



Alaska Public Benefits Screening Chart for Immigrant Survivors by Forms of Immigration Relief¹

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The purpose of this simplified chart is to provide a tool that victim advocates, attorneys, judges and court staff can use to identify which immigrant survivors and immigrant children qualify for which state or federally funded public benefits, programs and services. This tool was designed to be a first step to identify which immigrant survivors may qualify for which benefits and services. When an immigrant survivor is listed as qualifying or qualifying with conditions on this chart, the second step is to turn to the full public benefits chart NIWAP developed for your jurisdiction where you can look up the details/conditions of what is needed to prove eligibility and what are the sources of law that prove eligibility.

This chart is not an exhaustive list of public benefits available to immigrants in New Jersey and but a simplified snapshot of access to certain benefits including cash assistance, healthcare, and housing. This chart is meant to be used in conjunction with NIWAP's [Access to State-Funded Public Benefits in Alaska for Survivors, Based on Immigration Status](https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/alaska-benefits), available at: <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/alaska-benefits> that provides detailed information with citations to all of the relevant sources of law, regulations, and policies. This more detailed publication includes citations to materials that you can take with you when you accompany an immigrant victim applying for state or federal public benefits or other forms of assistance. In addition to the benefits and services discussed on this chart below, there is also a wide range of assistance that is available as a matter of law to all immigrants regardless of status.¹ For an interactive map that breaks down available public benefits based on the state and immigration status go here: <http://map.niwap.org/>.

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CASH & NUTRITION ASSISTANCE, AND CHILDCARE								
<u>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)</u> (Cash Assistance)	Eligible with conditions upon prima facie determination. In AK, eligible for emergency funds for basic needs, including shelter, utilities, food, clothing, and burial.	Eligible. In AK, eligible for emergency funds for basic needs, including shelter, utilities, food, clothing, and burial.	Eligible with HHS certification or eligibility letter. In AK, eligible for emergency funds for basic needs, including shelter, utilities, food, clothing, and burial.	Not eligible.	Eligible with conditions upon obtaining lawful permanent residency. In AK, eligible for emergency funds for basic needs, including shelter, utilities, food, clothing, and burial.	Eligible with conditions upon obtaining lawful permanent residency. In AK, eligible for emergency funds for basic needs, including shelter, utilities, food, clothing, and burial.	Not eligible.	Not eligible.
<u>Child Care Funded by TANF and the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF)</u>	Eligible with prima facie determination. Eligible TANF-funded child care with conditions.	<u>Refugee/Asylee:</u> Eligible for CCDF and TANF-funded child care. <u>T visa:</u> Eligible for CCDF and TANF-funded childcare with HHS certification or eligibility letter.	Eligible for CCDF. Eligible for TANF-funded child care with HHS certification or eligibility letter.	Eligible for CCDF.	Eligible for CCDF. Eligible for TANF funded child care with conditions upon obtaining lawful permanent residency.	Eligible for CCDF. Eligible for TANF funded child care with conditions upon obtaining lawful permanent residency.	Eligible for CCDF.	Eligible for limited CCDF.
<u>Supplemental Security Income (SSI)</u>	Eligible with conditions upon prima facie determination.	Refugee/Asylee: Eligible for first 7 years after status is granted.	Eligible upon receipt of HHS certification or eligibility letter.	Not eligible.	Eligible with conditions upon obtaining lawful permanent residency.	Eligible with conditions upon obtaining lawful permanent residency.	Not eligible.	Not eligible.
<u>Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)</u>	Eligible with conditions upon prima facie determination.	Eligible.	Eligible with HHS certification or eligibility letter.	Not eligible.	Eligible with conditions upon obtaining lawful permanent residency.	Eligible with conditions upon obtaining lawful permanent residency.	Not eligible.	Not eligible.

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Nutrition Program: For Women, Infants & Children (WIC)	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.
HEALTHCARE								
Emergency Medicaid	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.
Health Insurance Exchanges	Eligible with prima facie determination.	<u>Refugee</u> : Eligible <u>Asylee</u> : Eligible upon or 6 months after filing for asylum for children under age 14. <u>T visa</u> : Eligible with HHS certification or eligibility letter.	Eligible with HHS certification or eligibility letter.	Not eligible.	Eligible upon filing SIJS application.	Eligible upon U visa bona fide determination, wait list approval or U visa.	Not eligible.	Not eligible.
Medicaid	Eligible with prima facie determination with conditions. In AK, eligible for chronic and acute medical assistance depending on health condition.	Eligible	Eligible upon HHS certification or eligibility letter.	Not eligible. In AK, eligible for chronic and acute medical assistance depending on health condition.	Eligible with conditions upon receiving lawful permanent residency. In AK, eligible for chronic and acute medical assistance depending on health condition.	Eligible with conditions upon receiving lawful permanent residency. In AK, eligible for chronic and acute medical assistance depending on health condition.	Not eligible.	Not eligible.
Prenatal Care	Eligible with prima facie determination with conditions.	Eligible.	Eligible upon HHS certification or eligibility letter.	Not eligible.	Eligible with conditions upon receiving lawful permanent residency.	Eligible with conditions upon receiving lawful permanent residency.	Not eligible.	Not eligible.

