

# THE JOURNEY

## WHY ARE THEY COMING?

- 48 percent of unaccompanied minors are fleeing violence from drug cartels and gangs.
- Others are in search of opportunities to connect with family members who are already in the United States.

*Reported by the Office of Refugee Resettlement, an Office of the Administration for Children & Families*



## WHAT DOES THE IMMIGRANT CHILD'S JOURNEY LOOK LIKE?

The unaccompanied minor is placed in a regional shelter like BCC.

The Board of Child Care provides the following services through the Caminos program:



- A safe environment with staff who are trauma-informed.
- Food, clothing, and items that support the child's physical needs.
- Activities that support the child's mental health needs.
- Access to recreational activities and educational services.
- Placement with a vetted sponsor, family member, or foster parent.

**After children leave BCC, they reside with a sponsor until their case is processed through immigration court.**

# OUR CORE VALUES



**Enriching communities,  
one family at a time.**

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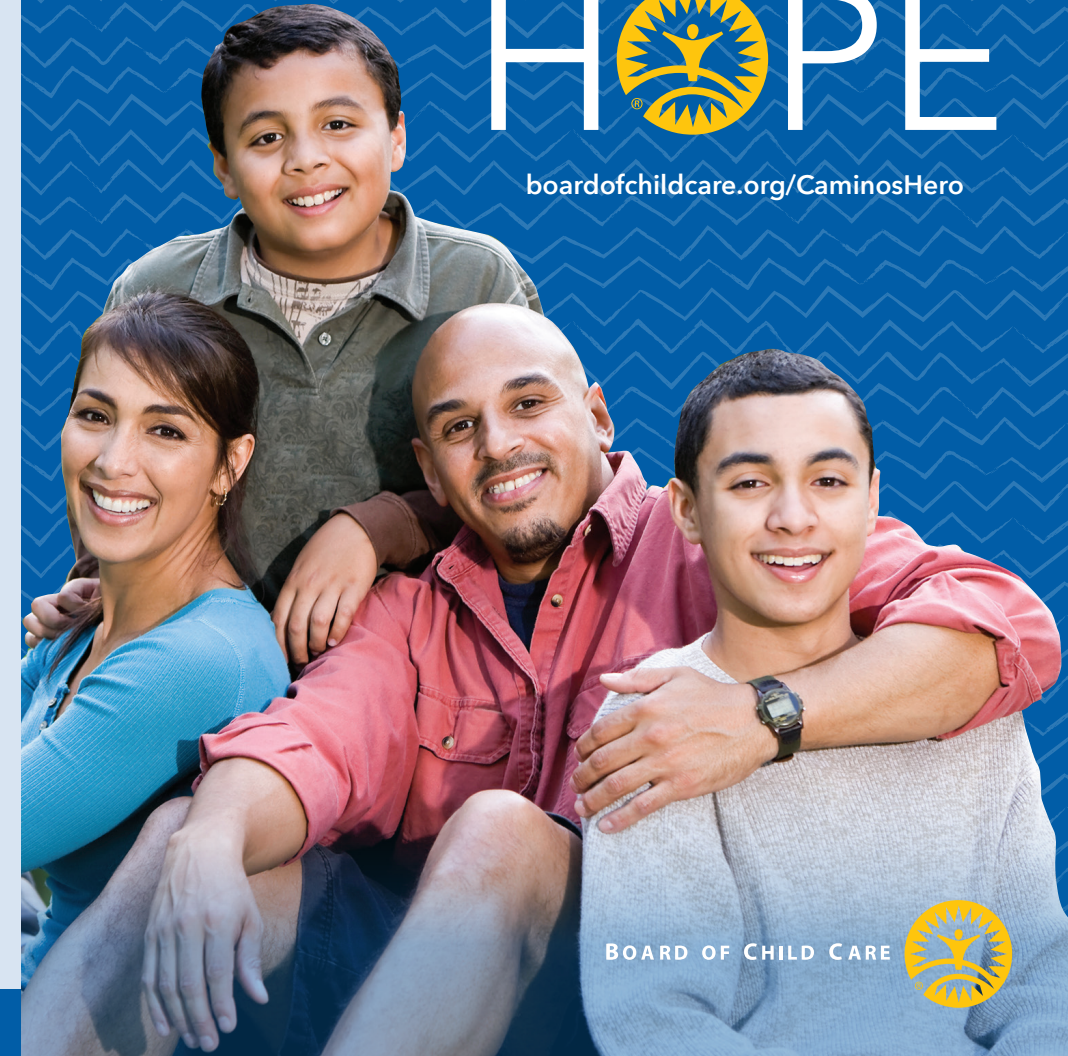
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## WHAT IS CAMINOS?

The term Caminos, from the Spanish language, means a path of travel.

Board of Child Care's Caminos program provides safe and secure placement options for children who have recently migrated to the United States.

## WHO WE ARE

Board of Child Care is a nonprofit organization. We provide youth and their families with education, mental health, and therapeutic residential services throughout the Mid-Atlantic region and beyond!



## HOW CAN I HELP? FOSTER A CHILD!

Join the hundreds of foster care parents across the United States who are meeting the needs of vulnerable youth.

### LONG TERM FOSTER CARE

- Youth to Foster: Male & Female 2 - 17 years of age
- You must possess a cultural competency that embraces and supports diverse cultures of Latin American youth.
- You can reside anywhere in the state of Maryland. Spanish speaking preferred, but not required.

### WHAT TRAINING WILL I RECEIVE?

While you are caring for a child you'll have access to our professional team every hour of every day.

- Extensive Orientation
- Training Sessions
- Certification
- Coaching
- Guidance
- Mentorship
- 24/7 Access to our professional staff team every hour of every day



Evidenced-based program

## HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE?

### JUST ANSWER A FEW HERO QUESTIONS BELOW!

1 Does mentoring a child at a pivotal life point appeal to you?

☐ YES ☐ NO



2 Can you be creative and modify expectations as needed?

☐ YES ☐ NO



3 Do you enjoy teamwork and learning new parenting skills?

☐ YES ☐ NO



4 Do you have a private unoccupied bedroom?

☐ YES ☐ NO



5 Can you use computers, software and web browsers?

☐ YES ☐ NO



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### NEXT STEPS

Check how your score compares at [BoardofChildCare.org/CaminosHero](https://BoardofChildCare.org/CaminosHero) or scan the QR code to the left to find out more about becoming a Caminos Foster Care parent today!