

Family Reunification



There are several ways refugees and asylees can be reunited with their loved ones in the U.S.

The IRC in Atlanta is available to help advise which U.S. family reunification program clients are eligible for and assist in filing applications at no cost to the client.

Family Reunification Programs:

Priority 3 Direct Access Program

- Open to everyone except those living in Turkey, Libya, Syria, Yemen or Iran
- Can bring parents, children under 21 and spouses
- U.S. tie must have been resettled from 2016-current year
- U.S. tie must be refugee, asylee, lawful permanent resident or citizen

Former Soviet Union Lautenberg Program

- Open to anyone in any former Soviet Union country and religious minority
- Can bring parents, children under 21 and spouses
- Open to Ukrainians not in religious minority due to war
- U.S. tie must be legally residing in the United States

Afghan Family Reunification Program

- Open to all Afghans who left during the non-combat evacuation in August 14 - August 31, 2021
- Can apply for spouses or children under 21 (at the time of evacuation)
- Unaccompanied minors can apply for parents

Central American Minors Program

- Open to those living in Guatemala, El Salvador or Honduras
- Can bring children under 21 and caregivers of children
- U.S. tie must have been in the U.S. 2016-current year
- U.S. tie can have any legal status in the United States

Iranian Lautenberg Program

- Open to anyone currently living in Iran and a religious minority (Bahai)
- Can bring anyone they have a personal relationship with
- U.S. tie must be legally residing in the United States

Contact us!

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