ADMINISTRATION FOR
CHILDREN & FAMILIES

TO: OS UAC/Refugee Big Group

FROM: Jonathan White, Deputy Director for Children's Programs, ORR

SUBJECT: Unaccompanied Alien Children Program Update

DATE: July 4, 2017

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Mission Risks and Challenges: ORR is working to develop and implement strategies to mitigate each of the risks and challenges identified for this mission.

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3. ***DHS immigration enforcement actions may adversely affect discharge rate.*** DHS has launched a national "UAC Sponsor Initiative," which involves contacting sponsors of UAC who are without legal status, interviewing them, and in some cases taking them into custody, issuing criminal charges against them, or issuing Notices to Appear. Effects of this initiative upon readiness of individuals to step forward as sponsors are expected to result in significant increases in length of stay and decline in discharge rate. This step would represent one-half of the DHS policy changes necessary to fulfill the "DHS Deterrence" scenario model (since family unit separations are not yet being implemented). ORR is currently reviewing that model to determine if it should be refined to current policy realities.

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