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Section D: REASON FOR REFERRAL

UC meets the following referral criteria¹:

- ☐ Potential sponsor clearly presents a risk of abuse, maltreatment, exploitation, or trafficking to the UC based on all available objective evidence;
- ☐ UC has been identified as a victim of a severe form of trafficking in persons;
- ☐ UC has been a victim of physical or sexual abuse under circumstances that indicate that the UC's health or welfare has been significantly harmed or threatened;
- ☐ UC has special needs, with a disability as defined in section 3 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. § 12102(1);
 - A physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities of such individual
 - A record of such impairment
 - Being regarded as having such impairment
- ☐ UC is under the age of 12 and sponsor is Category 3²
- ☐ Sponsor is unrelated and is seeking to sponsor multiple UC³
- ☐ Sponsor is unrelated and has previously sponsored another UC⁴
- ☒ Other concerns: Sponsor previously involved in domestic violence allegations

Brief explanation of why the UC meets the referral criteria and the general concerns to be investigated during the Home Study:

The youth was referred for a discretionary home study due to the sponsor's disclosure that he was involved in a domestic violence incident in [REDACTED]. According to ORR documentation, the sponsor reported that he and his ex-wife had an argument. The sponsor fled the scene and was later informed that his ex-wife called the police and reported that the sponsor hit her. Two weeks later, the sponsor turned himself into the police and spent one night in jail. The sponsor reported that his wife did not press any charges. The sponsor was ordered to attend anger management classes. The sponsor divorced his ex-wife in [REDACTED] and married his current partner in [REDACTED]. This home study will assess the relationship between the sponsor and his current wife, specifically how well they communicate, how they resolve disagreements, and frequency and nature of any arguments between them. The home study will assess how the sponsor controls his anger, if he thinks he has anger management problems, and if he is willing to attend anger management or family therapy if needed. The home study will also assess the sponsor's disciplinary techniques and how he plans to discipline the youth. The youth came to the U.S. fleeing political persecution and death threats. He described his journey as very difficult and his guides would threaten to hurt him if his mother did not send them more money. Therefore, this home study will evaluate the sponsor's ability to help the youth cope with these traumatic experiences and his willingness to get counseling for the youth if needed. This home study was conducted virtually at the request of ORR and the FFS in order to avoid prolonging the youth's stay in congregate care during a pandemic. Appropriate measures will be taken to ensure that this home assessment is as thorough and accurate as possible. However, there are limits to assessment given the virtual nature of this home study process.

Section E: UC Background/Overview

1. UC Background Information (For example: who was UC raised by, description of their relationship with that person, education, any presenting problems/challenges, reasons UC migrated to the U.S., and any previous time spent in ORR care):

Information from this section comes from ORR documentation as well as the phone interview that this worker conducted with the youth and a [REDACTED] interpreter on [REDACTED]. The youth reportedly grew up in a rural area of [REDACTED] in a district known as [REDACTED] along the western border of the country. The youth reported that he lived with his parents for his whole life up until his journey to the U.S. The youth stated that he has three sisters and two brothers. His sisters were married and did not live with him. One of his brothers lives in [REDACTED] and his other brother has gone missing due to political persecution. The youth reported that he had a very good relationship with his parents. He went to school and completed the [REDACTED] grade. The last time he attended school was in [REDACTED] prior to his journey to the U.S. The youth denied working while in home country. In his free time, he enjoyed playing soccer with friends. In the phone interview, the youth stated that he had a happy childhood, but his life became harder as he grew older due to the political situation in his home country.

According to shelter documentation, the youth's father is opposed to the political regime, [REDACTED]. The youth disclosed that his parents had never informed him that his father was under political persecution. The youth reported that he found out on [REDACTED] at 2:00 a.m. when he heard a loud bang on the door of his home. The youth explained that his father told him to run out the back door and hide in the neighbor's house. The youth disclosed that the next morning his paternal aunt came to pick him up and took him to the hospital to see his parents. She informed him that his parents were attacked by members of the political regime and they spent two days in the hospital. The youth's parents then explained to the youth that he would have to travel to the United States, because members of the political regime threatened to kidnap and kill the youth if they saw him. The youth disclosed that he fled his home country of [REDACTED] on [REDACTED].

According to shelter documentation, the youth believes his father and aunt planned his journey. He indicated that he was unsure how his travels were arranged and funded. He does not know if there is a debt associated with his journey. The youth's mother disclosed that she paid nearly \$14,000 USD for the youth's travel. The youth's mother stated that youth is not expected to pay her back. The youth disclosed that throughout his nearly six-month journey, he was mistreated by his guides and held against his will. He reported that he had limited food and was not allowed to sleep. In the initial intake, the youth stated he did not wish to share any more details of his journey because it caused him sadness. The youth later disclosed more information to the clinician. He stated that his guides would threaten to hurt him if his mother did not send them more money. The youth shared that he boarded several flights and traveled with various guides that changed as he entered different countries and cities. The youth stated he did not know any of the people who traveled in their group.

The youth was apprehended along the [REDACTED] border of [REDACTED]. The youth stated he was treated with dignity and respect by the officials in the U.S. who apprehended him. He was admitted to [REDACTED] in [REDACTED], [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]. The youth's family friend, [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] was identified as his intended sponsor. However, he had to withdraw his

¹ The first categories are outlined as mandated home studies in the TVPRA 2008, Section 235

² July 1, 2015 Pilot Program/Policy Change

³ July 27, 2015 Policy Change

⁴ July 27, 2015 Policy Change

sponsorship application on [REDACTED] when he became sick with the Coronavirus. The youth's second cousin, [REDACTED] applied for sponsorship of the youth. A discretionary home study was determined to be appropriate when it was discovered that the sponsor had a domestic violence charge in [REDACTED]. The youth was referred for a home study on [REDACTED]. This worker interviewed the shelter clinician, [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]. On [REDACTED], the youth was transferred to [REDACTED] Shelter. On [REDACTED], this worker conducted a virtual home visit with the sponsor using Go To Meeting video chat in the English language. The home visit could not be completed in-person due to restrictions as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. On [REDACTED], this worker conducted a phone interview with the youth and a [REDACTED] interpreter. Afterwards, this worker conducted a phone interview with the youth's new shelter case manager, [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Shelter. This worker completed a virtual interview with household members (the sponsor's partner and sister-in-law) with a [REDACTED] interpreter using Go To Meeting video chat on [REDACTED].

2. Significant Incident Reports (SIRs) while in ORR/DCS shelter care. Please list with include dates and brief description

[REDACTED]: During initial intake at [REDACTED], the youth reported that he fled his country of origin, [REDACTED], due to fear of political persecution. The youth explained that his father, who resides in [REDACTED], is against the political regime, [REDACTED]. The youth disclosed that his parents had never informed him that his father was under political persecution. The youth reported that he found out on [REDACTED] at 2:00 a.m. when he heard a loud bang on the door of his home. The youth explained that his father told him to run out the back door and hide in the neighbor's house. The youth disclosed that the next morning his paternal aunt came to pick him up and took him to the hospital to see his parents. She informed him that his parents were attacked by members of the political regime and were taken to the hospital for two days. The youth's parents then explained to the youth that he would have to travel to the United States, because members of the political regime threatened that they would kidnap and kill the youth if they saw him. The youth disclosed that he fled his home country of [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]. The youth was not able to elaborate further regarding this event. The youth confirmed to the case manager that he felt safe in ORR care.

[REDACTED] According to shelter documentation, the youth entered [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] as a youth named [REDACTED], with reported date of birth [REDACTED]. The SIR states that the youth said he was [REDACTED] years old. However, the case manager who wrote the SIR informed this worker in a phone call that there was actually a mistake in the SIR, and the youth said that he was [REDACTED], not [REDACTED]. According to this SIR, the program received a notification from DHS narrating the youth's travel via [REDACTED]. DHS first encountered the youth on [REDACTED] using the name [REDACTED], [REDACTED] with date of birth [REDACTED]. The youth later entered [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] using the name [REDACTED] with date of birth [REDACTED]. The youth then entered [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] using the name [REDACTED] with date of birth [REDACTED]. The youth was then encountered by EI [REDACTED] using the name [REDACTED] with date of birth [REDACTED]. Furthermore, DHS confirmed the youth's passport information with the name [REDACTED]. DHS requested a copy of the youth's passport and will be providing a copy to [REDACTED] once received. The youth's shelter case manager completed an interview with the youth and his family on [REDACTED]. The youth denied being an adult, and stated he was [REDACTED] years old. He denied any of the information received by DHS. The youth stated that his passport was altered to make him appear as an adult in order for him to be able to travel outside of [REDACTED] and through [REDACTED]. The youth's mother also reported the youth is a minor. The youth's mother stated that the youth is [REDACTED] years old and his date of birth of [REDACTED].

