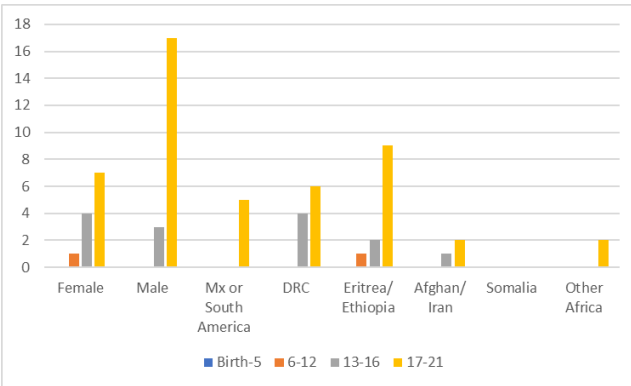


Who is the youth in care?



Goals and Objectives:

- Reunite with family members when possible.
- Provide shelter, food, daily living and language skills until prepared to live independently.
- Help develop self-sufficiently skills.
- Help integrate into American society while maintaining cultural identity.



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Unaccompanied Refugee Minor Program

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WHO WE SERVE

Unaccompanied refugee minors (URM) are approved and vetted youth who are under the age of 18 who arrive in the U.S. without a parent or legal guardian.

These children have fled their home, and oftentimes their families, in hope of a better life. When they arrive in the U.S., they have already verified their refugee status-having a well-founded fear of persecution. Their vetting process is thorough and similar to that of a legal adult refugee.

After arriving, the minors are placed in foster care until they are reunited with family or reach the age to live independently.

Agassiz Valley Human Service Zone coordinates foster care for unaccompanied refugee minors in North Dakota.

WHAT WE DO

Foster Care

The URM program recruits and trains foster parents who provide refugee youth with necessities, a nurturing home, and daily supervision. Placement options are long-term care or respite care.

We provide initial and ongoing training and support to foster parents, afterhours access to program staff, as well as financial reimbursement for the youth's basic needs.



Case Management

We oversee the needs of each youth by providing legal guardianship, coordination of healthcare services, immigration assistance, education planning, employment services, and recreational opportunities.

Independent Living

We assist refugee youth to develop self-sufficiency skills to prepare for independent living.

LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

- Be at least 21 years old
- Be financially stable
- Own or rent a home of apartment
- Provide space for youth
- Pass a background check
- Able to work as a team with case managers and other service providers
- Possess characteristics of foster families appropriate for refugee youth.
- Interested in world affairs and in learning about other cultures
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- Willing to help the child stay connected with his/her culture of origin and birth family, including family overseas
- Willing to teach the youth self-sufficiency skills
- Ability to advocate within health, education, and other systems

