



U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Office of Refugee Resettlement
Letter of Designation for Care of a Minor, 04/04/2014

OFFICE OF REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT
Division of Children's Services
LETTER OF DESIGNATION FOR CARE OF A MINOR

The Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) takes custody of unaccompanied alien children ("UAC") referred by a Federal entity pursuant to the Flores v. Reno, Stipulated Settlement Agreement, No. 85-4544-RJK (Px) (C.D. Cal., Jan. 17, 1997), Section 462 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, and Section 235 of the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008. ORR has authority under the law to transfer custody of a UAC to a sponsor. Your child has been classified as a UAC pursuant to the Homeland Security Act of 2002 §462(g)(2). ORR strongly encourages parents and legal guardians to designate a sponsor for their child. In the event that you are unavailable to sponsor your child, ORR asks that you designate a sponsor to care for your child (subject to ORR's approval).

I/We are the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of, _____, born on _____.
(name of child) (MM/DD/YYYY)

I/We designate, _____, to sponsor our child.
(name of sponsor)

I consent that the above named sponsor may:

- Have temporary care-giving authority for my child, until such time as my child is returned to my physical custody; or his/her custody status is altered by a Federal, State, or local agency; or changed by a court of law
- Provide for medical, dental, and mental health care for my child
- Provide for my child's physical and mental well-being, including but not limited to providing, food, shelter, and clothing
- Enroll my child in school
- Temporarily transfer physical custody of my child in the event of an emergency (serious illness, destruction of home, etc.) to another person who will comply with the *Sponsor Care Agreement*.

Name of parent(s) or legal guardian(s) signing the form	(1) _____ (2) _____
If one of the child's biological parents or other legal guardian is unable to consent please check why	<input type="checkbox"/> Deceased <input type="checkbox"/> Mentally or physically unable to give consent <input type="checkbox"/> Abandoned child <input type="checkbox"/> No longer has legal custody of child <input type="checkbox"/> Child's other parent/legal guardian resides in another location (<i>ORR may send them a separate copy of this form to sign</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>ORR may request an explanation</i>)
Address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s) signing the form	_____
Parent(s) or legal guardian(s) signature*	(1) _____ (DATE) (2) _____ (DATE)

* Please note that by signing this form you are NOT terminating your parental or guardianship rights to your child. You maintain legal custody over your child pursuant to relevant Federal and State law. ORR encourages you to stay in close contact with your child and the child's sponsor in order to help make decisions for the child's care and for medical, educational, and other service. Please also note that a sponsor designated by parents and/or legal guardians are subject to ORR approval, and that ORR may transfer custody of your child to a sponsor identified by ORR.

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