Additional information related to this SIR was found in the youth's Release Request. On [REDACTED], the youth's mother provided a birth certificate for the youth under the name of [REDACTED], with a date of birth of [REDACTED], registration date of [REDACTED], issue date of [REDACTED], and stamp and signature of a public notary. ORR sent the youth's birth certificate for verification, but the [REDACTED] Consulate has closed due to the pandemic. On [REDACTED], the youth was taken for dental forensics and results came back with a 95.5% of youth being [REDACTED] years old. Efforts were elevated to the FFS, but the youth and family members denied youth being an adult. On [REDACTED], ORR received a school ID under the name of [REDACTED] with a date of birth of [REDACTED] and enrollment date of [REDACTED], signed by the headmaster of [REDACTED] School and stamped by a notary public of [REDACTED]. On [REDACTED], a school certificate from [REDACTED] School was received under the name of [REDACTED] with a date of birth of [REDACTED], signed by the headmaster and stamped by a notary public of [REDACTED]. On [REDACTED], ORR received a notarized "Affidavit of Birth and Parentage" signed by the youth's uncles, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Uddin stating they witnessed the birth of the youth on [REDACTED]. On [REDACTED], the FFS agreed to proceed with the youth as a minor. According to the shelter clinician, the youth had been separated from the other minors while ORR was in the process of verifying his age. Once it was determined that he is a minor, he was reunited with the other children in care.

[REDACTED]: While in [REDACTED], the clinician attempted to get more information on the youth's journey to the U.S. since in the initial assessment, he said that he did not want to describe his journey in detail. The youth was provided with a safe therapeutic space to share as much as he wanted to in regard to his journey and how he felt in ORR care. The youth stated that his journey from [REDACTED] took six months and that in each country he traveled through he would have different guides. The youth denied ever being beaten and/or abused physically by the guides; however, he reported being threatened that he or his family would be hurt if his mother in [REDACTED] did not send the money that the guides were requesting. The youth stated that the guides would ask him to call his mother to let her know that they would hurt him if she did not send the money. The youth said his mother would reassure the youth that nothing would happen to him and that she would send the money. The youth stated that throughout his journey he would sometimes be locked in a room unable to go outside. The youth believed this was done in part as a way to hide the group so they would not be deported, but also as a way to continue threatening to hurt the youth if the money was not received. The youth stated that the men carried guns under their clothes and they would show him their guns when they threatened him. However, he denied ever being hit and/or shot with the gun. The youth was calm during the disclosure. The youth reported that throughout his journey he would have nightmares of the threats he received and feel worried for himself and his family. The youth stated that now that he is in ORR care, he feels safe and protected. The youth denied any current nightmares at that time. The youth reported that his family is aware of the threats that he received during his journey.

3. Does the UC have special needs? (include physical and mental health needs – include diagnosis and prescribed medication)

In the phone interview with the youth on [REDACTED], he denied any special needs. In the interview with his clinician, she denied any mental health concerns for the youth. Despite his difficulties in home country and along the journey, the clinician stated the youth does not show signs of PTSD or other mental health concerns. The clinician reported that the youth has been sleeping well and adapting well to life in the shelter. According to shelter documentation, the youth became tearful when describing his journey to the U.S. He said that he did not wish to talk about it because it made him sad. The youth has also stated that he does not want the details of his journey to be shared with the sponsor.

4. UC's understanding of the following U.S. Laws:

Employment

☒ The UC was provided with psycho-education on U.S. laws in regards to employment. The UC was informed about age and document requirements for work, school work permits, and employee rights.

Education

☒ The UC was provided with psycho-education on school enrollment, parent's rights to contact the school and student's rights to seek services.

Child abuse/neglect

☒ The UC was provided with psycho-education on the four types of abuse (sexual, physical, emotional, and neglect). The UC was also informed about the confidentiality of reporting child abuse and the different locations where it could be reported (e.g. police station, school, fire department, medical clinic); in addition to mandated reporters (therapist, social worker, counselor, and teacher).

5. Location of UC's parents and other family in the U.S, and description of the UC's relationship with biological family (provide the location of other family members in the U.S. and their involvement with UC):

The youth's mother is in [REDACTED] and he talks to her once a week now that he is in ORR care. The youth's father has been in hiding ever since the youth left his home country, and the youth has not spoken to him. The youth reported that he had a very good relationship with both parents when he was living with them in [REDACTED]. Aside from the sponsor, the youth reports he has no other family members in the U.S.

6. UC's history of criminal charges, substance abuse, or gang involvement, and the UC's plan to address past behaviors:

The youth denies a history of criminal charges, substance abuse or gang involvement.

7. How does the UC know the sponsor? Please include both the perspective of by the UC and the sponsor.

UC: The youth reports that the sponsor is his distant cousin. According to ORR documentation, the sponsor and youth were considered unrelated as their relationship was pending verification. The youth reports he met the sponsor a long time ago. He said that the sponsor was very kind to him and seemed to really like him. The sponsor would visit the youth whenever he went to [REDACTED]. He cannot remember the date they last saw each other, but he said it was a while ago. The youth reports that he would talk to the sponsor almost every week when the sponsor would call the youth's parents.

Sponsor: The sponsor's mother and the youth's mother are first cousins, so the sponsor and youth are second cousins. The sponsor has known the youth ever since he was a baby. The sponsor came to the U.S. in [REDACTED] and he would frequently go back to visit family in [REDACTED]. The sponsor said that he used go every year, but he goes less frequently now that he has a wife and baby. The sponsor said that he would visit the youth every time he went to [REDACTED]. The last time they saw one another face-to-face was in [REDACTED]. The sponsor reports that he would talk on the phone with the youth every once in a while. The sponsor believes he has a good relationship with the youth. He said that they are both comfortable in their interactions with one another.

8. Is the UC aware of other individuals living in the sponsor's home? If so, what is their relationship?

The youth reported that the sponsor lives with his parents, wife and baby. This worker informed the youth that the sponsor does live with his wife and baby but does not live with his parents. Instead, the sponsor also lives with his brother, sister-in-law and nephew. The youth said that he was previously unaware of this, and thought that the sponsor resided with his parents. This worker explained that the sponsor said his parents live nearby as well as many other relatives.

9. Does the UC know how the Sponsor disciplines children? Explain.

The youth reports that the sponsor uses verbal discipline. If the youth were to misbehave, the sponsor would talk to him and tell him why the behavior is inappropriate.

10. Does the UC feel safe moving in with the Sponsor?

The youth believes he will feel safe living with the sponsor.

11. What are the UC's expectations of reunification with the Sponsor (including home environment, lifestyle, chores, and education opportunities):

The youth expects that he will have a good life with the sponsor, and he will be able to continue his education. The youth believes that he will be going to a good home.

12. Does the UC feel that there are any services that would be helpful to him/her post-release?

The youth anticipates he will need help finding an immigration attorney and navigating the legal/immigration process. This worker asked if the youth would like to continue counseling post-release. The youth said that he might want counseling, depending on how he feels once he is reunified. The youth said he cannot know for sure until he is there.

13. Note section for additional information on interview with UC:

The youth began the interview speaking very quietly and the interpreter asked him to speak up. Due to speaking through an interpreter, this worker was unable to sense whether the youth was shy or nervous during the call. Overall he responded appropriately to all questions. The clinician describes the youth as initially shy and timid, but he becomes more outgoing with others when he gets to know them. The youth was initially separated from the other children in care because it was suspected that he might be an adult. The clinician reported that those concerns were disproved, and the youth was allowed back with the other children in care. She reported that there were several children from [REDACTED] in care right now as well as another boy from [REDACTED], who became good friends with the youth. They are both [REDACTED] and they would pray together. The clinician reported that the sponsor and youth appear to have a good relationship with one another. She has done a family session with just the sponsor, but she has not spoken with the sponsor and the youth together. The sponsor is aware that the youth's parents were having some problems in home country due to their political beliefs. The clinician does not believe the sponsor is aware of the hardship the youth endured along his journey. The youth has stated that he does not wish to disclose it to the sponsor at this time. It is something he will talk to him about when they are together if he feels comfortable doing so. The clinician reported that the youth appeared anxious initially when his age was being questioned because he was worried about how it would affect his legal case. Since that issue has been resolved, he appears less worried though is still understandably anxious to be reunited with the sponsor. The clinician reported that the youth does well academically and he is focused on learning English.

Section F: Sponsor Background/Overview

1. Sponsor's background (include the Sponsor's immigration process, legal status, education, length of time in the U.S., etc.)

At the request of ORR and the FFS, this worker conducted the home visit virtually. The interview was conducted in English with consent from the sponsor, who reported fluency in the English language. This worker used Go To Meeting video chat. Prior to the home study, this worker mailed documents to the sponsor's home for him to sign. This included the Release of Information, Agreement to Participate in Services, and Rights & Responsibilities as a [REDACTED] client. The sponsor signed all forms and returned scanned copies to this worker via email. Before beginning the interview, this worker educated the sponsor on confidentiality. This worker explained that Go To Meeting is a secure HIPAA compliant platform, though confidentiality cannot be guaranteed due to the nature of the virtual visit. This worker explained limits of confidentiality including that information must be shared with ORR in order to make a recommendation and mandated reporting laws. This worker could clearly see and hear the sponsor throughout the interview. The following information is from the interview with the sponsor:

The sponsor grew up in [REDACTED] about an hour from the youth's family. The sponsor explained that he lived in the center of the city, and it was a safer area than where the youth lived. For that reason, the sponsor's family did not experience the same level of violence and political persecution that the youth experienced. The sponsor stated that he had a good childhood. He finished high school and was in the process of getting his Bachelor's degree in [REDACTED] when he decided to come to the U.S. in [REDACTED] at age [REDACTED].

The sponsor explained that he began a relationship with his ex-wife in [REDACTED]. She had been living in the U.S. ever since she was about [REDACTED] years old. The sponsor explained that they met online, but they previously knew of each other through their families. The sponsor said that his parents were friends with his ex-wife's parents. The sponsor came to U.S. to be with his ex-wife, and they lived together in [REDACTED], [REDACTED]. The sponsor attended Georgia State University and graduated with a Bachelor's in Biology in [REDACTED]. The sponsor is now a U.S. citizen. The sponsor and his ex-wife lived together in another home, and then the sponsor moved to his current home in [REDACTED].

