



Kentucky Refugee Ministries (Louisville) Home Study and Post Release Services Caseworker for Unaccompanied Immigrant Children

Summary

The Home Study and Post Release Services Caseworker (HS and PRS Caseworker) will provide collaborative home study services to Unaccompanied Immigrant Children's sponsors to support the safe and timely release of Unaccompanied Children (UC) from Federal care. The Unaccompanied minors served will primarily be from Central America (Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador). In addition, the HS and PRS Caseworker will provide therapeutic, strengths-based and culturally and linguistically appropriate case management services to children post release from Federal care in the community where their sponsor resides. Caseworkers will conduct outreach and education to community service providers to supplement existing services that do not adequately address unique needs of immigrant children.

Home Study

- Conduct in-person home visits to interview and provide psychoeducation to Sponsors
- Complete reports within 10 days of receiving Home Study referral with assessment information and findings

Post Release Services

- Conduct in-person home visits with children and sponsors post-release from federal care
- Conduct child centered needs assessments.
- Develop individualized strength-based goal oriented service plans
- Coordinate referrals in relevant service need areas such as legal, education, medical, mental health; support immigrant children and sponsor with enrollment and access of services in community.
- Provide psychoeducation to children and sponsor on relevant topics
- Support children and sponsor to cope with family reunification stressors
- Monitor progress of goal completion
- Monitor the safety and well-being of children including but not limited to indications of trafficking and abuse and neglect
- Serve as a mandated reporter and work with child welfare as needed
- Network and develop partnerships within the local community to educate providers on children's needs and to reinforce/increase partnerships in relevant areas
- Write case notes; enter data; complete reports in a time sensitive manner

Qualifications

Education: Required - Minimum education of a bachelor's degree in social work (BSW) or an equivalent degree in education, psychology, sociology, or other behavioral science.

Experience: At least 1 year of experience working with children and youth, family reunification/preservation, and or foster care/child welfare and previous work experience and interest working with foreign born populations is required. Ability to provide trauma-informed psychosocial education and case management is required.

Special Requirements:

- Fluency in English and Spanish
- Valid driver's license and insurance.
- Personal vehicle.
- Must be able to travel frequently and independently throughout relevant region.
- Must be able to work evenings and weekends as assigned.
- Must be able to pass an FBI background check and a Child Abuse/Neglect check

COVID Work Arrangements: Currently, work arrangements are hybrid, with a minimum in-office requirement of two days-a-week, and required field work required and in-person client interaction conducted in compliance with COVID-safety protocols, including universal masking. With increases in the community COVID vaccination rate and reductions in the local infection rate, the in-office requirement may increase.

Agency Profile

Founded in 1990 as a nonprofit agency in Louisville, Kentucky Refugee Ministries (KRM) is a local affiliate of Church World Service, one of nine national voluntary agencies authorized to provide resettlement services to refugees legally admitted to the United States through the State. KRM Lexington opened in 1998 and a KRM Northern Kentucky office in Covington opened in November 2021.

In addition to refugees, KRM also currently serves Cuban immigrants (primarily in Louisville), as well as small number of individuals from various countries who have been approved for asylum, are applying for asylum, or are otherwise resident in Kentucky.

KRM secures housing and medical care for clients and provides them with comprehensive case management including employment services, ESL and cultural orientation, and specialized programs for immigrant youth and elders, victims of crime, and the arts. KRM also offers citizenship classes for legal permanent residents preparing to apply for U.S. citizenship. KRM's immigration legal services office with has six full-time attorneys—three each in Louisville and Lexington—who provide services to immigrants of all statuses.

KRM staff do not engage in any religious messaging in connection to delivery of client services.

Compensation

- Annual pay between \$41,600 - \$45,760 based on experience and education

- Benefits include health, dental and life insurance; paid vacation, holidays, sick and personal days.

To Apply

Interested applicants should reply with a cover letter and résumé by Thursday, January 6, 2022, to

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Only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.