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[Central American Minors \(CAM\) Refugee and Parole Program: Enhancements as of April 11, 2023](#)

What is the CAM Program?

- The CAM Program allows certain parents and guardians to apply for U.S. refugee resettlement for their qualifying children and eligible family members who are nationals of and residing in El Salvador, Guatemala, or Honduras. CAM beneficiaries ineligible for refugee status are considered for parole.

Who is eligible?

- **Qualifying Parents and Legal Guardians**
 - At least 18 years old; living in the United States; and with LPR status, TPS, parole or deferred action issued for at least one year, deferred enforced departure, withholding of removal, or with a pending asylum or T visa application or U visa petition pending since April 11, 2023
- **Qualifying Children**
 - Genetic, step, or legally adopted child, unmarried, under age 21 at time of application, and physically located in and a national of El Salvador, Guatemala or Honduras
- **Eligible Family Members**
 - Children of the qualifying child, in-country parent of the qualifying child, unmarried children under age 21 of the in-country parent, children of the qualifying parent and their children and spouses, siblings of the qualifying child, and certain caregivers of the qualifying child

What does this Notice change?

- **New eligibility grounds.** The Notice expands CAM eligibility to parents and guardians with asylum and T visa applications or U visa petitions pending since April 11, 2023. Previously, the asylum application or U visa petition had to be pending since May 15, 2021. This is the first time parents with pending T visa applications are eligible.
- **Reducing evidentiary burden on parole applicants.** The Notice establishes that the financial supporter of a CAM beneficiary on the parole track during in-country CAM processing may provide a sworn statement instead of completing the Form I-134.
- **Reopening cases closed in 2017.** The Notice provides for the reopening of those CAM cases originally filed between 2014 and 2017 that previously had never been considered for parole due to the termination of the CAM Program.
- **Process for minor parolees.** The Notice announces that USCIS will share information with CBP in certain cases of CAM parolee children who enter the US under age 18.

Where can I get more information or apply?

- For more information, please contact the IRC CAM Hotline: (917) 410-7546 or info@menoresCAM.com
- To complete a referral form to initiate an application, please see: <https://bit.ly/kindsolicitantesCAM>
- For more general information, please see IRAP's CAM website: www.menoresCAM.com

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Notice to Parents of Salvadoran, Guatemalan, and Honduran Children: You May Be Eligible for the CAM Program to Bring Your Children to the United States

Do you have an asylum application, U visa petition, or T visa application filed on or before April 11, 2023?

Do you have TPS, a green card, withholding of removal, deferred action, deferred enforcement departure?

Were you issued a one-year (or more) parole period when you entered the US (even if issued an NTA simultaneously)?

If so, you could be eligible for the [CAM Program](#) if you have at least one child under the age of 21 and unmarried who is a citizen of and living in El Salvador, Guatemala, or Honduras.

The CAM Program is a **family reunification program** through which your child and other family members may be able to come to the United States either as refugees or on a three-year, renewable humanitarian parole.

The CAM Program is **free to apply for**, though most families will have to pay, at least initially, for DNA testing, medical exams, and/or flights.

Currently, the entire process is taking a **minimum of 16 months**, and may take years depending on processing and individual circumstances.

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Aviso a Padres de Hijos Salvadoreños, Guatemaltecos y Hondureños: Podría Calificar por el Programa CAM para Traer sus Hijos a EEUU

Tiene una solicitud de asilo, petición de la Visa U, solicitud de la Visa T pendiente desde el 11 de abril del 2023?

Tiene TPS, tarjeta verde, suspensión de remoción, acción diferida, salida forzosa diferida?

¿Recibió un permiso de permanencia temporal por un año o más cuando entró a EEUU (aún si también le dieron un Aviso de Comparecencia a la vez)?

Si la respuesta es que sí, es posible que califique por el [Programa CAM](#) si tiene por lo menos un hijo menor de los 21 años y soltero que es ciudadano de y viviendo en El Salvador, Guatemala u Honduras.

El Programa CAM es un programa de **reunificación familiar** por el cual su hijo y otros familiares podrían llegar a EEUU o como refugiado o con un permiso temporal humanitario de tres años y renovable.

Es **gratis** solicitar el Programa CAM, aunque la mayoría de familias tendrán que pagar, por lo menos inicialmente, por pruebas de ADN, exámenes médicos y/o vuelos.

Actualmente, el proceso entero dura por lo menos **16 meses** y podrá tardar años dependiendo de circunstancias de procesamiento e individuales.

Para aprender mas:

- Para más información o para comenzar una solicitud, favor de comunicarse con la Línea de Atención del Programa CAM del Comité Internacional de Rescate:
 - (917) 410-7546 o info@menoresCAM.com
- **Alternativamente**, para completar un formulario para referir un caso para iniciar una solicitud, vea: <https://bit.ly/kindsolicitantesCAM>
- Para mas información general, vea página web de IRAP: www.menoresCAM.com

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Notice to Attorneys Representing Parents of Salvadoran, Guatemalan, and Honduran Children:
Your Clients May Be Eligible for the CAM Program to Bring Their Children to the United States

- Does your client have an asylum application, U visa petition, or T visa application pending on or before April 11, 2023?
- Does your client have TPS, a green card, withholding of removal, deferred action, deferred enforcement departure?
- Was your client issued a one-year (or more) parole period when they entered the US (even if issued an NTA simultaneously)?

If so, they could be eligible for the [CAM Program](#) if they have at least one child under the age of 21 and not legally married who is a citizen of and living in El Salvador, Guatemala, or Honduras.

The CAM Program is a **family reunification program** where children and other family members may be able to come to the United States either as **refugees** or on a three-year, renewable humanitarian **parole**.

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 - (917) 410-7546 or info@menoresCAM.com
- Alternatively, to complete a referral form to initiate an application through KIND and IRC, please see: <https://bit.ly/kindsolicitantesCAM>
 - *Calling the IRC CAM Hotline and completing this referral link accomplish the same thing: please don't do both.*
- For more general information, please see IRAP's CAM website:
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