Dear USBBY members,

We want to thank you for your generosity in donating to the Children in Crisis REFORMA efforts. USBBY has already raised over $3000 and many of you have donated books. We have received this message about Emergency Intake Sites and ways we can further assist.

Thank you again.

Best wishes,

Evelyn Freeman,  
USBBY President

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USBBY Executive Director

Hello Reformistas,

Emergency Intake Sites for unaccompanied minors are sprouting up across the country, mostly in Texas, but others in California, Michigan and Pennsylvania. We now have 3 in Southern California (San Diego 1,450 kids, Long Beach 1,000 kids and Pomona 250 kids presently, but could go up to 2,500). Edwin Rodarte forwarded a Health & Human Services Press Release to me which lists the shelter locations and how many children they are capable of handling.

Please scroll to the bottom of this email and check out the list to see if there are shelters near you or your friends/family. We have non-profit contacts for the San Diego and Long Beach shelters and we’re working on getting connected to the Pomona shelter. The Los Angeles and LIBROS REFORMA Chapters are already involved and making a difference. Children in Crisis (CIC) also has a contact with the Ft Bliss site in Texas thanks to Siobhan Champ-Blackwell. If you find that there is a shelter in your area, please search the local news to see which non-profits are coordinating things at the shelter. Many shelters will be setting up libraries for the children while they are at the Emergency Intake Sites. They could use help, either from Children in Crisis or in connection with local library systems and individual Reformistas.

Please send any info that you discover to CIC@REFORMA.ORG so that we are aware of the need and can offer assistance. The numbers are staggering, but thankfully we have had publishers responding with donations and other individuals donating at the CIC web site:

https://refugeechildren.wixsite.com/refugee-children/donate

Thanks for any updates on the shelters in your area and any connections that you can make.

-Children in Crisis