The Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) is part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. ORR was established by the Refugee Act of 1980 to ensure that refugees have the resources and support to successfully integrate into their new communities. Since its inception over 40 years ago, ORR’s statutory authority has expanded to serve other new arrivals.

These new arrivals are eligible to receive ORR Resettlement Services. Resettlement services provide new arrivals with tools and critical resources to rebuild their lives so that they can become integrated and productive members of American society.

**92,889** arrivals eligible for services*
**$538** million enacted appropriations

**ORR provides for the care and custody of Unaccompanied Alien Children (UAC) referred to ORR by other federal agencies until they are released to an appropriate sponsor, usually a parent or relative, while their immigration cases proceed.**

**49,100** referrals of UAC**
**$1.3** billion enacted appropriations

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*Source: FY2018 Refugee Arrivals Data System (RADS)
** Source: OMB Placement Report FY 2018

Icon: ‘Woman’ AIGA Collection

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unaccompanied alien children’s operations

- Typically, UAC are apprehended by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and are subsequently transferred to the care and custody of ORR within 72 hours.
- ORR provides high quality care tailored to each child, treats each child with dignity and respect, and acts in the best interest of the child.
- ORR cares for children through its network of approximately 195 state-licensed children’s shelters.
- Shelter staff include youth care workers, who provide 24-hour supervision of UAC, case managers, mental health clinicians, and medical staff.

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policy, research, and budget

- ORR conducts regular monitoring of programs and funds technical assistance providers to improve performance of grantees.
- ORR conducts the only nationally representative survey on refugees, the Annual Survey of Refugees.
- ORR receives funding to carry out its required activities as outlined in authorizing legislation.

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