How UC qualify for URM

Unaccompanied Child (UC) must have no viable sponsor or reunification options. ORR determines if UC is ready for community-based care. To qualify for the URM program, children must have:

- **Refugee Status**
  - Department of State and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

- **Asylum granted**
  - Immigration judge or USCIS

- ** Trafficking victim**
  - Must have trafficking eligibility letter from ACF Office on Trafficking in Persons

- **Special Immigrant Juvenile (SIJ) status**
  - Abused, abandoned, or neglected by parent as determined by local court

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**APPLICATION**

Attorneys/case workers apply for URM program on behalf of UC. ORR verifies eligibility, child's needs, identity, and age.

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**REFERRAL**

If application is accepted, case is referred to URM partners for placement. States, national resettlement agencies, URM provider agencies

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**URM APPROVAL**

After appropriate placement is found, child is approved by ORR to enter the URM program.

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**TRANSFER**

UC and URM programs coordinate and transfer child from UC to URM care.

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**REFERRAL**

Child arrives to URM placement and state/local URM partners assume legal custody.