





## **Indiana Public Benefits Screening Chart for Immigrant Survivors by Forms of Immigration Relief<sup>1</sup>**

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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 Indiana 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 Indiana for Survivors, Based on Immigration Status, available at: https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/indiana-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. For an interactive map that breaks down available public benefits based on the state and immigration status go here: http://map.niwap.org/.

Note: The 1996 welfare reform laws authorized states to implement state laws that offer immigrants more state funded benefits than federal public benefits provided and also authorized states to impose more restrictions on the federal public benefits immigrants living in the state could access. This state has elected to:

- Offer STATE FUNDED BENEFITS to certain groups of immigrants in the following benefits programs: Health care for under 21 year old children and pregnant persons; issuance of professional and occupational licenses to immigrants with work authorization.
- Impose MORE RESTRICTIONS on immigrant access to federal public benefits: TANF and TANF Funded Child Care.

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PROGRAM	Lawful Permanent Residents and Naturalized	and Battered Spouse	Refugees, Asylees, T Visas <sup>3</sup> Afghans, <sup>4</sup> Ukrainians <sup>5</sup>	T Visa Bona Fide or Continued Presence	Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)	Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS)	U Visa, Bona Fide, or Wait List Approval	U Visa (Petition Filed)	Undocumented
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Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) (Cash Assistance)	In IN, eligible upon obtaining lawful permanent residency after accruing 40 quarters of work credit if entered U.S. before 8/22/96. Naturalized citizens, eligible.	In IN, eligible upon obtaining lawful permanent residency after accruing 40 quarters of work credit if entered U.S. before 8/22/96.	TANCE, AND C	Eligible with HHS certification or eligibility letter.	Not eligible.	In IN, eligible upon obtaining lawful permanent residency after accruing 40 quarters of work credit if entered U.S. before 8/22/96.	In IN, eligible upon obtaining lawful permanent residency after accruing 40 quarters of work credit if entered U.S. before 8/22/96.	Not eligible.	Not eligible.
Child Care Funded by TANF and the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF)	In IN, eligible upon obtaining lawful permanent residency after accruing 40 quarters of work credit if entered U.S. before 8/22/96.  Naturalized citizens, eligible.	Eligible for CCDF.  In IN, eligible for TANF funded child care with conditions upon obtaining lawful permanent residency.	Refugee/Asylee: Eligible for CCFD and TANF funded child care.  T visa: Eligible for CCDF and eligible for 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.  In IN, eligible for TANF funded child care with conditions upon obtaining lawful permanent residency.	Eligible for CCDF.  In IN, eligible for TANF funded child care with conditions upon obtaining lawful permanent residency.	Eligible for CCDF.	Eligible for CCDF.







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Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	Lawful permanent residents, eligible with conditions.  Naturalized citizens, eligible.	Eligible with conditions upon prima facie determination.	Eligible during first 7 years after status is granted.	Eligible with conditions upon receipt of HHS certification or eligibility letter.	Not eligible.	Eligible with conditions upon lawful permanent residency.	Eligible with conditions upon lawful permanent residency.	Not eligible.	Not eligible.
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	Lawful permanent residents eligible with conditions.  Naturalized citizens, eligible.	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.
Nutrition Program: For Women, Infants & Children (WIC)	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.
Emergency	HEALTHC Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.
Medicaid	2.1510.101	25.0.0.	25.0.0.	23.5.000	2.5.0.0	2510.10	2510.101	2510.101	2.500







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Health Insurance Exchanges	Eligible.	Eligible with prima facie determination.	Refugee: Eligible.  Asylee: Eligible upon receipt of work authorization or 6 months after filing for asylum for children under age 14.  T visa: 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	Lawful permanent residents eligible with conditions.  Naturalized citizens, eligible.  In IN, pregnant people are eligible for full health care.	Eligible with prima facie determination, with conditions. In IN, pregnant people are eligible for full health care.	Eligible.  In IN, pregnant people are eligible for full health care.	Eligible with HHS certification or eligibility letter.  In IN, pregnant people are eligible for full health care.	Not eligible.  In IN, pregnant people are eligible for full health care.	Eligible with conditions upon receiving lawful permanent residency.  In IN, pregnant people are eligible for full health care.	Eligible with conditions upon receiving lawful permanent residency.  In IN, pregnant people are eligible for full health care.	Not eligible.  In IN, pregnant people are eligible for full health care.	Not eligible.  In IN, pregnant people are eligible for full health care.







