

## What Types of Services Might SIFE Children Require Upon Arrival?

### *School Socialization Issues:*

- knowledge of school culture and accepted norms
- inability to concentrate for extended periods of time
- inability to work in groups successfully
- possible poor attendance
- unsure of the teacher-student role
- lack of knowledge of school discipline policies
- lack of knowledge of the critical nature of a high school diploma
- lack of knowledge of the implications of high stakes testing

### *Academic Issues:*

- probable interrupted education
- possible little or no previous education,
- may need basic skills development in math and reading
- probable gaps in content knowledge from inconsistent schooling
- possible limited literacy skills in native language
- unfamiliarity with post secondary options and how to access them

### *Social needs:*

- lack proper and adequate clothing and school supplies
- may need cultural adjustment assistance
- may need connection to community social services
- may require support for making new friends
- implications of early marriage for some culture groups
- implications of living in poverty and high crime areas
- implications of anti-immigrant attitude (especially if also Muslim)

### *Mental and Physical Health Issues:*

- individual or family counseling may be needed for grief counseling
- possible victim of violence
- changes in family and gender roles
- personal hygiene information
- hearing, dental and vision screenings
- vaccinations and medical visit follow-ups
- consequences of female circumcision for some cultures
- rare/tropical diseases possible
- tuberculosis screening and medication
- post-traumatic stress counseling
- conflict resolution training

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