Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) is nationally recognized for its leadership in working with refugees, asylum seekers, unaccompanied children, migrants in detention, families fractured by migration, and other vulnerable populations. LIRS is the only organization in the country that offers comprehensive placement services for unaccompanied children – from family reunification to long-term foster care.

Take the First Step

Learn more about becoming a foster parent and connect with one of LIRS’s foster care partners at:

LIRS.org/fostercare
fosterparentinfo@lirs.org
Family is one of the ideal places for a child to grow and develop into healthy adulthood.

Each year thousands of children are separated from their families due to war, conflict, natural disaster or abuse. As a result, many of them embark on dangerous journeys seeking a place they can be safe and call home.

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) partners with agencies across the country to pair these vulnerable children with a safe, loving foster home.

We invite you to join us in providing a safe home to a child who needs loving care in a time of great uncertainty.

Each refugee and immigrant child has a different story. The love and support you can offer will guide them on their unique journey toward adulthood.

Contact us to find out how this new chapter can begin as your family offers hope and healing to a child from another country.

**MIGRANT AND REFUGEE CHILDREN**

**WHAT DOES IT TAKE?**

**Passion** to protect and invest in a child’s future.

**Time** to spend with the child daily, time to take the child to medical, counseling and other appointments, time to meet with and learn from foster program staff.

**Openness** to learn about your child’s experiences and cultural background and a willingness to open your heart and home.
THE PROCESS

01 Learn about becoming a foster parent for immigrant and refugee children. Connect with an LIRS partner site for more information at LIRS.org/fostercare.

02 Become a licensed foster parent. The application process typically includes background checks, interviews with family, and a home study assessment.

03 Get trained as a foster parent. This training typically consists of 6-8 sessions plus specialized sessions on fostering immigrant and refugee youth.