

45 C.F.R. § 410.302

Sponsor suitability assessment process requirements leading to release of an unaccompanied alien child from ORR custody to a sponsor.

- (a) The licensed program providing care for the UAC shall make and record the prompt and continuous efforts on its part towards family reunification and the release of the UAC pursuant to the provisions of this section.
- (b) ORR requires a background check, including verification of identity and which may include verification of employment of the individuals offering support, prior to release.
- (c) ORR also may require further suitability assessment, which may include interviews of members of the household, investigation of the living conditions in which the UAC would be placed and the standard of care he or she would receive, a home visit, a fingerprint-based background and criminal records check on the prospective sponsor and on adult residents of the prospective sponsor's household, and follow-up visits after release. Any such assessment also takes into consideration the wishes and concerns of the UAC.

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