



**International Services**

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## **The Post Release Service and Home Study Program**

An Unaccompanied Minor (UC) is a minor who has left their country of origin due to a variety of reasons. UCs flee the countries many times due to violence, poverty, abuse, trafficking, etc. A UC is a minor who has entered the U.S. border without their biological parent or legal guardian. They are also minors that do not have an immigration status upon entry into the U.S. and are placed into placed in the custody and care of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Refugee Resettlement (HHS/ORR) facilities. The majority of the minors we serve come from Honduras, El Salvador or Guatemala.

We provide post-release services to children released from Office of Resettlement (ORR) care facilities. Our goal is to provide support and guidance to families while the child integrates into their new home and community. PRS program provides our families with supportive services during the child's transition into the community and help them identify resources and navigate the various systems in the U.S. Our goal is to work as a team with families to ensure that the child has a positive integration into their new home and community. The PRS/HS program is a grant-funded program with the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI, a non-governmental agency) to provide these services.

### **OVERVIEW OF THE SERVICES:**

Advocacy with complex systems (ex. Education, Immigration Court)

Assess for child safety and well-being

Psycho-education for sponsor and UC's

Home visits and monthly contact with UCs and sponsor

Identify services and resources based on the goals and needs of the minor and family.

Provide culturally-appropriate and accessibly community referrals

Assisting with community integration and overcoming barriers to services

The case managers assess and provide information on local free or low-cost community resources in the following areas:

\*Legal Services   \*School and Other Education Programs   \*Legal Guardianship   \*Parenting Classes  
\*Medical and Dental Services   \*Mental Health and Counseling Services   \*Independent Living Skills  
\*Substance Abuse Prevention   \*Gang Prevention Programs   \*Services for Individuals with Special Needs

<b>How Can You Help:</b>		
<b>Volunteer/Intern Opportunities</b>	<b>Donate</b>	<b>Learn More</b>
<p>It is only through the support of our volunteers and donors that we are able to give back to our communities. When you <a href="#">volunteer at the Y</a>, you take an active role in bringing about meaningful change in your community.</p>	<p>The needs of our community are diverse and evolving, and the Y is needed now more than ever. Together, we strive to create a stronger community and bring about meaningful change in our community. <b><a href="#">Make your donation now.</a></b></p>	<p>For more information about the Post Release Services and Home Study Program: Email <a href="mailto:grace.ozinga@ymca-houston.org">grace.ozinga@ymca-houston.org</a> or call Grace Ozinga at 281-733-0178.</p>

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