According to shelter documentation, the sponsor was involved in a domestic violence dispute with his ex-wife in [REDACTED]. This worker asked the sponsor to explain the incident. The sponsor responded calmly and demonstrated a willingness to discuss these events in detail. The sponsor explained that he would occasionally argue with his ex-wife. He explained that they grew up living very different lives and they had a lot of cultural differences. The sponsor said that it took him a long time to adjust to the new culture and life in the U.S. Eventually, they divorced in [REDACTED] because he found out his ex-wife was cheating. However, that was not the reason they argued during the domestic violence incident in [REDACTED]. The sponsor admitted that it was a small issue that was quickly blown out of proportion. His ex-wife said that she was feeling sick and thought she might be pregnant. He mentioned that they later found out she was not pregnant. She said that if she were pregnant, she would not keep the baby. This upset the sponsor, and the two began yelling at each other very loudly. However, the sponsor denies that he behaved aggressively or violently. The sponsor said that he never hit his ex-wife during that argument or any other time. He stated that he has never hit anyone in his life, and certainly would not hit someone he loves. When the argument became more heated, the sponsor left the house to cool down. The sponsor said that has always been his way of coping when he becomes angry. He walked around outside for a while, and when he went back to the house he saw several police cars outside. The sponsor was worried that his ex-wife was hurt, but he was also scared that the police were going to arrest him. He called his uncle and asked him to go check on his ex-wife. The sponsor said that his uncle went to the home,

and let the sponsor know that his ex-wife was fine. He told the sponsor that his ex-wife told the police that the sponsor hit her, and they were going to arrest him. The sponsor said that he was afraid so he did not return to the house that night. He added that he was about two weeks away from college graduation. Once he finished his final exams, he turned himself into the DeKalb County Police and spent the night in jail. The sponsor said he hired an attorney and went to court, but his ex-wife decided not to press charges. The sponsor went to anger management classes as suggested by his lawyer. The sponsor said that he completed the whole course, which met once a week for about two months. The sponsor does not think he has ever had problems with anger management. Nonetheless, he felt the course was valuable and he learned a lot about positive coping mechanisms.

The sponsor and his ex-wife divorced in [REDACTED]. The sponsor's parents arranged his marriage with his current partner. The sponsor reports that he has told his current wife all about the domestic violence allegations. The sponsor went to [REDACTED] to marry his wife in [REDACTED], and about a year later she joined him in the U.S. They now have [REDACTED]-month-old baby girl. The sponsor denies having any other children. The sponsor has been working in customer service at the [REDACTED] since [REDACTED]. However, he has been unable to work for the past two months due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

2. Sponsor's current functioning:

Major medical issues (include diagnosis and prescribed medication):

☒ N/A

☐ Yes:

Mental health issues (include diagnosis and prescribed medication):

☒ N/A

☐ Yes:

Substance use (include diagnosis and prescribed medication):

☒ N/A

☐ Yes:

3. Coping mechanism as observed during Home Study (include Sponsor's interests, personality, strength, and weakness):

On his days off of work the sponsor enjoys going with this family to the park, movies or out to eat. Unfortunately, they cannot do those things now because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Lately, he has been spending his free time at home watching TV, relaxing, and taking care of his daughter. The sponsor said that he does his best to manage stress from work by leaving it behind once he gets home. When he is at home, his priority is to relax, spend time with his family, and not think about work. The sponsor believes his strengths are his self-control and self-discipline. He explained that he is driven to do his best at whatever he puts his mind to. The sponsor could not identify any weaknesses for himself, but he said that his ex-wife thought he was too emotional. The sponsor does not see himself that way. However, he acknowledged that he was a younger and different person when he was with his ex-wife. He believes he has grown and matured a lot since then. The sponsor does not believe he ever had problems with anger management, but he thinks the anger management classes were very valuable. The sponsor does not believe he needs to attend anger management classes again because he already went and learned a lot of useful techniques that he uses today. The sponsor said he would be willing to attend family therapy if needed.

The sponsor reports that he rarely gets into arguments with his current partner. Whenever they get into an argument, the first step the sponsor takes is to calm himself down. He does this by removing himself from the situation and taking a walk if needed. He then asks himself if the subject is really something worth arguing about, and most times he realizes that it is not. The sponsor says that he and his wife will then communicate with each other in a calm manner about their feelings.

4. Significant relationships, including with a spouse/partner and other formal/informal support systems and how the Sponsor intends to use supports for him/herself, as well as with the UC:

The sponsor said that all adult household members are very supportive of one another. They are excited for the youth to come live with them, and they will all help care for him in some way. The sponsor lives with his brother who also works and shares all household expenses. Both the sponsor and his brother will financially support the youth. The sponsor's wife and sister-in-law do not work. The sponsor explained that his wife was working at [REDACTED], but the doctor advised her to stop working when she became pregnant. Since their daughter's birth, the sponsor's partner has not been working so she can care for the baby. The sponsor said that she probably will not return to work for another nine months or so. Therefore, the sponsor's partner and sister-in-law will be available to supervise the youth. If they are ever unavailable, one of the sponsor's other family members will help with supervision. The sponsor's parents, aunts, uncles, and cousins all live within about two miles of the sponsor's home. They have met the youth and they are looking forward to reuniting with him. The sponsor said that he has a few friends, but his family is his biggest source of support. The sponsor is Muslim, and he reports that he is somewhat active in his religious community. There is a mosque where he would typically go to pray every Friday, but lately he has been praying at home due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The sponsor is also aware of a free medical clinic in a local mosque where he plans to take the youth since he will not have health insurance.

5. Sponsor's understanding of the following U.S. laws:

Employment

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Education

☒ The Sponsor was provided with psycho-education on school enrollment, sponsor's rights to contact the school and student's rights to seek services.

Child abuse/neglect

☒ The Sponsor was provided with psycho-education on the four types of abuse (sexual, physical, emotional, and neglect). The Sponsor was also informed about the confidentiality of reporting child abuse and the different locations where it could be reported (e.g. police station, school, fire department, medical clinic); in addition to mandated reporters (therapist, social worker, counselor, and teacher).

6. Language proficiency in English and UC's native language:

The sponsor's native language is [REDACTED] and he is fluent in English. The sponsor can read and write in English. The youth's native language is [REDACTED]. He does not speak very much English, but

he is learning in the shelter. The phone interview with the youth was conducted with a [REDACTED] interpreter from the agency, [REDACTED].

Section G: SPONSOR'S RELATIONSHIP TO UC AND MOTIVATION

1. Nature and extent of the Sponsor's relationship with the UC and the UC's immediate family, including frequency and quality of contact. Include the last face to face and phone contact between the sponsor and the UC.

The sponsor's mother and the youth's mother are first cousins, which makes the sponsor and youth second cousins. The sponsor reports he has known the youth ever since he was a baby. The sponsor came to the U.S. in [REDACTED] and he would frequently go back to visit family in [REDACTED]. The sponsor said that he used go every year, but he goes less frequently now that he has a wife and baby. The sponsor said that he would visit the youth every time he went to [REDACTED]. The last time they saw one another face-to-face was in [REDACTED]. The sponsor reports that he would talk on the phone with the youth every once in a while. Now that he is in ORR care, they talk on the phone once per week. The sponsor believes he has a good relationship with the youth. He said that they are both comfortable in their interactions with one another. The sponsor reports that he always had a good relationship with the youth's parents. He would call them periodically while the youth was living in [REDACTED]. Ever since the youth's arrival in the U.S., the sponsor talks on the phone with the youth's mother almost every day. He has not spoken with the youth's father, who is in reportedly in hiding due to political persecution.

2. Location of the Sponsor's family members in the U.S. and their relationship and involvement with the UC.

☐ N/A – no other family members in the U.S., per sponsor.

☒ Yes: The sponsor has several family members in the U.S. and they all live nearby in [REDACTED], [REDACTED]. In addition to his wife and daughter, the sponsor lives with his brother, sister-in-law, and nephew. The sponsor's parents live down the road from him. The sponsor also has an uncle, aunt, and cousins in [REDACTED]. All household members will help care for the youth, and the sponsor's brother will help support the youth financially. The sponsor reports that the youth has met his other family members. He said they are all very excited to be reunited with the youth, and they have been calling the sponsor every day to ask about him. The sponsor plans to let the youth visit these other family members often, and they will be able to help with supervision as needed. The sponsor reports that his cousins are close to the youth's age, and he believes they will enjoy spending time together. The sponsor believes that this familial support will be very helpful for the youth as he adapts to life in the U.S. They will be able to emotionally support the youth and teach him about U.S. culture, while also sharing in traditions from their home country.

3. Sponsor's awareness and involvement in UC's plan of migration to the U.S.

☐ N/A – per sponsor and UC, sponsor was unaware of UC's travel/plans, etc.

☒ Yes: The sponsor was aware that the youth left [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] of last year fleeing political persecution. However, he was not involved in planning the youth's journey, and was not the original intended sponsor.

4. Sponsor's awareness of the details around the UC's journey including whether there was a traveling fee or debt; when, how and where the UC was apprehended by U.S. immigration authorities; and whether the UC experienced any trauma along the way.

