

If you think a Child Advocate may be able to help you, please tell your attorney to connect you.

Locations

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Child Advocate Program



Who are Child Advocates?

A Child Advocate is a social services professional with a lot of experience working with children, who will identify and advocate for what is best for you in the immigration process.

This means that a Child Advocate will get to know you by visiting you and your family and talking to you about your wishes, your concerns, and your needs.

The Child Advocate will also talk to some of your family members in the United States and in your home country to see what they think is best for you.



Did you recently arrive in the United States? Were you reunified with a family member after being in a shelter? Do you have to go to immigration court? Do you have an attorney?

If you answered yes to most of these questions, you may benefit from USCCB/MRS's Child Advocate Program.

The Child Advocate will make sure that you are safe, well-taken care of and in a stable living situation.

After talking to you and your family, the Child Advocate will complete a report called a “Best Interest Recommendation”, which will be submitted to your attorney and the immigration court.



The Child Advocate can help connect you and your family to services , such as counseling, school and medical services.

Whenever possible, the Child Advocate will accompany you to court, to make you feel more comfortable.