UNACCOMPANIED REFUGEE MINORS PROGRAM

Through its network of providers, the Unaccompanied Refugee Minors (URM) Program serves some of the most vulnerable children and youth in the world — those who were fleeing persecution, violence, or abuse, and entered the United States without a parent or custodian. The program provides foster care and other living arrangements, as well as the necessary care and services to help the minors develop appropriate skills to enter adulthood.

Client Services

- Placement in foster care/other living arrangements
- Case Management
- Family tracing/reunification
- Health/mental health care
- Cultural orientation/social adjustment
- English language training/education support
- Vocational training/career planning
- Independent living preparation
- Ethnic/religious heritage preservation
- Immigration assistance

Who we serve

- Refugees
- Special Immigrant Juveniles
- Victims of Trafficking
- Asylees
- Cuban and Haitian Entrants
- U Status Recipients

QUICK FACTS

- Program offers the same range of child welfare benefits and services available to other foster care children.
- Since the ‘70s, it has served thousands of children and youth.
- Most enter the program between the ages of 15-17.
- State-administered program: funded through ORR’s Cash and Medical Assistance grant.
PATHWAYS INTO THE PROGRAM

U.S. Refugee Admissions Program

Physically Present in the U.S.*

Refugees Processed for Resettlement

Non-Refugee Applications Submitted/Determined Eligible

PLACEMENT FOUND

Travel Arranged

Services Implemented

ORR APPROVAL

*May include Unaccompanied Alien Children

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Caseload

Minors represent approximately
50 nationalities
Highest representation from Guatemala, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Honduras, Burma, and Afghanistan

Nearly 2,000 youth served annually
in 14 states and DC
AZ, CA, CO, DC, FL, MA, MI, MS, ND, NY, PA, TX, UT, VA, WA

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