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	Naturalized Citizens	Spouse Waiver <sup>2</sup>	Ukrainians <sup>5</sup>		(DACA)	Status (SIJS)			
Prenatal Care	In IN, eligible for prenatal care and full scope health care while pregnant and up to 12 months of postpartum health care.  Naturalized citizens, eligible.	In IN, eligible for prenatal care and full scope health care while pregnant and up to 12 months of postpartum health care.	Eligible.	Eligible with HHS certification or eligibility letter.	In IN, eligible for prenatal care and full scope health care while pregnant and up to 12 months of postpartum health care.	In IN, eligible for prenatal care and full scope health care while pregnant and up to 12 months of postpartum health care.	In IN, eligible for prenatal care and full scope health care while pregnant and up to 12 months of postpartum health care.	In IN, eligible for prenatal care and full scope health care while pregnant and up to 12 months of postpartum health care.	In IN, eligible for prenatal care and full scope health care while pregnant and up to 12 months of postpartum health care.
Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	In IN, children under age 21 and pregnant people are eligible.  Naturalized citizens, eligible.	Eligible with prima facie determination, with conditions.  In IN, children under age 21 and pregnant people are eligible.	Eligible.  In IN, children under age 21 and pregnant people are eligible.	Eligible upon HHS certification or eligibility letter.  In IN, children under age 21 and pregnant people are eligible.	Not eligible.  In IN, children under age 21 and pregnant people are eligible.	Eligible with conditions upon receiving lawful permanent residency.  In IN, children under age 21 and pregnant people are eligible.	Eligible with conditions upon receiving lawful permanent residency.  In IN, children under age 21 and pregnant people are eligible.	Not eligible.  In IN, children under age 21 and pregnant people are eligible.	Not eligible.  In IN, children under age 21 and pregnant people are eligible.
Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)  Family Medical Leave Act – State Law	medical bills, lost without regard to	rime Act provides wages, counselin immigration or ci	compensation to cri g sessions, crime sce tizenship status. y Medical Leave Act	me victims for cosme clean up, and r	reimbursement for	the crime victimiz many other expens	ation. Costs covere		







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Public & Assisted Housing and Low Income Tax Credit Housing <sup>6</sup>	Eligible.  In IN, may be eligible to live in Low Income Tax Credit property.	Eligible upon filing.  In IN, may be eligible to for Low Income Housing Tax Credit property.	Eligible.  In IN, may be eligible to for Low Income Housing Tax Credit property.	Eligible upon HHS certification or eligibility letter.  In IN, may be eligible to for Low Income Housing Tax Credit property.	Not eligible.  In IN, may be eligible to for Low Income Housing Tax Credit property.	Eligible upon receiving lawful permanent residency.  In IN, may be eligible to for Low Income Housing Tax Credit property.	Eligible upon receiving lawful permanent residency.  In IN, may be eligible to for Low Income Housing Tax Credit property	Not eligible.  In IN, may be eligible to for Low Income Housing Tax Credit property.	Not eligible.  In IN, may be eligible to for Low Income Housing Tax Credit property.
Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, Health, and Life and Safety Services	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.
Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) and Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)	Eligible for WAP if living in multi-family dwellings. Eligible for LIHEAP.	Eligible for WAP if living in multi-family dwellings.  Eligible for LIHEAP with conditions upon prima facie determination.	WAP if living in multi-family dwellings.  Eligible for LIHEAP with conditions upon prima facie determination.	WAP if living in multi-family dwellings.  Eligible for LIHEAP upon receipt of HHS certification or eligibility letter.	WAP if living in multi-family dwellings.	WAP if living in multi-family dwellings.  Eligible for LIHEAP upon receiving lawful permanent residency.	WAP if living in multi-family dwellings.  Eligible for LIHEAP upon receiving lawful permanent residency.	WAP if living in multi-family dwellings.	WAP if living in multi-family dwellings.







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	EDUCATION								
Federal	Eligible.	Eligible upon	Eligible.	Eligible with	Not eligible.	Eligible upon	Eligible upon	Not eligible.	Not eligible.
Education	Eligible.	prima facie	Eligible.	HHS	Not eligible.	lawful	lawful	Not eligible.	Not eligible.
		determination.		certification or eligibility letter.		permanent residency.	permanent residency.		
	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible with	Eligible with	Eligible with	Eligible with	Eligible with
<b>State Education</b>	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.	Eligible.	conditions.	conditions.	conditions.	conditions.	conditions.
	eligible in Indiana access to institution applicants with both	a for state funded jonal aid or scholar ona fide determina	post-secondary educ ships for immigrant tions, VAWA self-p	ational grants and students who are a petitioners, and law	loans. At its publ not qualified. Qu rful permanent res	ic postsecondary in alified immigrants sidents.	stitutions, Indiana	does not allow in-st	
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1 10 .	Lawful	Eligible for	Eligible for all	Eligible for	May be	May be eligible	Eligible for	Eligible for	May be eligible if
<u>Legal Services</u>	permanent	Legal Services	LSC funded	LSC funded	eligible if victims of	if victims of	LSC-funded	LSC-funded	victims of abuse for LSC funded
	residents, applicants for	Corporation (LSC)-funded	legal services.	legal services when they	abuse for LSC	abuse for LSC funded legal	legal services with conditions	legal services with conditions	legal services with
	lawful	legal services	Victims of	receive HHS	funded legal	services with	and fully	and fully	conditions.
	permanent	with	domestic, sexual,	certification or	services with	conditions and	eligible when	eligible when	conditions.
	residency, and	conditions and	or dating	eligibility	conditions.	when SIJS	victims file for	victims file for	Victims of
	naturalized	fully eligible	violence, or	letter.		children file for	lawful	lawful	domestic, sexual,
	citizens eligible	when victims	stalking eligible		Victims of	lawful	permanent	permanent	or dating violence,
	for all LSC	file for lawful	for VAWA	Victims of	domestic,	permanent	residency.	residency.	or stalking
	funded legal	permanent	funded legal	domestic,	sexual, or	residency fully			eligible for
	services.	residency.	services.	sexual, or	dating	eligible.	Victims of	Victims of	VAWA funded
	77' 4' C	E1: 11 C		dating	violence, or	77' 4' C	domestic,	domestic,	legal services.
	Victims of	Eligible for		violence, or	stalking	Victims of	sexual, or	sexual, or	
	domestic,	VAWA		stalking	eligible for	domestic,	dating violence,	dating violence,	







