



LIRS Home Study & Post Release Services Program

Imagine for a moment that you're a child separated from your family, in a completely new country, surrounded by people who are speaking a language you can't understand.

At LIRS, we see the courage and resilience of children who are faced with this situation every day – and we work diligently to protect these children and reunite them with loved ones as quickly as possible.

For children who enter the U.S. without a parent or caregiver, the Department of Health and Human Services ensures that the potential caregiver can provide a safe and appropriate home environment. As a part of their reunification process, when children are identified as having special needs, or other barriers to the reunification process are identified, a home study is conducted to ensure that the minor and sponsor can live with one another safely and that the placement is stable. Once children are reunified with their caregiver into the community, Post Release case management services are offered to educate and empower the newly connected family to access resources they need to thrive.

LIRS maintains a national network of case managers tasked with inspecting home environments, informing release decisions, and connecting families to community resources. These case managers are responsible for ensuring that children are safe and living in suitable homes, as well as actively promoting family reunification.

Program Outcomes

Legal System Navigation: Families are equipped with knowledge of how to navigate the EOIR legal system and are connected to legal representation to ensure they are able to move forward with their legal claims for asylum.

School Enrollment: Families are educated about the importance of minors attending school with the U.S. educational system. Case managers assist families with enrolling minors in school and assessing any special educational needs they may have.

Health Concerns: Families are connected to local medical, dental, and mental health resources to ensure that they are proactively addressing any health concerns.

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Program History

LIRS has provided home study and post-release services since 2002. Since that time, the program and network have gradually grown from being one that was focused on headquarters-based staff operating in a limited local capacity to one that is nationally focused with an emphasis on partners who can serve clients with local expertise. Since its beginning, the program has served **15,797 minors** through both programs.

Program Capacity and Expansion

The LIRS HS/PRS network has significantly grown since the beginning of FY 2021 in order to provide services to the growing number of unaccompanied children entering the country. LIRS is expanding both its partner network and its direct service provision to ensure that it can effectively serve minors across the entire nation.

Locations and Partners

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- California
- Connecticut
- District of Columbia
- Florida
- Georgia
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- Missouri
- New Jersey
- New York
- North Carolina
- Pennsylvania
- Rhode Island
- South Carolina
- Tennessee
- Texas
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