The sponsor understands that the youth came to the U.S. because he was not safe in [REDACTED]. He explained that his family was being persecuted for political reasons. The sponsor reported that it had been going on for a while, but it became really violent right before the youth came to the U.S.

The sponsor understands that some people went to the youth's home and beat up his father. The sponsor said that the youth's older brother went missing and his whereabouts are still unknown. The sponsor said that the youth's parents made the decision to send him to the U.S. but he is unaware of the details of his journey. The sponsor was informed when the youth left [REDACTED] in October, but at the time, he was planning on living with a paternal relative in [REDACTED]. The sponsor does not know the exact relationship between the youth and his previous intended sponsor, but he believes he is a paternal relative. The sponsor explained that in their culture, it is customary for children to go live with paternal relatives. Since the sponsor is a maternal relative, he was not the first choice for sponsorship. The sponsor reports that the previous intended sponsor had to withdraw sponsorship when he contracted the Coronavirus. Then the current sponsor was contacted and asked if he could sponsor the youth. The sponsor said that he was excited when he found out that he was going to be the youth's sponsor. He believes the youth will be very happy living with him.

The sponsor stated that he does not know how much money was paid for the youth's journey to the U.S. and he is unsure whether the youth's family owes a debt for his travel expenses. This worker asked the sponsor what he would do if he found out that the youth had a significant debt for his journey. The sponsor said that he would contact the youth's mother and help her work it out. The sponsor said that he would be willing to help the family repay the debt. He stated that he does not expect the youth to repay any debt for his journey, and he understands that the youth cannot legally work. This worker suggested that the sponsor contact the youth's mother prior to reunification in order to discuss whether there is a debt for the youth's journey and make plan to repay the debt.

5. Sponsor's reasons for wanting to care for the UC.

The sponsor said that he wants to care for the youth because he is family. The sponsor said that the youth needs a safe and loving place to live, and he is more than happy to give him that.

6. Any prior sponsorship applications to Sponsor previously identified UC. State UC's name, date of birth, his/her relationship to Sponsor, A#, location and current welfare of each UC the sponsor has applied to sponsor.

☒ N/A – the sponsor has never previously sponsored a UC out of ORR care.

☐ Yes:

Section H: SPONSOR'S PARENTING/SPONSORSHIP

General Parenting

1. Parenting skills and / abilities, nature and extent of previous experience with child supervision, including discipline, parenting style and designation of household responsibilities/chores. Include any community parenting resources that the Sponsor has identified.

The sponsor is the father of a [REDACTED]-month-old baby. He says that being a father is the best thing in the world. He does not have any other children, but he reports he has some experience caring for his one-year-old nephew, who also lives in the home. The sponsor acknowledged that parenting the youth will be different because he is older. His expectation for the youth is that he live in the home, follow household rules, and go to school. The sponsor believes that education should be the youth's biggest priority. When asked to provide examples of household rules, the sponsor said he was unsure. He said it is a very relaxed home environment so he could not think of any rules he would have for the youth. This worker gave examples of rules the sponsor might establish for the youth such as cleaning up after meals, keeping his room clean, and asking the sponsor permission

to leave the house. This worker advised the sponsor to consider household rules and discuss them with the youth upon his arrival.

2. What is the Sponsor's supervision plan? If the sponsor is not available to supervise the UC, who will provide supervision in the Sponsor's absence?

The sponsor reports that usually there is always someone home who would be able to supervise the youth. The sponsor's partner and sister-in-law do not work, so they will be primarily responsible for supervision. The sponsor has many family members in the area, and they would be able to help with supervision if needed.

3. Care of any children currently in the home – school enrollment, mental health/behavioral issues, relationships, etc.

☐ N/A – no children in the home.

☒ Yes: The only children in the home are the sponsor's [REDACTED]-month-old daughter and [REDACTED]-year-old nephew. He reports that both children are healthy. They are enrolled in Medicaid and go to regular medical check-ups. The sponsor's nephew receives WIC, but the sponsor was unable to enroll his daughter because offices began closing due to COVID-19 around the time she was born. Neither are enrolled in SNAP. The sponsor used his camera to show this worker both children on the video chat. They were sleeping at the time of the virtual home visit. They both appeared well-groomed and healthy from what this worker was able to see. At one point, the sponsor's daughter woke up and the sponsor held her. She appeared calm but alert to her surroundings. The sponsor rocked her for a while and then passed her to his partner so he could continue with the interview.

4. What are the sponsor's discipline methods? What consequences does the sponsor issue with the children currently in the home (if applicable)?

The sponsor admitted that he has not thought about what kind of discipline methods he would use. He does not have a discipline technique that he uses for the children in the home because they are still so young. The sponsor believes that if the youth were to have serious behavioral problems, he would contact the youth's parents so they can talk to the youth and give the sponsor advice on how to handle the behavior. This worker discussed other forms of discipline that may be appropriate such as taking away the youth's cellphone or prohibiting him from watching television for a certain period of time.

5. Any anticipated significant life changes in the near future and how these changes may affect the Sponsor's ability to care for the UC (i.e., change in residence, marriage, divorce, etc.)

☒ N/A – no anticipated changes.

☐ Yes:

6. Sponsor's understanding of UC's current behavior, history of criminal charges, substance abuse, or gang involvement:

The youth has no known history of criminal charges, substance abuse, or gang involvement.

7. Sponsor's plans to address the UC's past behaviors and current needs, including special needs:

According to ORR documentation, the youth has no known behavioral concerns, mental health concerns or special needs. In the phone interview with the youth, he also denied any special needs. ORR documentation indicates that the youth disclosed he was threatened and mistreated along his journey to the U.S. He was also threatened by the same individuals who hurt his parents,

which prompted his journey to the U.S. The sponsor is aware that the youth's parents faced political persecution, and that the youth was threatened. According to the shelter clinician, the sponsor is unaware that the youth was threatened by the guides along his journey to the U.S. The youth did not wish to disclose this information to the sponsor, and he was reluctant to discuss it with shelter workers because it made him upset. The clinician reports that the sponsor has received psycho-education on signs of trauma. In the interview with the sponsor, he said that he will help the youth cope by doing everything possible to make him feel safe and show the youth that he will always be on his side. The sponsor said he would be willing to get counseling for the youth and participate in family counseling if needed.

Child Welfare

8. Challenges the Sponsor foresees in parenting a child whom he/she has been separated from, or has never parented before, and how to overcome challenges.

The sponsor anticipates that the youth may experience challenges adapting to the new placement and life in the U.S., but he does not foresee any challenges parenting the youth as a result. The sponsor believes the youth will adapt quickly because he will be surrounded by loving and supportive family members. The sponsor says he will do his best to emotionally support the youth, and make sure he feels safe and comfortable.

9. Sponsor's understanding of the dynamics of separation, grief and loss and how the Sponsor will help the UC cope with such emotions.

- ☒ Sponsor was provided with psycho-education on further implications on a child's behavior after years of separation from parents and other family members.
- ☒ The sponsor reports that he had intense culture shock when he came to the U.S., so he has experienced firsthand the grief and loss of leaving one's home country. The sponsor said that the youth will likely miss his family and home country. However, he does not think it will be as bad for the youth because he will have so much support from many different family members living nearby. The sponsor said his niece lives down the road from him, and she is close in age with the youth. The sponsor believes they will become good friends, and she can help the youth as he adapts to school and U.S. culture. The sponsor said that he will allow the youth to call his mother as often as he would like. He believes the youth will be happier living with him because he can talk to his mother every day instead of just once a week as he does in the shelter.

10. Sponsor's understand of the laws and dynamics of child abuse and neglect and the sponsor's ability to parent a child who may have been abused or neglected.

- ☒ Sponsor was provided with psycho-education on the four types of abuse (physical, sexual, emotional, and neglect) and laws.
- ☒ According to ORR documentation, the youth has not reported ever being physically abused or neglected. The shelter clinician reported that she provided the sponsor and youth with psychoeducation on the dynamics of child abuse and neglect. In home study interview, the sponsor was educated on the four types of abuse and mandated reporting laws. Discipline was discussed and the sponsor reported that he would use verbal discipline with the youth. The sponsor was accused of domestic violence by his ex-wife in [REDACTED]. However, the sponsor denies the allegations. The sponsor reports that he has never hit anyone, and he does not condone violent or aggressive behavior, especially toward loved ones.

Education

11. Sponsor's understanding of the laws surrounding education, educational opportunities, and plans for enrollment (list of potential school), including after school supervision.

☒ Sponsor was provided with psycho-education on school enrollment, truancy laws, parents and legal guardian's rights to contact the school and student's right to seek services.

☒ The sponsor demonstrated knowledge of laws surrounding education and employment. This worker informed the sponsor that the youth will be enrolled in the DeKalb County School District. In this district, the youth must first enroll in the DeKalb International Student Center where he will be taught English before advancing to his district high school. The sponsor was instructed to first take the youth to the [REDACTED] for enrollment. The sponsor reported that he has been to the [REDACTED] and he is familiar with the enrollment process. He explained that whenever new family members came to the U.S. he was responsible for helping them enroll their children in school. The sponsor understands that schools are currently closed due to COVID-19, and the youth probably will not be allowed to enroll this year. The sponsor said he will monitor the situation and enroll the youth in school as soon as possible. In the meantime, he will encourage the youth to practice English at home.

