

Welcoming Unaccompanied Afghan Children

The recent evacuation of Afghans includes children who are immigrating without their families (unaccompanied). It is anticipated that many unaccompanied Afghan children will resettle in California and will enter the Unaccompanied Refugee Minor program, a foster care program designed to serve refugee children. There are three service providers for the Unaccompanied Refugee Minor program in California:

- Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County
- Crittenton Services for Children and Families
- International Christian Adoptions

These service providers are Foster Family Agencies licensed by the California Department of Social Services, [Community Care Licensing Division](#) and are tasked with providing culturally responsive foster care services for refugee children. Representatives from these organizations would like to connect with families and individuals interested in serving Afghan children as volunteers or as Resource Families (foster families). If you are interested in learning about how you can help, please reach out to the contacts below.

Organization	Regions Served	Contact Person(s)
Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County	Alameda, Contra Costa, Monterey, San Bernardino, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Santa Cruz Counties.	Primary Contact: Claire Collins Email: ccollins@CatholicCharitiesSCC.org Phone: 408-325-5107 Office Hours: 9 am – 5 pm Secondary Contact: Kelsey Coplin Email: kcoplin@CatholicCharitiesSCC.org Phone: 408-325-5273 Office Hours: 9 am – 5 pm
Crittenton Services for Children and Families	Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego Counties.	Contact: Patricia Arias E-Mail: parias@crittentonsocal.org Phone: 714-680-9002 Office Hours: 10 am – 6 pm Foster Care Hotline: 714-680-8200
International Christian Adoptions	Alameda, Amador, Contra Costa, El Dorado, Napa, Placer, Riverside, Sacramento, Solano, Stanislaus, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba Counties.	Contacts: Rose Ruiz and Laura Marinucci E-mails: Rruiz@4achild.org and Lmarinucci@4achild.org Phone: 951-695-3336 Office Hours: Available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

Thank You.