

# ASPIRE

Specialized support for foreign national minors who have experienced human trafficking

## CASE MANAGEMENT

Aspire assists foreign national minors who have or are seeking an [HHS Eligibility Letter](#). Aspire provides comprehensive trauma-informed case management services and financial assistance to address identified needs such as:

- Safety Planning
- Emergency Assistance
- Basic Needs
- Housing (rent, utilities)
- Public Benefits
- Interpretation/Translation
- ESL/Education
- Legal Assistance
- Transportation
- Family Reunification
- Mental Health
- Medical Care

**NOTE:** Aspire case management services are available for minors who are not already receiving federally funded trafficking-specific case management services and whose needs cannot be met solely through their current services.

### Referrals should be made to Aspire when:

- There are complex needs or concerns that require additional support (E.g. minor is potentially in an active trafficking situation)
- The minor's current federally funded case management services are ending and the minor is in need of additional services
- The minor is not accessing any other trafficking-specific case management services

If a minor is no longer eligible for Aspire services because they are over the age of 18, they may still be eligible for services through the Trafficking Victim Assistance Program (TVAP). For questions about TVAP, please contact [TVAP@refugees.org](mailto:TVAP@refugees.org).

## TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Through a national network of Regional Coordinators, Aspire provides technical assistance to anyone working with an eligible foreign national child, regardless of whether they are enrolled in Aspire. Below are some common barriers experienced by case managers that Aspire Regional Coordinators can help with.

### Access to Benefits

With an Office on Trafficking in Persons (OTIP) HHS Eligibility OR Interim Assistance Letter, an individual is eligible for [public benefits](#) to the same extent as a refugee. If you are encountering issues applying for public benefits like SNAP or Medicaid, you can contact Aspire to troubleshoot the problem.

### Case Staffing & Advocacy

Regional Coordinators are available to staff and troubleshoot concerns on complex cases and help coordinate with various stakeholders, including in situations where there is a placement breakdown, involvement with child protective services, safety concerns, or active trafficking situations. Regional Coordinators will help advocate for the best interest of the child where needed.

### Resource Identification

If you are struggling to identify specific resources to meet your client's needs, you can contact your Aspire Regional Coordinator to help find local resources, including an immigration attorney, shelters, food banks, or mental health resources.

**NOTE:** If you are in need of technical assistance, you can reach out to your Aspire Regional Coordinator directly. You do not need to submit a referral form.

