a traditional Japanese Garden (complete with bonsai trees) to the South African Plaza blooming with exotic plants like calla lilies and red hot pokers.
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Denver Art Museum
100 West 14th Avenue Pkwy, Denver, CO 80204 – 16.8 miles from the DoubleTree
Hours: Saturday – Thursday 10:00am to 5:00pm, Friday 10:00am – 8:00pm
With galleries showcasing more than 68,000 works by famed artists such as Georgia O'Keeffe, Vincent Van Gogh and Salvador Dalí, the Denver Art Museum houses one of the most impressive collections between Chicago and the West Coast. Spread across two buildings, the museum's holdings range from pre-Columbian artifacts to contemporary displays with such mediums as painting, sculpture and photography all represented. One of the highlights of a visit to the Denver Art Museum is its extensive assemblage of Western American Art.

Colorado is known for beautiful views and hiking. Here are a few hiking trails...

- **Bluffs Regional Park** - 10099 Crooked Stick Trl, Lone Tree, CO 80124 – 13.7 mi from the DoubleTree
- **Rocky Mountain Arsenal** - 6550 Gateway Road, Commerce City, CO 80022 – 15.3 mi from the DoubleTree
- **Rock Park** - 1710 Front St, Castle Rock, CO 80104 – 25 mi from the DoubleTree
- **Cherry Creek Trail** – 2200 15th St, Denver, CO 80202 – 17.1 mi from the DoubleTree
- **Denver Outdoor Adventure Company** – 851 Santa Fe Dr, Denver CO 80204 – 15.4 mi from the DoubleTree

**Restaurants near the DoubleTree Hotel**

8465 Park Meadows Center Drive, Lone Tree, CO 80124 – 11 mi from the DoubleTree
Hours: Monday – Thursday 11:00am to 8:30pm, Friday – Saturday 10:00am – 9:00pm, Sunday 10:00am to 6:00pm

**White Chocolate Grill – Park Meadows $$ (American)**
8421 Park Meadows Center Drive, Lone Tree, CO 80124 – 11.1 mi from the DoubleTree
Hours: Sunday – Monday 11:00am to 9:00pm, Tuesday – Thursday 11:00am to 9:30pm, Friday – Saturday 11:00am to 10:00pm
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Bombay Bar & Grill - $$ (Indian)
12203 E Iliff Ave, Aurora CO 80014 – 0.9 mi from the DoubleTree
Hours: Monday – Thursday 11:00am to 9:00pm, Friday – Saturday 11:00am to 10:00pm, Closed Sunday

The Bent Noodle Italian Restaurant - $$ (Italian)
3055 S. Parker Rd A 108, Aurora CO 80014 – 2.4 mi from the DoubleTree
Hours: Monday – Friday 11:00am to 9:00pm, Saturday 4:00pm to 9:00pm, Sunday 10:00am to 2:00pm and 4:00pm to 9:00pm

Athenian Restaurant - $$$ (Greek)
15350 E Iliff Ave, Aurora CO 80013 – 1.4 mi from the DoubleTree
Hours: Monday – Friday 10:30am to 9:00pm, Saturday 8:00am to 9:00pm, Sunday 8:00am to 2:00pm

Pearl of Siam - $$ (Thai)
18660 E Hampden, Aurora CO 80013 – 4.7 mi from the DoubleTree
Hours: Tuesday – Thursday & Sunday 11:00am to 3:00pm & 4:30pm to 9:00pm, Friday – Saturday 11:00am to 3:00pm & 4:30pm to 9:30pm, Closed Monday

Fritangas Mexican Restaurant - $$ (Mexican)
15099 E. Hampden Ave, Aurora CO 80014 – 2.9 mi from the DoubleTree
Hours: Sunday – Thursday 7:00am to 9:00pm, Friday – Saturday 7:00am to 10:00pm
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