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2/15/10--In response to the increased number of detentions and deportations of undocumented migrants by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) during the past few years, the Post-Deportation Human Rights Project, based at the Center for Human Rights and International Justice at Boston College, will release its report, "Keeping Families Connected."

The report will be released at an event on Tuesday, February 16th at 11:00 a.m. at Boston City Hall's Piemonte Room (5th Floor).

BC Law Professor Dan Kanstroom and BC Professor M. Brinton Lykes, along with teams of law and psychology students, have been conducting intensive interviews in Massachusetts and Guatemala to try to measure and assess the real impact of deportation. This report contains their first year conclusions.

The Project - a collaborative transnational initiative with three local community-based immigrant rights organizations, researchers at Rhode Island College, legal professionals, and participants in Guatemala - intends to advocate, together with affected families and communities, for fundamental changes that will introduce proportionality, compassion, and respect for family unity into U.S. immigration laws and public policies and bring them into compliance with international human rights standards.

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