



# We need Express Entry family reunification

**Our Vision: speedy family reunification, where children are reunited with their parents in 6 months or less**

Canada's immigration processing for family reunification cases is extraordinarily slow. Many children wait **over two years** before being able to reunite with their parent in Canada. For refugee families, the wait is **35 months**.



Canada can and must do better.

The federal government has introduced an Express Entry program for economic immigrants. For immigrants with a valid job offer, the government promises to process applications within 6 months.

Shouldn't children be reunited with their parents at least as quickly as economic immigrants are processed?



Catherine is desperately trying to be reunited with her two young daughters (3 and 5 years).

Catherine had to flee her country of origin because of her work as a women's rights activist. She has been recognized as a refugee in Canada but she must wait for immigration processing before she can be reunited with her two daughters left behind in Africa.

Current processing times for the region are **3 and a half years (41 months)**!

## Recommendation

Introduce Express Entry family reunification so that children are reunited with their parents in 6 months or less.