12. How equipped does the Sponsor feel in order to advocate for the UC to receive necessary services:

- ☐ Highly equipped; can identify specific services and locations
- ☒ Moderately equipped; has general knowledge but requires referrals for community services for the following areas: (please specify): legal representation and LOPC information
- ☐ Not sufficiently equipped

13. Did the Sponsor attend a LOPC presentation?

- ☐ Yes:
- ☒ No: The sponsor cannot attend LOPC at this time due to office closures as a result of COVID-19. According to ORR documentation, a LOPC packet was sent to the sponsor on [REDACTED]. However, the sponsor denied ever receiving LOPC information.

14. Sponsor's plan to ensure the UC's attendance at all immigration court proceedings and comply with DHS requirements.

The sponsor said that this is his first time ever learning about the legal/immigration process for unaccompanied minors. When he learned he was going to sponsor the youth, he began doing some online research about the process. The sponsor said he still does not know much about it and he would appreciate further education and support during post-release services. The sponsor understands the youth must attend all hearings in order to avoid receiving a deportation order in absentia. He stated that he will accompany the youth in all court proceedings and ensure he never misses a hearing. This worker advised the sponsor to call the EOIR hotline weekly to be aware of upcoming court dates. He was given a resource list with the number for the hotline and the address of the [REDACTED] Immigration Court.

15. Sponsor's plan for legal representation for the UC

The sponsor does not yet have a plan for legal representation for the youth. This worker provided a list of low cost immigration attorneys that the sponsor may utilize.

16. Immigration attorney representing UC:

- ☒ N/A – No attorney
- ☐ Attorney representing UC:
- Name of attorney(s):
 - Phone Number:

- Address:

Section I: HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS

General

1. Were household members (including children) interviewed separately from the Sponsor?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

This worker interviewed each adult household member individually using the Go To Meeting video platform. This worker asked that all interviewees go into a separate room, shut the door, and attempt to make each interview as private as possible. This worker reviewed confidentiality before beginning each interview, and ensured that it was explained in their preferred language. A Bengali interpreter from the agency, Linguava was used for interviews with the sponsor's partner and sister-in-law. This worker explained that Go To Meeting is a secure HIPAA compliant platform, though confidentiality cannot be guaranteed in each individual interview. This worker explained limits of confidentiality including that information must be shared with ORR in order to make a recommendation and mandated reporting laws. Each interview appeared to be conducted in a private environment. However, this worker cannot guarantee that each interview was private due to the nature of this virtual home study.

Household member #1:

Name: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED]

Age: [REDACTED]

Sex: Male

Relationship to Sponsor: Brother

Relationship to UC: Second Cousin

Is the Sponsor Financially Responsible for this individual? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Present during home visit? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If no, document attempts to contact: [REDACTED] was interviewed by video through Go To Meeting on [REDACTED].

Comments (include member's perspective on the UC coming to live in the home, member's role in the UC's life):

The sponsor's brother was interviewed by this worker in English using the Go To Meeting video platform. He reports that he is fluent in English. He spoke clearly throughout the interview, and this worker had no reason to believe that his English was not fluent. He could be clearly seen and heard throughout the interview. This worker observed the sponsor's brother go into a bedroom by himself. He stated that the door was shut and he was alone in the room. This worker reviewed limits of confidentiality before beginning the interview, and he gave verbal consent to proceed. The sponsor's brother reports he has lived in the U.S. since [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]. He works at [REDACTED] in downtown [REDACTED]. Both he and the sponsor contribute equally to household expenses, and he will be equally responsible for financially supporting the youth. The sponsor's brother reports that he has known the youth ever since he was little. He is also related to the youth, and reports that they are second cousins. He reports that he last saw the youth face-to-face while visiting [REDACTED] last year. Throughout their separation, they have kept in contact some through social media. However, he is typically very busy with work so they did not get to talk often. The sponsor's brother reports that he is supportive of the youth coming to live with them, and he is excited to be reunited with him. He plans to support the youth in any way possible. Most of all, he will financially support the youth and ensure that

he is enrolled in school. The sponsor's brother believes that the youth will be safe living with him and the other household members. He believes that the sponsor will take good care of the youth. He denied any concerns that the sponsor may be an unfit caregiver. He denied ever witnessing the sponsor become aggressive or violent toward anyone. The sponsor's brother believes that if the youth come to live with them, he will be in a safe and loving home.

Household member #2:

Name: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED]

Age: [REDACTED]

Sex: Female

Relationship to Sponsor: Sister-in-law

Relationship to UC: Unrelated

Is the Sponsor Financially Responsible for this individual? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Present during home visit? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If no, document attempts to contact: [REDACTED] was present during the virtual home visit on [REDACTED]. However, she was not interviewed at that time because there was no [REDACTED] interpreter available. This worker conducted her individual interview later on [REDACTED] using the Go To Meeting video platform with a [REDACTED] interpreter from the agency, [REDACTED].

Comments (include member's perspective on the UC coming to live in the home, member's role in the UC's life):

The sponsor's sister-in-law was interviewed using the Go To Meeting video platform with the help of a [REDACTED] interpreter. She reports that [REDACTED] is her preferred language. She appeared to comprehend and speak clearly throughout the interview. She could be clearly seen and heard through the video chat. This worker observed the sponsor's sister-in-law go into a bedroom by herself and shut the door. She used the sponsor's phone to video chat with this worker. Using the phone camera, she showed this worker around the room. This worker observed that the door was shut and she was alone. This worker reviewed limits of confidentiality before beginning the interview, and she gave verbal consent to proceed. The sponsor's sister-in-law has been married to the sponsor's brother for about three years, and reports that she has known the sponsor throughout that time. She has been living in the U.S. for one year and four months. She and her husband have been living with the sponsor ever since she came to the U.S. The sponsor's sister-in-law reports that she met the youth around the time of her marriage. She explained that the youth and his family went to visit her home in [REDACTED] once or twice. She denies maintaining contact with the youth throughout their separation, but she reports that her husband would occasionally call him. The sponsor's sister-in-law sees the youth as a part of their family, and she is very supportive of him coming to live with them. She does not work, and she said that she will be able to help supervise the youth. She believes that the youth will be safe living with her and the other household members. The sponsor's sister-in-law reports that she has a good relationship with her husband, and he treats her well. She said that she feels the sponsor and his wife have a healthy relationship. She denies ever witnessing them argue. She denies ever seeing the sponsor become violent or aggressive toward anyone. She believes that the sponsor will be a good caretaker for the youth.

Household member #3:

Name: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED]

Age: [REDACTED]

Sex: Male

Relationship to Sponsor: Nephew

Relationship to UC: Distant relative

Is the Sponsor Financially Responsible for this individual? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Present during home visit? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If no, document attempts to contact:

Comments (include member's perspective on the UC coming to live in the home, member's role in the UC's life):

██████ was not interviewed due to his young age. However, this worker was able to see him through the Go To Meeting video chat.

Household member #4:

Name: ██████████

DOB: ████████

Age: █

Sex: Female

Relationship to Sponsor: Partner

Relationship to UC: Unrelated

Is the Sponsor Financially Responsible for this individual? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Present during home visit? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If no, document attempts to contact: ██████████ participated in an interview with this worker on ██████████ using the Go To Meeting video platform. She appeared to have some trouble doing the interview in English, and agreed to try again with a ██████████ interpreter. This worker conducted a second interview later on ██████████ using the Go To Meeting video platform with a ██████████ interpreter from the agency, ██████████.

Comments (include member's perspective on the UC coming to live in the home, member's role in the UC's life):

This worker interviewed the sponsor's partner in English for the first time on 4/28/2020. She reported that she is fluent in English, and agreed to do the interview with this worker in English. This worker reviewed limits of confidentiality before beginning the interview, and she gave verbal consent to proceed. This worker observed the sponsor's partner go into a separate room, but it was difficult to observe whether she was truly alone in the home. This worker asked the sponsor's partner twice during the interview whether she was alone with the door shut, and she assured that she was. However, this worker could not be sure that she was alone in the room. The sponsor's partner occasionally looked up, like she might have been looking at someone else in the room. She hesitated to answer some questions, and at times appeared as if she did not understand very well. She agreed to try the interview again later with a ██████████ interpreter in order to ensure full comprehension during the individual interview.

On ██████████, this worker interviewed the sponsor's partner with a ██████████ interpreter from the agency, ██████████. The interview was conducted using the Go To Meeting video platform, and the sponsor's partner was clearly seen and heard. She appeared to comprehend and speak clearly in ██████████ throughout the interview. This worker observed the sponsor's partner go into a bedroom by herself and shut the door. She used the sponsor's phone to video chat with this worker. Using the phone camera, she showed this worker around the room. This worker observed that the door was shut and she was alone. However, due to the nature of the virtual visit, it cannot be guaranteed that she was alone or not overheard by the sponsor or another household member. This worker reviewed limits of confidentiality with the help of the interpreter, and the sponsor's partner gave verbal consent to proceed.

██████████ is the sponsor's wife, and she reports that they have been married for █ years. They were married in ██████████ and then she joined the sponsor in the U.S. over █ years ago. The

sponsor privately disclosed to this worker that he told his wife all about the domestic violence allegations concerning his ex-wife. However, this worker did not interview the sponsor's wife directly about this incident. This worker asked the sponsor's wife to describe her relationship with the sponsor and explain how they handle conflict. She said that they have a very good relationship, and they never argue. She denied that the sponsor has ever become aggressive or violent toward her or anyone else. She denied that the sponsor has ever hurt or mistreat her. She said that the sponsor treats her very well, and he also takes good care of their ■-month-old daughter. The sponsor's partner believes that the sponsor will be a good caretaker for the youth. She believes the youth will be safe living with the sponsor and other household members.