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<u>Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)</u>	Eligible with prima facie determination with conditions. In AK, eligible for chronic and acute medical assistance depending on health condition.	Eligible.	Eligible upon HHS certification or eligibility letter.	Not eligible. In AK, eligible for chronic and acute medical assistance depending on health condition.	Eligible with conditions upon receiving lawful permanent residency. In AK, eligible for chronic and acute medical assistance depending on health condition.	Eligible with conditions upon receiving lawful permanent residency. In AK, eligible for chronic and acute medical assistance depending on health condition.	Not eligible.	Not eligible.
HOUSING AND WEATHERIZATION								
<u>Public & Assisted Housing and Low Income Tax Credit Housing</u> ³	Eligible upon filing. In AK may also be eligible to live in Low Income Housing Tax Credit property.	Eligible. In AK may also be eligible to live in Low Income Housing Tax Credit property.	Eligible. In AK may also be eligible to live in Low Income Housing Tax Credit property.	Not eligible. In AK may be eligible to live in Low Income Housing Tax Credit property.	Eligible upon receiving lawful permanent residency. In AK may also be eligible to live in Low Income Housing Tax Credit property.	Eligible upon receiving lawful permanent residency. In AK may also be eligible to live in Low Income Housing Tax Credit property.	Not eligible. In AK may be eligible to live in Low Income Housing Tax Credit property.	Not eligible. In AK may be eligible to live in Low Income Housing Tax Credit property.
<u>Emergency Shelter & Transitional Housing</u>	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.
<u>Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) and Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)</u>	Eligible for WAP if living in multi-family dwellings. Eligible for LIHEAP with conditions upon	WAP if living in multi-family dwellings. Eligible for LIHEAP.	WAP if living in multi-family dwellings. Eligible for LIHEAP with conditions upon	WAP if living in multi-family dwellings.	WAP if living in multi-family dwellings. Eligible with conditions for LIHEAP upon	WAP if living in multi-family dwellings. Eligible with conditions for LIHEAP upon	WAP if living in multi-family dwellings.	WAP if living in multi-family dwellings.

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WAP and LIHEAP	prima facie determination.		receipt of HHS certification or eligibility letter.		receiving lawful permanent residency.	receiving lawful permanent residency.		
EDUCATION								
<u>Federal Education</u>	Eligible upon prima facie determination.	Eligible.	Eligible with HHS certification or eligibility letter.	Not eligible.	Eligible upon lawful permanent residency.	Eligible upon lawful permanent residency.	Not eligible.	Not eligible.
State Education	Eligible with conditions.	Eligible with conditions.	Eligible with conditions.	Eligible with conditions.	Eligible with conditions.	Eligible with conditions.	Eligible with conditions.	Eligible with conditions.
	<p>All children, without regard to immigration status or citizenship are eligible to attend public elementary and secondary (K-12) schools. State schools may not request citizenship or immigration status information and may not bar students from enrolling in public elementary or secondary schools based on the citizenship or immigration status of the student, their parent or their guardian.⁴ Eligible to apply for and enroll in state funded colleges and universities without regard to immigration status.⁵</p> <p><i>In Alaska, noncitizens may be eligible for resident tuition if they have resided in the state for at least 2 years or if the students received a State of Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend within the last 12 months and certify that they have been in Alaska for the past 12 months.⁶</i></p>							
LEGAL SERVICES, DRIVER'S LICENSES, AND EARNED INCOME TAX CREDITS								
<u>Legal Services</u>	<p>Eligible for Legal Services Corporation (LSC)-funded legal services with conditions until victims file for lawful permanent residency.</p> <p>Eligible for VAWA funded legal services.</p>	<p>Eligible for all LSC funded legal services.</p> <p>Victims of domestic, sexual, or dating violence, or stalking eligible for VAWA funded legal services.</p>	<p>Eligible for LSC funded legal services with conditions until receive HHS certification or eligibility letter.</p> <p>Victims of domestic, sexual, or dating violence, or stalking eligible for VAWA funded legal services.</p>	<p>Victims of domestic, sexual, or dating violence, or stalking eligible for VAWA funded legal services.</p>	<p>Eligible for LSC funded legal services with conditions until file for lawful permanent residency.</p> <p>Victims of domestic, sexual, or dating violence, or stalking eligible for VAWA funded legal services.</p>	<p>Eligible for LSC-funded legal services with conditions until victims file for lawful permanent residency.</p> <p>Victims of domestic, sexual, or dating violence, or stalking eligible for VAWA funded legal services.</p>	<p>Eligible for LSC-funded legal services with conditions.</p> <p>Victims of domestic, sexual, or dating violence, or stalking eligible for VAWA funded legal services.</p>	<p>Victims of domestic, sexual, or dating violence, or stalking eligible for VAWA funded legal services.</p>

