

BCS History of Unaccompanied Minors in the U.S.



Bethany Christian Services has served unaccompanied minors since 1962. This 1-hour training provides an overview of the policies that have formed the program and a brief look at Bethany's continuum of care. Join us on the complex journey of an unaccompanied minor.



Welcome!



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Continuum of Care



Closing thoughts

Welcome!



Every child deserves to feel safe, loved, and connected. For children entering the United States unaccompanied, their world is scary and lonely. During this uncertain time, Bethany steps in to offer a safe place for a child to stay until they can be safely reconnected with family or another caregiver. Join us in learning

more about the history of the unaccompanied children's program in the US and at Bethany.



The History of Unaccompanied Minors In the United States

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The journey of an unaccompanied minor



A stylized illustration of a young person with light blue hair in a ponytail, wearing a blue t-shirt and dark blue pants, running to the right. They are carrying a dark blue backpack. Above their head are several short, radiating lines, suggesting movement or urgency. The background is a solid dark blue. Overlaid on the background are large, semi-transparent white words related to conflict and displacement, including 'WAR', 'EXPLOITATION', 'ABUSE', 'AGGRESSION', 'CONFLICT', 'VIOLENCE', 'HUMAN TRAFFIC', 'EXPLOITATION', 'CRISIS', 'OCCUPATION', 'INVASION', 'REST', and 'CRIMINAL'. There are also small white 'x' marks scattered across the background.



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When she arrives in the US, she is detained by U.S. Customs and Border Patrol and processed by the Department of Homeland Security.







**The child is then referred
to the Office of Refugee
Resettlement (ORR)
within 72 hours of entry.**



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**ORR works with
grantees like Bethany to
find temporary homes
for unaccompanied
minors while their
families are located.**





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**Bethany supports
vulnerable kids and
families in the U.S. and
around the world,
because everyone
deserves to be loved,
connected, and safe.**



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