The sponsor's partner said that she has seen the youth face-to-face on two separate occasions while she was living in ■■■■■. She met him for the first time right after her marriage, and saw him once more before she came to the U.S. They have never talked on the phone before, and have only interacted during the two times they saw one another. The sponsor's partner said that she feels good about the youth coming to live with them. She has no concerns about their ability to care for another child given that she just gave birth to a baby four months ago. She believes they have plenty of resources to meet the youth's needs. She reports that she will do everything possible to help the sponsor care for the youth, including supervising him in the sponsor's absence. She believes that the youth will be very comfortable and safe living with them.

Household member #5:

Name: ■■■■■

DOB: ■■■■■

Age: ■■■■■

Sex: Female

Relationship to Sponsor: Daughter

Relationship to UC: Distant relative

Is the Sponsor Financially Responsible for this individual? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Present during home visit? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If no, document attempts to contact:

Comments (include member's perspective on the UC coming to live in the home, member's role in the UC's life):

■■■■■ was not interviewed due to her young age. However, this worker was able to see her through the Go To Meeting video chat.

Review of Background Checks

1. OSSI clearance:

All adults in the home submitted fingerprints

☐ Yes

☒ No – Explanation: As of ■■■■■, the sponsor reported that he and his wife submitted fingerprints but appointments are still pending for the other adult household members.

☐ Results Received

☒ Results Pending

Summary of the OSSI Clearance Results:

2. CA/N Check:

Submitted for Sponsor and/or other adults in the home

☐ Yes

☒ No – Explanation: According to ORR documentation, CA/N checks were complete for the sponsor and his partner. It is not clear whether they were done for the other adult household members.

☐ Results Received ☒ Results Pending

Summary of the CA/N Check Results:

3. Sex Offender Check:

Submitted for Sponsor and/or other adults in the home

☐ Yes

☒ No – Explanation: According to ORR documentation, sex offender checks were complete for the sponsor and his partner. It is not clear whether they were done for the other adult household members.

☐ Results Received ☒ Results Pending

Summary of the Sex Offender Check Results:

Use additional pages for more family members

Section J: HOME AND COMMUNITY

Physical Environment

1. Type of Housing:

- ☒ Single Family Home
☐ Townhome
☐ Apartment
☐ Mobile Home
☐ Other:

2. Does the Sponsor rent or own?

- ☐ Rent
☒ Own

How long has the Sponsor resided at the residence: The sponsor's brother owns the home, and the sponsor has lived there with him for six years.

3. If renting, has the landlord approved the UC living in the residence?

- ☐ Approved, sponsor informed landlord and no concerns reported
☐ Unknown status, sponsor has not informed landlord.

Reason for not informing landlord and plan to confirm approval: N/A

Internal Environment

4. Do any household members smoke?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Is smoking allowed in the home?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Are there weapons present in the home?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

If yes, are the weapons and ammunition kept separately in locked areas?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Is there a functional smoke detector?☒ Yes☐ No**Are there pets in the home?**☐ Yes☒ No**Do pets meet local safety requirements (vaccinations, vicious animal restrictions, etc.):**☐ Yes☐ No**External Environment****5. Outside Space (check all that apply):**☒ Patio ☐ Hot Tub ☐ Fenced Yard ☐ Detached Garage☐ Play Equipment ☐ Porch ☐ Deck ☐ Shed/Barn☐ Attached Garage ☐ Pool/Pond/Lake ☐ Fenced and Locked Gate☐ Handicapped Accessible ☐ Other (specify):**6. If the home has a pool/lake, please explain how Sponsor will ensure safety/supervision of tender age child around water source:**

N/A

7. Sleeping arrangements for each family member (include room, floor/level, and type of bed. Include room and type of bed designated for UC)

Family Member	Age	Windows	Bedroom Number	Type of bed
(sponsor)		2	1	Queen
		2	1	Queen
		2	1	Queen
		2	2	Queen
		2	2	Queen
		2	2	Queen
		1	3	Twin

Prior to the visit, this worker mailed agency forms to the sponsor's address. The sponsor sent this worker a picture of the signed forms, and this also served as a way of verifying the address. This worker conducted a virtual home visit using the Go To Meeting video platform. The sponsor used his cellphone for video and audio. The sponsor was very thorough when showing this worker inside the house. He slowly panned the camera around each room, and was more than willing to show inside each closet, shower, fridge, etc. At times the video appeared a little blurry, but for the most part this worker was able to view the whole house. It appeared that the sponsor gave a complete tour of the whole home, though this cannot be guaranteed due to the nature of the video call. This worker did not notice any safety concerns in the home, and it does not appear that there are any additional household members other than the ones listed on ORR documents. The youth will have his own bedroom, which is prepared with a bed. The sponsor reports that they were previously using the room as a guest bedroom. The closet had clothes in it, which the sponsor said belong to him and his wife. The room otherwise appeared unoccupied. The sponsor's single-family house consists of three bedrooms, two and half bathrooms, a living room, kitchen, dining room and laundry room. This

worker observed plenty of food in the fridge and freezer, and the sponsor's wife was cooking on the stove in the background. Based on what could be seen in the video chat, the home appeared tidy.

8. Any evidence that individuals, other than those listed in the Family Reunification Packet, live in the home residence?

- ☐ Yes, explain:
☒ No

9. Is there anything in the home that raises a concern for the UC's welfare and safety?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No concerns were viewed during a virtual home tour, though the accuracy of a virtual visit is not equal to that of an in home visit.
 If so, can it be solved?

Transportation

Vehicle(s) (check all that apply):

- ☒ One car
☐ Two cars
☐ Truck
☐ Van
☐ Recreation vehicle
☐ Motor cycle
☐ Other (specify):

Are vehicles in running condition?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No, explain:

Was proof of insurance provided for all operational vehicles?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No, explain:

Is the residence on a city bus line or other public transportation?

- ☒ Yes
 If yes, Distance to nearest stop: 0.1 miles
☐ No

Describe alternative transportation plan if family does not own an operating vehicle or live on a bus line:

The sponsor reports that he and his brother typically drive to the [REDACTED] train station and then take the train to work downtown.

Community Overview

10. Briefly describe the community in which the home is located. Include information regarding the type of neighborhood (rural, urban, residential, industrial, etc.)

Although this worker has not physically visited the home, this worker is familiar with the area where the sponsor lives along [REDACTED] Highway in [REDACTED], [REDACTED]. From what this worker could see in Google maps, the sponsor's home is adjacent to Buford Highway and a residential neighborhood on the opposite side. [REDACTED] Highway is known for its vast array of international cuisine and other businesses catering to an international population. There are several stores, restaurants, and

businesses within walking distance of the sponsor's home. To the east of the sponsor's home is a neighborhood of single family homes and a park.

Schools:

Name	Street	City, State	Zip	Phone Number
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Emergency Resources:

Name	Street	City, State	Zip	Phone Number
Emergency/Fire/Rescue				911

Medical/Health Clinics:

Name	Street	City, State	Zip	Phone Number
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Recreational Locations, including religious facilities, shopping centers, libraries, parks, etc.:

Name	Street	City, State	Zip	Phone Number
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Section K: FINANCIAL
1. Employment Status:

- ☐ Unemployed
☐ Part-time
☒ Full-time (receiving unemployment presently due to the current COVID-19 pandemic)
☐ Other:

2. Employer (check which applies):

- ☐ Self-employed (specify):
☒ [REDACTED]

Does sponsor operate a business from the residence?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

If YES:

Is business a child day care?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Is business an Adult Day Care or Rooming House?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

If other than child or adult day care or rooming house, describe type of business:

N/A If applicable, describe impact of home business of the plan to sponsor the UC: N/A
3. Length of employment at current job: ☐ N/A ☒ 12 years
4. Working hours: Previously, the sponsor worked every day from around 11:00 a.m. or 12:00 p.m. until about 7:00 or 8:00 p.m. He had the day off on Friday and sometimes he took off Sundays as well. However, presently, he has been laid off work due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He expects to return to work when it is safe to do so.
5. Prior employment? ☐ No ☒ Yes If yes, how long? From [REDACTED] to [REDACTED], he worked at the [REDACTED].
6. Total annual take home income of sponsor: The sponsor reports that his total annual income including tips is approximately \$30,000.
7. Sources of income: ☐ Employment ☒ Other (specify): The sponsor's brother earns approximately \$36,000 and contributes equally to the household expenses.
8. Budget – assets/liabilities and income/expense The sponsor and his brother report the following combined monthly expenses: Mortgage: \$730 Electricity: \$100 Gas: \$100 Water: \$150 Internet: \$50 Telephone: \$150 Car payment: \$240 Car insurance: \$65 Gas: \$190 Food: \$250 Health insurance: \$100 The family's monthly expenses total \$2,125. The family's monthly income is about \$5,072. The family has a monthly surplus of \$2,947.
9. Sponsor's plan to handle additional financial burden of caring for the UC: The sponsor and his brother appear to earn enough to financially support the youth. However, they have not been able to work lately due to restrictions resulting from COVID-19. The sponsor said that he has been getting unemployment checks. Despite the current financial situation, the sponsor believes he is capable of financially supporting the youth.
Section L: SUMMARY
<u>Family Strengths & Needs:</u> 1. Describe the Sponsor's ability to provide and maintain a safe, stable and appropriate home environment.

