

## **9 FAM APPENDIX O, 900 SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS RELATED TO REFUGEE MINORS**

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### **9 FAM APPENDIX O, 901 WHO IS A REFUGEE MINOR?**

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The U.S. refugee program considers all refugee children under 18 years of age to be minors whose welfare requires close monitoring in resettlement. Many of these children live with relatives or other adults who are not biological parents.

### **9 FAM APPENDIX O, 902 WHAT SPECIAL INFORMATION DO YOU NEED ABOUT REFUGEE MINORS FOR RESETTLEMENT?**

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- a. The Worldwide Refugee Admissions Processing System (WRAPS) has additional data fields for recording information about refugee minors.
- b. This information is mandatory for children under 18 years of age who are traveling without a parent, including VISAS-93 beneficiaries.
- c. If the applicant is a minor who is not with the biological or legally adopted parent(s), send answers to the questionnaire below to the Refugee Processing Center (RPC) along with the child's biographic data. The questionnaire can also be downloaded from the WRAPS Web site. Click on the Documents/Consular Officers tab and look for Minor Questionnaire.
  - (1) What is known about the parents?
  - (2) How long has it been since the last contact between the minor with the closest known living relatives?

- (3) Why was the minor separated from the closest known living relatives?
- (4) Who is the primary caregiver for the minor?
- (5) How long has this caregiver been responsible for the minor?
- (6) How did the minor get placed with the caregiver?
- (7) What authority designated the caregiver as responsible for the minor?
- (8) Is there any other information in the minor's background that would be useful to know when determining appropriate services and/or foster care for the child?