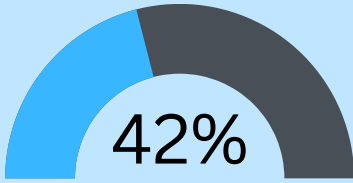
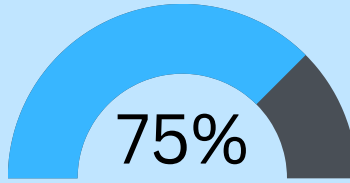




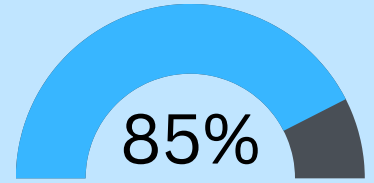
# Forensic Evaluations Significantly Improve Outcomes for Clients Seeking Immigration Relief



National asylum grant rate



Asylum grant rate for cases with **psychological** evaluations



Asylum grant rate for cases with **medical** evaluations

## When would a forensic *psychological* or *medical* evaluation benefit a case?

### Psychological Evaluations

Psychological sequelae of trauma are more persistent than physical sequelae. A psychological evaluation focuses on documenting the emotional and behavioral effects of trauma and the risk of further harm if the minor is deported.

Consider a referral for a psychological evaluation if a minor has:

- Intense fears, anxiety, and avoidance behaviors
- Nightmares, flashbacks, or intrusive thoughts
- Irritability and explosive temper
- Persistent sadness or shame
- Developmental regression
- Difficulty with concentration and learning
- Difficulty with relationships

### Medical Evaluations

A medical evaluation can benefit an asylum case when there are negative physical or neurological outcomes from trauma. Evaluations document the harm suffered and the risk of further harm if the minor is deported.

Consider a referral for a medical evaluation if any of the following may have occurred as a result of trauma endured by the minor:

- Scars/bruises
- Significant head injury/trauma
- Sexual and/or physical abuse
- Torture or ill treatment
- Concern for female genital mutilation



Forensic evaluations are particularly important for minors:

- To help them disclose sensitive details about trauma experienced
- To provide context for how a child's behavior in court may be influenced by their trauma
- To identify symptoms of post-traumatic stress and other psychological symptoms, allowing for early intervention
- To advocate for specialized services available in the US that might not be available in the country of origin (e.g., school-based supports, parenting classes)



***The FAIR Clinic is the only clinic in Illinois that specializes in conducting pediatric forensic medical and psychological evaluations***

## ***What makes the FAIR Clinic unique?***

- **Experienced providers:** The clinic is staffed by child abuse pediatricians and child and adolescent mental health providers with a wealth of experience in developmentally appropriate and trauma-informed assessment and treatment.
- **Multilingual Evaluations:** FAIR Clinic providers conduct psychological evaluations in Arabic, Spanish, and English and medical evaluations in Spanish and English. Professional interpreter services are available for other languages.
- **Long term follow-up care:** FAIR Clinic helps clients enroll in Medicaid and connects them with long-term medical, dental, and mental health care.
- **No cost to patients:** On the day of the evaluation, the clinic covers transportation and meal costs for patients and participating caregivers.

Referrals can be submitted to [FAIRClinic@luriechildrens.org](mailto:FAIRClinic@luriechildrens.org), or through our partner affiliate, the Midwest Human Rights Consortium (MHRC). To submit a referral through MHRC, visit <https://illinoisAAP.org/mhrc/>.