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Immigration and Nationality Act (Title 8 USC)

§1101. Definitions
(a) As used in this chapter-
(1) The term "administrator" means the official designated by the Secretary of State pursuant to section 1104(b) of this title.
(2) The term "advocates" includes, but is not limited to, advises, recommends, furthers by overt act, and admits belief in.
(3) The term "alien" means any person not a citizen or national of the United States.

From the ORR Policy Guide:

1.2.7 Placing Family Members (Siblings and Children of Unaccompanied Alien Children)

Under most circumstances, ORR places siblings together and unaccompanied alien children who are parents with their children. The following cases would be an exception to family grouping:

- The unaccompanied alien child wishes otherwise (evaluated on a case-by-case basis)
- The placement would be contrary to the developmental, treatment, or safety needs of the unaccompanied alien child or his or her children
- There is an unusual or emergency situation

In addition to the ones listed above, there are other exceptional circumstances that would prevent unaccompanied alien youth from residing with their children in the same care provider facility. These circumstances include an unaccompanied alien child who is a parent who:

- Requires specialized placement in a setting that cannot provide appropriate care for an infant or young child; for example, a residential treatment center or hospital
- Does not want his or her child to reside in the same place
- Is the subject of open or substantiated allegations of abuse or neglect against his or her child

If siblings or children of an unaccompanied alien child must be placed separately, the care provider tries to maintain regular ongoing contact, unless a mental health or child welfare professional deems the contact harmful, or unless the contact is contrary to the wishes of the UC.
The separation of an unaccompanied alien child from his or her siblings or from his or her child requires prior authorization of ORR.

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