



# OVERVIEW: THE CENTRAL AMERICAN MINORS PROGRAM (CAM)

Important information for parents and legal guardians of  
children in **El Salvador, Guatemala, or Honduras**

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If you are a parent or legal guardian of children in El Salvador, Guatemala, or Honduras, you may qualify for the **Central American Minors (CAM) program** to allow them to lawfully enter and live in the United States. Your child may be able to access this program if:

## YOU are:

- ▶ A parent or legal guardian lawfully present in the United States **with**:
  - ⇒ Lawful permanent residence (a green card);
  - ⇒ Temporary Protected Status (TPS);
  - ⇒ Parole (for a minimum of one year);
  - ⇒ Deferred action (including DACA) (for a minimum of one year);
  - ⇒ Deferred Enforced Departure (DED);
  - ⇒ Withholding of removal; **or**
  - ⇒ A pending application for asylum, a U visa, or a T visa filed on or before April 11, 2023.

## YOUR CHILD is:

- ▶ Your biological/genetic, step, or legally adopted child;
- ▶ Physically located in El Salvador, Guatemala, or Honduras, **and**
- ▶ Unmarried;
- ▶ A national of El Salvador, Guatemala, or Honduras.
- ▶ Under the age of 21;

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In some cases, additional qualifying family members may also be eligible.

## HOW CAN YOU APPLY FOR THE PROGRAM?

New applications are now being accepted. For help applying for the Central American Minors program, contact a designated resettlement agency in the United States. There is **no fee** to apply for the CAM program and no one may charge you to complete the application.

Additionally, Kids in Need of Defense (KIND) has partnered with the International Rescue Committee to provide **free assistance** to parents and legal guardians who are seeking to bring their children to the United States under the CAM program.

- ▶ To make a referral, please visit:  
<https://bit.ly/kindsolicitantesCAM> (case-sensitive).
- ▶ For a full list of resettlement agencies, please visit:  
<https://www.wrapsnet.org/rp-agency-contacts/>.
- ▶ For free legal services, including screening for this program and other immigration options, please visit the National Immigration Legal Services Directory at:  
<https://ilrc.me/findhelp>.
- ▶ Please visit the following sites for updates on the program in English:  
<https://www.state.gov/refugee-admissions/central-american-minors-cam-program/>  
and in Spanish:  
<https://www.state.gov/refugee-admissions/titulo-programa-de-menores-centroamericanos-programa-cam/>.

Are you a California Community College (CCC) or a California State University (CSU) student? If so, you qualify for **FREE** immigration legal services!

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