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NEWCOMER YOUTH, FAMILY, AND EDUCATION COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

What is a community of practice?

A community of practice (CoP) is a member-led virtual space where resettlement professionals in similar roles learn from one another. Members share resources, talk through problems of practice and build relationships with colleagues who understand the work. Switchboard hosts eight CoPs for service providers working with Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR)-eligible populations.



What We Share in This Community:

- Discussions on topics like youth and family engagement, parenting, independent living skills, foster parent recruitment, training and retention, mentoring, tutoring, school enrollment, academic success, career readiness, and continued education
- Networking and shared expertise across organizations serving newcomer youth and families
- Peer-led discussions, guest speakers, case scenarios, and practical, interactive activities. Members are invited to co-facilitate one session each year on a topic of interest to the group, with support from the facilitator.

Who this community is for:

- Staff from resettlement agencies, school districts, and community-based organizations serving ORR-eligible populations, including those working in Unaccompanied Refugee Minor (URM), Refugee School Impact (RSI) and Refugee Youth Mentoring (RYM) programs.
- Professionals who support newcomer children, teens, families, parents, students and youth who participate in the URM program

Apply to join

If your organization supports refugees or ORR-eligible populations in the U.S., apply to join this Switchboard CoP today: https://learning.switchboardta.org/products/communities/unaccompanied-refugee-minors-community-of-practice