ATTENTION!

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD LIVING IN EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, OR HONDURAS?

The United States Government has a **new program** for children living in **El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras to reunite with their parents who live in the United States**. This program is accepting applications **only** by **parents who are now living lawfully in the United States**. As a parent, you can apply for this program **only** through a **Refugee Resettlement Agency** and **not** through an attorney, notario, friend, or any kind of legal services organization. There is **no cost** to apply for this program.

What is this new U.S. program about?

The **Central American Minor Reunification Program ("CAM")** is a **safe** and **legal** program to reunite **children** living in **El Salvador**, **Guatemala**, and **Honduras** with their **parents** who are lawfully in the United States. This program can give your child the chance to come to the U.S. by plane lawfully with refugee status if your child has been threatened, has suffered harm or will suffer harm in El Salvador, Guatemala or Honduras.

*Which **parents** can apply for their children in this new program?*

You **MUST**:

- **Be over 18 years old;**
- **Live lawfully and stay in the United States throughout the whole process; and**
- **Have any of these lawful immigration statuses that the U.S. government granted you:**
  (1) lawful permanent resident or "green card";
  (2) temporarily protected status or "TPS";
  (3) parolee;
  (4) deferred action (DACA or another form);
  (5) deferred enforced departure; or
  (6) withholding removal.
- If you are not sure about your legal status, please bring all of your documents to the Refugee Resettlement Agency so that they can help you.

*How do your **children** qualify for the program?*

- Live in El Salvador, Guatemala, or Honduras;
- Be unmarried, and remain unmarried up to the time that your child would come to the U.S., and under 21 years old;
- Be your **biological child**, a **step-child** (before they were 18), or a **legally adopted child;**
- **Be afraid because she or he** has been threatened, has suffered harm or will suffer harm **in El Salvador, Guatemala or Honduras; and**
- **Have to be interviewed by U.S. immigration in El Salvador, Guatemala, or Honduras and be approved.**
- If your child has a child, that child can be included on the application and will be able to come with your child.
- If your husband or wife is living with your child in El Salvador, Guatemala, or Honduras, your husband or wife may also be included in the application.

As a parent, how and when do I start the reunification process?

- You can start the process now by contacting a Refugee Resettlement Agency who will help you fill out and send the forms you need to submit to the U.S. government. There is no charge for this help.
- You will also need to take a DNA test that will cost about $450 to make sure that you are applying for your child. There are no exceptions and no fee waivers. If you are concerned about this, please talk to the Refugee Resettlement Agency.

What will my child need to do?

- The child must go to at least six **in person meetings** at a location in El Salvador, Guatemala, or Honduras that the Refugee Resettlement Agency will tell you about once you have started your application.
- The purpose of all of these meetings is to make sure your child is eligible for the program.
- If your child is approved, the U.S. government will work with you to make all of the travel arrangements for your child.

How long will the whole process take?

About 9 months to one year

Where do I go for more information?

Directory of Refugee Resettlement Field Offices that can help you with an application:
http://www.wrapsnet.org/Portals/1/Affiliate%20Directory%20Posting/FY%202014%20Affiliate%20Directory/Public%20Affiliate%20Directory%205-8-15.pdf

The International Rescue Committee (IRC) Headquarters or Field Office
Kids in Need of Defense (KIND) Headquarters or Field Office