Unaccompanied Minor Reunification Process

Upon arrival at a shelter, unaccompanied minors are provided with medical evaluations, nutritious meals, classroom education, recreation, clothes and beds. The reunification process begins immediately and unfolds as follows...

1. Sponsor(s) Identified
   The Case Manager gathers documentation to assess and evaluate each potential Sponsor.

2. Legal Consultation
   Minors are advised of their rights and have access to pro-bono legal counsel.

3. Reunification Criteria Met
   Sponsor completes background check, fingerprinting and thorough interviews.

4. Aftercare Plan Created
   Identifying services and steps required to ensure an orderly transition into life at their new home.

5. Final Evaluation
   Minor is cleared for release by Medical, Clinical and Behavioral staff.

6. Case Reviewed for Release
   Case is submitted and reviewed by a third party contracted case coordinator who submits a Recommendation for Reunification.

7. Federal Approval of Release
   Federal Field Specialist submits an Approval of Release.

8. Transportation Arranged
   Sponsor contacted for transportation arrangements. Sponsors are free to choose an option that works best for them.

9. Reunification Confirmed
   Case Manager calls Sponsor to confirm reunification.

10. Well Being Check-Up
    Case Manager calls the minor and the minor’s Sponsor to ensure proper care is being provided.