



## **Unaccompanied Refugee Minor Programming Acronym Sheet**

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This resource is a glossary of acronyms used in the eLearning Course: Unaccompanied Refugee Minor Programming 101 and the Microlearning Video: Show Up for URM's with Resources, Responsiveness, and Readiness

**EAD – *Employment Authorization Document***

A government-issued document (Form I-766) that grants noncitizens the right to work in the U.S.

Source: [USCIS – Employment Authorization](#)

**LTFC – *Long Term Foster Care***

An ORR-funded family or group home placement in a community-based setting.

Source: [ORR Unaccompanied Alien Children Bureau Policy Guide: Guide to Terms](#)

**M4 – *Immigration Code for Refugee Minors***

An immigration category used by resettlement agencies and internal ORR/foster care guidelines to identify minors admitted to the U.S. as refugees and referred to the URM program. “M4” is used to describe youth before they enter the URM Program through the overseas resettlement pathway.

**ORR – *Office of Refugee Resettlement***

The federal office within the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) that oversees services for unaccompanied minors, refugees, and other populations.

Source: [Office of Refugee Resettlement Homepage](#)

**SIJ – *Special Immigrant Juvenile***

A legal classification for immigrant youth who have been abused, abandoned, or neglected and are eligible for permanent residency.

Source: [USCIS – Special Immigrant Juvenile](#)

**UAC – *Unaccompanied Alien Child***

A child under 18 who arrives in the U.S. without legal status and without a parent or legal guardian available in the U.S. These children and youth are in ORR's federal custody until released to a family member, other entity, or if eligible, the URM program.

Source: About the Unaccompanied Alien Children Bureau

**Unaccompanied Minor(s)**

A general, non-acronymized term used in this training to describe all children who arrive in the U.S. without a parent or legal guardian.

**URM – *Unaccompanied Refugee Minor***

A child or youth under 18 who arrives in the U.S. without a parent or legal guardian and meets a qualifying status or classification. If eligible and approved by ORR, they may be placed in the URM Program.

Source: Office of Refugee Resettlement – URM Program Overview

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