

Arrival Meeting Guide

The arrival meeting happens in week one after the newcomer arrives. At the arrival meeting, you, the newcomer and a sponsor team member, identify urgent needs. You also share sponsorship goals.

Meeting Starter Questions

These short questions are a chance to learn more about each other.

- Did the newcomer know they would have a sponsor in the first months in the U.S.?
- Why did the sponsor decide to welcome a newcomer?

Arrival Discussion Questions

These questions are common in the first days after arrival.

- What has gone well so far since arrival?
- Does the new home have any issues that need addressing? Is it too hot or cold? Are there any broken appliances, bugs, or other issues?
- Does the newcomer feel safe in their new home?
- Does the newcomer have enough food until the next trip to the grocery store?
- Does the newcomer have clothes and shoes for the weather? This is until any planned trips to shop for clothes.
- Does the newcomer have health concerns? Do they take any medicines? Does the newcomer have enough medication to last until they see a doctor?
- What is the best way for you to communicate with each other? Should you use text, a phone call, or WhatsApp? When are good times to talk? What are not good times? What is the likely response time?



Arrival Meeting Activities

SPONSORSHIP PLAN

Complete the *Sponsorship Plan* together. The *Sponsorship Plan* includes important focus areas. The *Sponsorship Plan* helps newcomers and sponsors decide on important next steps. It also helps newcomers and sponsors agree on goals for the sponsorship.

- What is the length of the sponsorship period? It is common for sponsorship periods to be around three months or 90 days.
- What are some of the newcomer's goals for the sponsorship period?
- What are some goals the newcomer has for life in the U.S. after the sponsorship period?

CALENDAR

Review the calendar of upcoming activities together. This will help sponsors and newcomers to know the important activities in the coming weeks.

- What questions does the newcomer have about the activities?
- Are there any activities the newcomer would like to add to the calendar?
- Schedule a midpoint meeting on the calendar. At the meeting, you will go over the Sponsorship Plan again.
- Make sure the newcomer and the sponsor each have a copy of the calendar.