Due to restrictions as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, this worker was unable to physically go to the home. This home study was conducted virtually, at the request of ORR and the FFS, using the Go To Meeting video platform. Due to the virtual nature of the assessment this worker was unable to fully assess the safety and suitability of the home and sponsor. The sponsor provided a tour of the home using the camera on his smart phone. The sponsor was very thorough when showing this worker inside the house. He slowly panned the camera around each room, and was more than willing to show inside each closet, shower, fridge, etc. At times the video appeared a little blurry, but for the most part this worker was able to view the whole house. It appeared that the sponsor gave a complete tour of the whole home, though this cannot be guaranteed due to the nature of the video call. From what this worker was able to observe, the sponsor's home appears to be a safe and appropriate environment for the youth. The sponsor resides in a three-bedroom house that his brother owns. The sponsor reports he has lived in the home for six years. The youth will have his own bedroom with a twin bed, which appears prepared for his arrival.

The sponsor and youth report that they are second cousins. They both report a positive relationship with one another and express a desire to be reunited. The sponsor reports he has known the youth ever since he was a baby. The sponsor came to the U.S. in [REDACTED] and he would see the youth whenever he went to visit family in [REDACTED]. The last time they saw one another face-to-face was in [REDACTED]. The sponsor's brother is also the youth's second cousin. He reports that he has known the youth ever since he was a baby, and last saw the youth face-to-face while visiting [REDACTED] last year. The sponsor's partner and sister-in-law have both met the youth on one or two occasions. It should be noted that in the phone interview, the youth seemed unsure of who resides in the home with the sponsor. This worker recommends a family session prior to the youth's release so the sponsor can introduce the youth to the other household members.

This worker interviewed each household member individually via Go To Meeting video chat. This worker interviewed the sponsor's brother in English as he reports being fluent. The sponsor's partner was interviewed in English, but she seemed to have some trouble understanding. She was interviewed again later with a [REDACTED] interpreter from [REDACTED] as was the sponsor's sister-in-law. Prior to each interview, this worker reviewed limits of confidentiality. Each household member used the camera to show that they were alone in the room with the door closed. However, there is no guarantee that each interview was truly private given the nature of the virtual visit.

In each individual interview, household members reported they are in agreement with the youth coming to live with them. They all express a desire to help care for the youth and provide supervision. The sponsor's brother plans to assist the sponsor in financially supporting the youth. All household members denied that the sponsor has ever behaved violently or aggressively toward anyone. The sponsor's partner denied that the sponsor has ever mistreated her, and she said that they rarely argue. None of the household members disclosed any safety concerns related to the sponsor or the placement.

2. Describe the Sponsor's ability to care for the UC's well-being and safety (parenting, supervision, financial).

According to shelter documentation, the sponsor was involved in a domestic violence dispute with his ex-wife in [REDACTED]. In the virtual visit, the sponsor demonstrated a willingness to discuss these events in detail. The sponsor denied that he ever hit his ex-wife or anyone else. He reported that they were arguing loudly, and the sponsor went outside to calm down. According to the sponsor, his ex-wife told the police that the sponsor hit her on the night of the incident but she later dropped the charges. The sponsor went to anger management classes as suggested by his lawyer. The sponsor does not think he has ever had problems with anger management. He reported that he

sometimes argued with his ex-wife, but they did not typically yell at each other like they did in this one incident. Nonetheless, he felt the anger management course was valuable and he learned a lot about positive coping mechanisms. The sponsor does not believe he needs to attend anger management classes again because he already went and learned a lot of useful techniques that he uses today. The sponsor reports that he has told his current wife all about the domestic violence allegations. The sponsor said that he rarely gets into arguments with his current partner. Whenever they get into an argument, the first step the sponsor takes is to calm himself down. He does this by removing himself from the situation and taking a walk if needed. The sponsor says that he and his wife will then communicate with each other in a calm manner about their feelings. In the individual interviews, each household members denied ever witnessing the sponsor become aggressive or violent. The sponsor's partner reported that they rarely get into arguments with one another, and denied that the sponsor has ever hurt or mistreat her. In each interview, this worker asked the household members to go into a separate room and close the door. However, due to virtual nature of this home study, this worker cannot guarantee that each interview was private. If a household member felt that someone else was listening to the interview, then they may not wish to disclose the truth about the sponsor's behavior.

The sponsor has a [REDACTED]-month-old baby, but he has never parented a child the youth's age. The sponsor expects the youth to live in the home, follow household rules, and go to school. When asked to provide examples of household rules, the sponsor said he was unsure. This worker gave examples of rules the sponsor might establish for the youth such as cleaning up after meals, keeping his room clean, and asking the sponsor's permission to leave the house. This worker advised the sponsor to consider household rules and discuss them with the youth upon his arrival. The sponsor was educated on child abuse and neglect as well as appropriate forms of discipline. The sponsor reported he would use verbal discipline with the youth, and he would talk to the youth's parents if there are any serious behavioral concerns. The sponsor's partner and sister-in-law are not employed, so they will be able to supervise the youth at all times. If they are unavailable, the sponsor's other family members would be able to help with supervision.

The sponsor is aware that the youth's family was persecuted politically in home country and that the youth fled to the U.S. due to death threats. According to shelter documentation, the youth's journey to the U.S. was very difficult and his guides would threaten to harm him if his mother did not send them more money. The youth was reluctant to discuss this with shelter workers because it made him sad, and he did not wish to share it with the sponsor. The sponsor has received psychoeducation on signs of trauma. He reports that he will help the youth cope by doing everything possible to make him feel safe and secure. The sponsor said he would be willing to get counseling for the youth and participate in family counseling if needed.

The sponsor demonstrated knowledge of laws surrounding education and employment. He is familiar with the [REDACTED], where the youth will enroll in school. He reports that he has been to the school before when helping enroll other family members who moved to the U.S. The sponsor understands that schools are currently closed due to COVID-19, and the youth probably will not be allowed to enroll this year. The sponsor said he will monitor the situation and enroll the youth in school as soon as possible.

The sponsor stated that this is his first time ever learning about the legal/immigration process for unaccompanied minors. He stated that he would be willing to participate in post-release services in order to receive further education on the legal process and assistance finding legal representation. The sponsor reports that he has not been to a LOPC presentation or received a LOPC packet. This worker recommends that the sponsor be provided with LOPC information prior to reunification.

The sponsor appears to have a stable living environment. His brother owns the home, and the sponsor has been living there for the past [REDACTED] years. The sponsor has been employed by [REDACTED] Airport for 12 years. Both the sponsor and his brother work and contribute equally to household expenses. The sponsor's brother reports that he will share the responsibility of financially supporting the youth. Their combined income seems enough to handle the additional financial burden of caring for the youth. However, neither have been able to work for the last two months due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The sponsor reports that they are getting unemployment checks, and he does not have any concerns about his ability to financially support the youth at this time.

3. Describe the Sponsor's support system (include his/her ability to utilize community resources):

The sponsor said that all adult household members are very supportive of one another. In individual interviews, each household member stated that are supportive of the youth coming to live with them and they expressed a desire to help care for him. The sponsor lives with his brother who also works and shares all household expenses. Both the sponsor and his brother will financially support the youth. The sponsor's wife and sister-in-law do not work, so they will help supervise the youth. If they are ever unavailable, one of the sponsor's other family members will help with supervision. The sponsor's parents, aunts, uncles, and cousins all live within about a 2 miles of the sponsor's home. They have met the youth and they are looking forward to reuniting with him. The sponsor said that he has a few friends, but his family is his biggest source of support. The sponsor is Muslim, and he reports that he is somewhat active in his religious community. There is a mosque where he would typically go to pray every Friday, but lately he has been praying at home due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The sponsor is aware of a free medical clinic in a local mosque where he plans to take the youth since he will not have health insurance. The sponsor mentioned a few other community resources such the public library, local shopping centers, and his daughter's pediatrician. The sponsor reports that his daughter is enrolled in Medicaid, and goes to regular medical check-ups. The sponsor is also familiar with the school where the youth will attend. He states that he is knowledgeable of the enrollment process, and has helped a few of his family members enroll in school. The sponsor is fluent in English, which will be helpful when accessing resources for the youth. He also appears proficient with technology. He did not have any problems using Go To Meeting on his smart phone, and he was able to scan and send documents to this worker via email.

