

# STEPS IN AN ASYLUM CASE

## For People in Detention who Just Arrived in the United States

1. Come to the bridge (Arriving Alien) or cross the river (Entry Without Inspection, EWI)



2. Tell a U.S. immigration officer you are afraid to go back to your country



3. Explain your situation to an Asylum Officer (Credible Fear Interview or Reasonable Fear Interview)

4. Get your results:

- Positive results allow you to request parole (Arriving Aliens) or bond (EWI) AND allow you to get a full hearing to present your case with an Immigration Judge OR an Asylum Officer (depending on release location)
- Negative results can be reviewed by an Immigration Judge, where the judge will decide whether to give you a positive result and a full hearing or deport you



5. Receive a Notice to Appear in court (NTA)



6. 1<sup>st</sup> Court: respond to the charges in the NTA and ask for protection OR ask for more time



7. Turn in your application for protection

8. Give your evidence to the judge and government lawyer



9. Individual, final hearing

10. Decision!

