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Some programs limit dependents that may accompany you, and some programs do not allow dependents at all. Review the UCEAP Dependent Restrictions, which lists programs that limit or restrict participation of dependents and/or traveling companions.

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You must have adequate financial resources to cover the extra costs of your dependent(s)/traveling companions. Consider housing, childcare, work opportunities, limitations, and unexpected expenses or emergencies. You will sign a contract (Memorandum of Understanding) with UCEAP stating you will be responsible for all costs; make sure you can comply with the contract.

Insurance for Eligible Dependents

UCEAP strongly encourages you to purchase adequate insurance coverage for any eligible dependent.

Consider the logistics and planning required

There is much planning involved with bringing a dependent/traveling companion on UCEAP.

Consider how you will meet the following needs:

- food and housing
- childcare
- schooling for child
- insurance
- work
- scheduling around program activities

Follow the UCEAP Dependent Instructions for taking a dependent/traveling companion on the program. Read all information and tips that will help you prepare, and complete the necessary paperwork required before departure.

Schooling for Children

Although homeschooling is legal in the U.S., it is not legal in many countries around the world. If you are planning to homeschool dependents on UCEAP, it is your responsibility to contact the embassy or consulate of your UCEAP country to find out, in writing, if homeschooling is legal and/or whether you must follow compulsory attendance laws. If it is legal, plan ahead how your children can be schooled while you are in class or on class excursions, and whether you will need to take with you educational materials. Find out if educational authorities assess homeschooled children and if there are educational guidelines you must follow. If homeschooling is illegal, do not plan on doing so; violations of local law would subject you to dismissal from the program.