4. List the risk and protective factors to UC's reunification with Sponsor:

Risk Factors	Protective Factors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The youth fled to the U.S. due to political persecution and death threats. • The youth disclosed a very difficult journey to the U.S. and reported that his guides would threaten him in order to get his mother to send them more money. • The youth did not wish to share the details of his journey with the sponsor. • The sponsor's ex-wife accused him of domestic violence on one occasion in [REDACTED]. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The sponsor and youth have known each other for many years, and report a positive relationship with one another. • The sponsor would visit the youth and his family whenever he went to [REDACTED], and they last saw one another in [REDACTED]. • Both the sponsor and the youth express a desire to be reunited.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to the virtual nature of this home study, placement and sponsor suitability could not be fully assessed. • Due to the virtual nature of the home study, confidentiality of individual interviews with household members cannot be ensured and therefore, there is no guarantee that they provided an honest description of the sponsor's behavior. • The youth seemed unsure who the other household members are. • The sponsor does not have any experience parenting a teenager, and seemed to have some difficulty describing his parenting style, household rules, or forms of discipline. • The sponsor and his wife are experiencing a major life change with the recent birth of their first child, who is now four months old. • The sponsor is unfamiliar with the legal/immigration process for unaccompanied minors, and reports he has not received LOPC information. • It does not appear that fingerprints and background checks have been completed for all household members. • The sponsor and his brother have been unable to work for the past two months due to the pandemic and rely on unemployment benefits. • The youth's mother described a high smuggling fee, increasing the risk that the youth may need to help repay travel costs. • The sponsor denies knowledge of the youth's smuggling fee and appears unaware if the youth is expected to repay the costs of travel. • The relationship between the sponsor and youth had not been verified with birth certificates by the time of the home study assessment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All household members report that they have met the youth, and are supportive of him coming to live with them. • The sponsor's brother contributes equally to household expenses, and reports that he will share responsibility of financially supporting the youth. • The sponsor's partner and sister-in-law do not work, and they report they will help with supervision. • The sponsor is aware that the youth fled to the U.S. because of death threats, and he reports appropriate ways of helping the youth cope with trauma such as establishing a safe and secure environment for him and seeking counseling if needed. • All household members reported that they believe the sponsor is a good caretaker, and they denied ever witnessing the sponsor become aggressive or violent. • The sponsor's partner reported having a good relationship with the sponsor, and denied that he has ever mistreated her. • The sponsor denied that he ever hit his ex-wife or anyone else, and stated that she dropped the domestic violence charges. • The sponsor completed anger management classes, and reported that he learned valuable coping skills. • The sponsor was able to converse in a calm manner about the domestic violence incident, and he was willing to discuss it in detail. • The sponsor described appropriate methods for managing conflict. • The sponsor speaks fluent English, and he is also fluent in the youth's native language of [REDACTED]. • The sponsor has U.S. citizenship. • The sponsor has a [REDACTED] driver's license and an insured vehicle. • The sponsor reports that he has several family members nearby, who have all met the youth and are excited to see him. 	
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The sponsor demonstrated an understanding of child abuse and neglect laws. • The sponsor stated he would use verbal discipline with the youth. • The sponsor demonstrated an understanding of laws surrounding education and employment. • The sponsor is college educated and appears to value education. • The sponsor is familiar with the youth's school and enrollment process. • The sponsor was able to identify many community resources, and he appears capable of accessing resources for the youth. • The sponsor has a stable living situation as he has lived in the house his brother owns for about six years. • From what could be seen in the video call, the home appears safe and appropriate for the youth. • The youth has his own bedroom and twin bed, which are prepared for his arrival. • The sponsor has worked for his current employer for ■ years where he earns sufficient income to support the youth and is able to get unemployment benefits since he cannot work at this time. 	
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5. Resources that have already been identified by the Sponsor:

The sponsor is familiar with the ■ where the youth will enroll in school. He reports that he is knowledgeable of the enrollment process, and has helped family members enroll there in the past. The sponsor identified the pediatrician where he brings his daughter for medical care. He also identified a free health clinic in a local ■, which he believes will be a good option for the youth since he will not have health insurance. Although he has a car, the sponsor usually uses public transportation to get to work. He identified other resources in the area including the public library and shopping centers.

Section M: RECOMMENDATION

☒ **Positive Recommendation with Qualifications**

Please provide objective examples which support this recommendation:

This home study was conducted virtually at the request of ORR and the FFS in order to not prolong the youth's stay in congregate care during a pandemic. However, due to the virtual nature of the assessment this worker was unable to fully assess the safety and suitability of the home and sponsor.

The virtual visit was conducted using the HIPAA compliant Go To Meeting video platform. Before conducting each individual interview, this worker discussed limits of confidentiality as it relates to the

virtual nature of the visit and mandated reporting. This worker also informed each household member of the need to share information with ORR in order to complete this home study. A [REDACTED] interpreter from the agency, [REDACTED] participated in interviews with the sponsor's partner and sister-in-law. This worker observed each household member go into a separate bedroom, and they used the camera to show that the door was closed and they were alone. However, this worker cannot guarantee that each interview was private. Therefore, it is impossible to ensure that each household member was being honest in the interview as they may feel uncomfortable or unsafe saying anything negative about the sponsor if they thought he could overhear. Privacy in each interview was especially important to consider since this home study was referred due to the sponsor's previous domestic violence allegations in an incident involving his ex-wife.

Given these limitations, this home study is receiving a positive recommendation as placement with the sponsor appears to be the most appropriate option for the youth. The sponsor and the youth report to be second cousins, but the relationship could not be verified. They report a positive relationship with one another. The youth has expressed a desire to live with the sponsor, and he believes he will be safe and comfortable in the placement. The sponsor and youth have known each other for many years, and last saw one another in [REDACTED]. All adult household members report that they have met the youth and are supportive of him coming to live with them. In each individual interview, household members denied that they have ever witnessed the sponsor become violent or aggressive. The sponsor's partner denies that the sponsor has ever mistreated her, and she reported that they rarely argue. All household members reported that they believe the sponsor is an appropriate caregiver for the youth.

The sponsor was able to calmly discuss the [REDACTED] domestic violence allegations in detail. He admitted that he had gotten into a heated argument with his ex-wife but denied that he struck her. The sponsor denied that he ever hit his ex-wife or anyone else. The sponsor's ex-wife reportedly dropped the charges and the sponsor went to anger management classes. The sponsor does not think he has ever had problems with anger management. Nonetheless, he felt the anger management course was valuable and he learned a lot. The sponsor does not believe he needs to attend anger management classes again because he already went and learned useful techniques that he uses today. The sponsor described appropriate ways of managing conflict, such as removing himself from the situation and taking a walk to cool down before returning to discuss the issue in a calm manner.

The sponsor is aware that the youth came to the U.S. fleeing political persecution and death threats. He is unaware of the details of the youth's journey to the U.S. The youth disclosed to shelter workers that his guides would threaten him in order to get his mother to send them more money. However, the youth did not wish to disclose this information to the sponsor. The sponsor has received psychoeducation on signs of trauma. He reports that he will help the youth cope by doing everything possible to make him feel safe and secure. The sponsor stated that he would be willing to get counseling for the youth and participate in family therapy if needed.

The sponsor demonstrated an understanding of child abuse and neglect laws and reported that he would use verbal discipline with the youth. However, the sponsor was unable to provide many concrete examples of discipline techniques or household rules that he might establish for the youth. This worker provided some examples and psychoeducation, and recommended that the sponsor consider his parenting and discipline techniques prior to reunification. The sponsor's partner and sister-in-law are not employed, so they will be able to supervise the youth at all times. If they are unavailable, the sponsor's other family members would be able to help with supervision. The sponsor reports that he has many family members nearby. He said they have all met the youth, and they look forward to reuniting with him. The sponsor was able to identify many community resources, and appears capable

of accessing resources for the youth. He is fluent in English and [REDACTED], and proficient in technology use. These factors will greatly help the sponsor interact with the youth and access resources for him. The sponsor is familiar with the youth's school and enrollment process. However, he is unfamiliar with the legal/immigration process and states that he has not received LOPC information. The sponsor said he would like to receive post-release services in order to learn more about the legal process and have assistance finding legal representation.

The sponsor provided a tour of the home using the camera on his smart phone. At times the video appeared a little blurry, but for the most part this worker was able to view the whole house. It appeared that the sponsor gave a complete tour of the whole home, though this cannot be guaranteed due to the nature of the video call. From what this worker was able to observe, the sponsor's home appears to be a safe and appropriate environment for the youth. The sponsor resides in a three-bedroom house that his brother owns. The sponsor reports he has lived in the home for six years. The youth will have his own bedroom with a twin bed, which appears prepared for his arrival.

The sponsor has been employed by [REDACTED] for [REDACTED] years. Both the sponsor and his brother work and contribute equally to household expenses. The sponsor's brother reports that he will share the responsibility of financially supporting the youth. Their combined income seems enough to handle the additional financial burden of caring for the youth. However, neither have been able to work for the last two months due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The sponsor reports that they are getting unemployment checks, and he does not have any concerns about his ability to financially support the youth at this time.

Therefore, this recommendation is **Positive with the following qualifications:**

1. Facilitate a family session with the sponsor, youth, and household members in order to introduce the youth to everyone living in the home.
2. In the family session, encourage the sponsor to discuss household rules and expectations with the youth as well as discipline techniques.
3. Assess the sponsor's ability and willingness to pay off any debt the youth may owe from his journey to the U.S. and ensure that the sponsor understands the youth cannot work or be expected to repay the debt.
4. Assess the youth's understanding of his travel costs and expectations for repayment of any debt.
5. Provide the sponsor with LOPC information, which may include a video, phone presentation, or print materials.
6. Ensure that other household members are fingerprinted and that CA/N and sex offender checks are conducted. According to the sponsor, he and his wife have submitted fingerprints, but the other two household members are pending fingerprint appointments.
7. Attempt to verify the sponsor's familial relationship with the youth through birth certificates and/or interviews with family members.
8. Evaluate whether an OTIP referral due to human trafficking would be appropriate for the youth considering he was threatened by his guides along his journey to the U.S. in order to get his mother to send them more money. If an OTIP referral is made, please notify the sponsor and post-release worker. Ensure that the sponsor receives the youth's OTIP letter and is educated on how to access benefits for the youth.

☐ **Negative Recommendation**

Please provide objective examples which support this recommendation:

Please provide any recommended action steps for the Sponsor which would potentially change this recommendation from negative to positive:

Case Worker Signature: (electronic):		Date:	
Supervisor Signature: (electronic):		Date:	
Submitted to ORR Shelter Facility		Date:	