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<u>Driver's License</u>	Eligible upon receipt of work authorization.	Eligible.	Eligible upon receipt of HHS certification or eligibility letter.	Eligible upon receipt of work authorization.	Eligible for upon receipt of work authorization.	Eligible upon receipt of work authorization.	Not eligible.	Not eligible.
<u>Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)</u>	Eligible with conditions upon receipt of work authorization.	Eligible with conditions upon receipt of work authorization.	Eligible with conditions upon receipt of work authorization.	Eligible with conditions upon receipt of work authorization.	Eligible with conditions upon receipt of work authorization.	Eligible with conditions upon receipt of work authorization.	Not eligible.	Not eligible.
FEMA AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE								
<u>Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)</u>	Eligible for disaster relief. Eligible upon prima facie determination for food, unemployment, and other FEMA assistance.	Eligible for disaster relief. Eligible for food, unemployment, and other FEMA assistance.	Eligible for disaster relief. Eligible upon receipt of HHS determination or eligibility letter for food, unemployment and other FEMA assistance.	Eligible for disaster relief.	Eligible for disaster relief. Eligible receipt of lawful permanent residency for food, unemployment and other FEMA assistance.	Eligible for disaster relief. Eligible receipt of lawful permanent residency for food, unemployment and other FEMA assistance.	Eligible for disaster relief.	Eligible for disaster relief.
<u>Unemployment Insurance</u>	Eligible upon receipt of work authorization.	<u>Refugees:</u> Eligible upon receipt of work authorization. <u>Asylees:</u> Eligible upon receipt of work authorization. <u>T Visa:</u> Eligible upon receipt	Eligible upon receipt of work authorization.	Eligible upon receipt of work authorization.	Eligible upon receipt of work authorization.	Eligible upon receipt of work authorization.	Not eligible.	Not eligible.

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		of bona fide determination with work authorization.						
<p>*To be eligible for unemployment insurance, each class of immigrant must have had prior work authorization and had to have been working with the authorization at the time they applied for unemployment. Work authorization must remain valid while they receive unemployment and if work authorization expires, then so does the eligibility for unemployment.</p>								

¹ Catherine Longville & Leslye E. Orloff, *Programs Open to Immigrant Victims and All Immigrants Without Regard to Immigration Status*, National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project (July 23, 2015), <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/programs-open-to-all-immigrants>.

² Afghans granted humanitarian parole between July 31, 2021, and September 30, 2022 — and their spouses and children, and parents or guardians of unaccompanied children granted parole after September 30, 2022 — also are eligible for federal benefits to the same extent as refugees. Eligibility for this group continues until March 31, 2023, or the end of their parole term, whichever is later. Extending Government Funding and Delivering Emergency Assistance Act, Pub. L. 117-43 (Sept. 30, 2021).

³ Some households, depending on the immigration status of its residents, may qualify for the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit; see [Access to State-Funded Public Benefits in Alaska for Survivors](#) to determine whether the immigrant or family members may be eligible. For more information on LIHTC see <https://www.vawahome.com/>.

⁴ Plyler v. Doe 457 U.S. 202 (1982); U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, STUDENTS, IMMIGRATION STATUS, AND THE RIGHT TO PUBLIC EDUCATION (JUNE 20, 2021) <https://blog.ed.gov/2021/07/students-immigration-status-and-the-right-to-public-education/>.

⁵ U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Memo: Undocumented Students Authorized to Enroll in Post-Secondary Educational Institutions (July 24, 2008) <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/pb-gov-dhsundocstudentpost2ndeduaccess-7-24-08>. This law applies to all states except those that have implemented state laws or policies that limit or deny enrollment in public colleges or universities which are Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina. (Current as of July 2021). See, NAT'L IMMIGRATION LAW CTR., *Current State Laws and Policies on Access to Higher Education for Immigrants (July 2021)* <https://www.nilc.org/issues/education/eduaccess toolkit/eduaccess toolkit2/#maps>.

⁶ *Why is Residency Important?*, UNIV. OF ALASKA, <https://www.alaska.edu/future/residency/> (last visited June 26, 2018); See also *Resident Tuition Assessment*, UNIV. OF ALASKA BD. OF REGENTS, <https://www.alaska.edu/bor/policy/05-10.pdf> (last visited June 26, 2018).