Descriptive Study of Unaccompanied Refugee Minors (URM) Program, 2017 - 2020 - Overview

The purpose of this descriptive study is to document and improve our understanding of the range of child welfare services and benefits provided through the Unaccompanied Refugee Minors (URM) program within the Administration for Children and Families’ Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR). The URM Program was established in the 1980s and has since served upwards of 13,000 unaccompanied refugee minors. The URM Program supports unaccompanied refugee minors as they develop the appropriate skills to enter adulthood and achieve self-sufficiency. Currently 15 states operate URM Programs using diverse programmatic approaches.

To accomplish the study’s objectives, this project includes:

- a survey of representatives from all 15 states that operate a URM Program;
- site visits to up to six URM programs; and
- analysis of URM administrative data, namely the ORR-3 (URM Program Placement Report) and ORR-4 (URM Program Outcomes Report).

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