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Gislaine Williams is Refugee Council USA's Grassroots Community Organizer, based in Texas. Prior to joining RCUSA, Gislaine was the Office Manager for the ACLU Immigrants' Rights Project (IRP). Before joining IRP, she was a program manager for a refugee resettlement agency in Houston, Texas, providing social services to international refugees, asylees, and victims of trafficking. She previously worked as the Statewide Advocacy Coordinator for the ACLU of Texas, leading the field organizing efforts for the organization's criminal law reform, religious freedom, and youth rights campaigns. She has participated in a number of grassroots campaigns related to immigrants' rights, with a special focus on ending the practice of immigration detention. She serves on the Board of Directors of Grassroots Leadership, a nationwide advocacy organization dedicated to ending for-profit incarceration and reducing the reliance on criminalization and detention. Gislaine holds a Masters of Social Work from the University of Texas at Austin and a B.A. in History from Rice University.