



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

Operation Pedro Pan: Perspectives on the Settlement of Cuban Children in the United States during the Cold War

**December 2, 2024
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

WEBINAR

Program Summary

This program will explore the extraordinary story of Operation Pedro Pan. Operation Pedro Pan was the colloquial name for the Unaccompanied Cuban Children's Program, which began in February 1961. This initiative, sponsored by the Miami Catholic Diocese, federal and state offices, child welfare agencies, and refugees from Cuba, brought more than fourteen thousand unaccompanied Cuban children to the United States during the Cold War. Approximately 8,300 Cuban children without immediate family support in the United States were dispersed throughout the country, and received group and foster care through the Catholic Welfare Bureau and other religious, governmental, and nongovernmental organizations. The stories told by those who were placed in the United States as children through operation Pedro Pan are filled with horror and resilience and contribute to a refugee memory that still shapes Cuban-American politics and identity today.

Eligibility

This program is open to attorneys in the Department of Law and Public Safety and county prosecutors' offices.

Faculty

Dr. John A. Gronbeck-Tedesco is a Professor of American Studies in Ramapo College's School of Humanities and Global Studies. His research is concentrated on U.S. & Latin American Politics and Culture in the 20th Century and his teaching interests include U.S. Cultural History, Race and Ethnicity, U.S. Foreign Relations and Social Movements. Dr. Gronbeck-Tedesco is the author of *Operation Pedro Pan: The Migration of Unaccompanied Children from Castro's Cuba*. He holds a B.A. in Spanish and American Studies from the University of Iowa, and an M.A. and PhD in American Studies from the University of Texas at Austin.

CLE Credit

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Registration

Those who are eligible to apply should use the Zoom Webinar registration link in the Program Announcement email. Students who are registered will receive a confirmation email with a link to access the program.

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