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- ∨ 1. **Can I sponsor my child if I am without lawful immigration status ("undocumented") or out of status?**
Yes. ORR prefers to release a child to a parent or legal guardian, regardless of your immigration status. ORR is not an immigration enforcement agency.
- ∨ 2. **Is there a cost to sponsor a child?**
No. There is no fee to complete the requirements to sponsor a child, however you may be responsible for costs associated with the child's travel and escort. If you are asked for fees related to the release of a child you may be the target of a potential fraud scheme and should report the matter to law enforcement please see the Fraud Warning document for more information.
- ∨ 3. **Do I need an attorney to sponsor a child?**
No. You do not need an attorney to complete the requirements to sponsor a child. If you need help completing the requirements, your Case Manager can assist you. If you seek additional assistance, note that there is no fee to complete the requirements to sponsor a child.
- ∨ 4. **Why do I have to submit my fingerprints?**
ORR requires background checks to ensure the safety of the child. If you are required to submit fingerprints, your Case Manager will assist you to schedule an appointment to submit your fingerprints. Contact your Case Manager if you have questions.
- ∨ 5. **What information do I have to provide?**
You must complete the Family Reunification Application and supporting documentation. You must also answer questions from your Case Manager about your household, your relationship with the child, and your ability to care for the physical and mental well-being of the child. You must provide proof of your identity.
- ∨ 6. **When do I need to give these documents to my Case Manager?**
You should submit all required information within seven (7) days or earlier, if possible. The sooner you submit all required documents, the sooner ORR will make a decision on releasing the child to your custody. ORR will promptly inform you of a decision on releasing the child to your custody or will notify you if additional information or assessment is required.

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