

ABOUT THE

OFFICE OF REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

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.

who we serve



Refugees



Asylees



Cuban and Haitian Entrants



Certain Special Immigrant Visa Holders



Victims of Trafficking



Unaccompanied Alien Children

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

141,989 total arrivals eligible for ORR services in 2018

*Source: FY2018 Refugee Arrivals Data System (RADS)

** Source: OMB Placement Report FY 2018

resettlement services

- ORR **delivers services** through **state-administered** programs or **replacement designee** organizations.
- All new arrivals have **access to social services** for their **first five years** in the United States. Case management, English language classes, and job training help **new arrivals connect to workforce and integrate into communities**.
- **New arrivals** are eligible for a health screening. Some new arrivals will receive eight months of **Refugee Medical Assistance** for health coverage and **Refugee Cash Assistance**. Or some may participate in the intensive job-training Matching Grant program.
- **Specialized programs help** especially **vulnerable populations**, like school-aged refugees, older adults, and survivors of torture.
- The **Unaccompanied Refugee Minors Program (URM)** provides **specialized foster care** for unaccompanied refugee minors, minors with Special Immigrant Juvenile (SIJ) status, victims of trafficking, asylees, and Cuban and Haitian entrants.
- Specialized **training and technical assistance** is provided to ORR-funded programs to strengthen refugee services.

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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**.
- Learn more: <https://www.hhs.gov/programs/social-services/unaccompanied-alien-children/index.html>

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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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