

Reunification of Refugee or Immigrant Children Separated from Their Families

Position Brief



The National Association of School Nurses calls on the Departments of Justice and Homeland Security to accelerate the reunification of refugee or immigrant children who have been separated from their families. This separation may cause irrevocable damage for children, a vulnerable population and deserving of our protection regardless of their immigration status. Children who are separated from their families experience trauma. Studies show that adverse childhood experiences have long-term physical and mental health consequences . (Metzler, et. al., 2016; Nurius, et.al., 2015). School nurses practice ethically, which is demonstrated by showing compassion and respect for all people and advocating for the rights, health and safety of children and youth. (ANA & NASN, 2017).

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