



BOARD OF CHILD CARE

Camino Program

The term Camino, in the Spanish language, means a **path of travel**.

Board of Child Care's Camino[®] program provides safe, secure placement options for children who have recently migrated to the United States and are seeking opportunities for reunification with family, as well as the chance to pursue their education and legal immigration cases. They are young and vulnerable, and have made the hazardous journey facing exploitation, abuse, and human trafficking alone and have been placed in our care.



SHELTER

We provide short-term shelter to recently migrated youth under 18 years of age whose lives are in jeopardy after fleeing alone from countries around the globe. These countries are overrun by organized crime, violence, human trafficking and persecution, and have some of the highest homicide rates in the world. Many of the youth that come to be in our care enter the country to be reunified with family members living in the United States.



LONG-TERM FOSTER CARE

When recently migrated youth leave shelter, it is our responsibility to temporarily place them with family members, sponsors, or foster parents currently in the United States as they go through immigration court. Some youth that enter shelter care do not have a safe family member available to care for them in the United States. These youth transition to licensed, trained foster homes able to provide a supportive environment where they can integrate into the community and enjoy being a young person as their case goes through the immigrant court system. Board of Child Care provides extensive training, coaching, guidance, and mentorship for long-term foster parents.



HOME STUDY/ POST-RELEASE SERVICES

For those youth that are unified with family members in the US, the provision of comprehensive, safety-focused home studies and holistic, client-centered, and trauma-informed Post Release case management services provides the critical services necessary to ensure the youth remain safe and supported in their new homes and communities. HS/ PRS connects youth and their families to community-based supports to promote healthy relationships and placement stabilization. Through multi-state (HS/PRS) teams and a national network of sub grantee organizations, Board of Child Care utilizes a hybrid model to serve unaccompanied children in multiple, diverse communities and environments.

LEARN MORE about the Camino[®] program.





Camino Nacional

Camino Nacional is a federal grant managed by Board of Child Care to provide residential services for children who enter the United States without a guardian.

This population is commonly referred to as **recently migrated youth**. The grant is funded by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR).

Camino Nacional utilizes the skills developed by Board of Child Care in delivering the program and extends its reach by providing guidance, consultation, and grant management to accredited partner organizations so that they may also offer the Camino service to these at-risk children.

“Camino Nacional will give us the opportunity to share our therapeutic best practices with each other, which ultimately benefits everyone in our respective communities,” said Laurie Anne Spagnola, BCC’s President, and CEO. **“It’s truly an incredible example of our purpose statement in action. I know we’ll learn a lot from each other and emerge stronger from working together.”**

Interested in becoming a Camino Nacional partner?

Partners and sub grantee organizations receive:

- Grant Writing
- Grant Management
- Federal Reporting
- Training
- Technical Assistance
- Project Implementation
- Quality Monitoring
- Policy Interpretation and Dissemination
- Documentation and Policy Templates

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