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Legal Services	sexual, or dating violence, or stalking eligible for VAWA funded legal services.	funded legal services.		eligible for VAWA funded legal services.	VAWA funded legal services.	sexual, or dating violence, or stalking eligible for VAWA funded legal services.	or stalking eligible for VAWA funded legal services.	or stalking eligible for VAWA funded legal services.	
Driver's License	Eligible for federally recognized driver's license and ID.	Eligible for federally recognized driver's license and ID upon receipt of work authorization.	Eligible for federally recognized driver's license and ID.	Eligible for federally recognized driver's license and ID upon receipt of HHS certification or eligibility letter.	Eligible for federally recognized driver's license and ID upon receipt of work authorization.	Eligible for federally recognized driver's license and ID upon receipt of work authorization.	Eligible for federally recognized driver's license and ID upon receipt of work authorization.	Not eligible.	Not eligible.
Professional and Occupational Licenses	Eligible.	Eligible upon receipt of work authorization.	Eligible upon receipt of work authorization.	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.
Income Tax Credit			nbers or Individual 7 physically or menta						
Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)	Eligible.	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







PROGRAM	Lawful	VAWA Self	Refugees,	T Visa Bona Fide or	Deferred Action for	Special	U Visa, Bona	U Visa	
	Permanent	Petitioner	Asylees, T Visas <sup>3</sup>	Continued	Childhood	Immigrant	Fide, or Wait	(Petition	Undocumented
	Residents and Naturalized	and Battered Spouse	Afghans, <sup>4</sup> Ukrainians <sup>5</sup>	Presence	Arrivals (DACA)	Juvenile Status (SIJS)	List Approval	Filed)	
	Citizens	Waiver <sup>2</sup>	C Ki aiiiaiis		(Ditch)	Status (S195)			
Federal Emergency	Eligible for disaster relief,	Eligible for disaster relief.	Eligible for disaster relief.	Eligible for disaster relief.	Eligible for disaster relief.	Eligible for disaster relief.	Eligible for disaster relief.	Eligible for disaster relief.	Eligible for disaster relief.
Management Agency (FEMA)	Eligible for food, unemployment, and all other FEMA assistance.	Eligible upon prima facie determination for food, unemployment and other FEMA assistance.	Eligible for food, unemployment and other FEMA assistance.	Eligible upon receipt of HHS determination or eligibility letter for food, unemployment and other FEMA assistance.		Eligible upon receipt of lawful permanent residency for food, unemployment and other FEMA assistance.	Eligible upon receipt of lawful permanent residency for food, unemployment and other FEMA assistance.		
Unemployment Insurance	Eligible	Eligible upon receipt of work authorization.	Refugees: Eligible upon receipt of work authorization.  Asylees: Eligible upon receipt of work authorization.  T Visa: Eligible upon receipt of bona fide determination with work authorization.	Eligible upon receipt of prima facie determination.	Eligible upon receipt of work authorization.	Eligible for UI upon receiving lawful permanent residency and receipt of work authorization.	Eligible for UI upon receiving lawful permanent residency and receipt of work authorization.	Not eligible.	Not eligible.

<sup>\*</sup>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.







<sup>1</sup> 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), <a href="https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/programs-open-to-all-immigrants">https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/programs-open-to-all-immigrants</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Battered Spouse Waiver (BSW) applicants/recipients have the same eligibility for public benefits purposes as VAWA self-petitioners. BWS victims are eligible either as conditional permanent residents if they still have that status and/or are or continue to be eligible once they file their battered spouse waiver application. Battered spouse waiver applicants have greater benefits access than conditional and lawful permanent residents because they have access to exemptions from deeming and have access to benefits that are only available to battered immigrants.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See 8 U.S.C. §§ 1641(b)(2)-(3), (c)(4) (Asylees, Refugees, and trafficking victims and family members of trafficking victims with T visa status or a pending T-visa application setting forth a "prima facie" (bona facie) case for eligibility); Classification for Victims of Severe Forms of Trafficking in Persons; Eligibility for "T" Nonimmigrant Status, 81 Fed. Reg. 92266, 92279, 92304, 92307 (Dec. 19, 2016) (effective Jan. 18, 2017) (to be codified at 8 C.F.R. pts. 212, 214, 245, 274 (Prima facie/bona fide determinations on T visa applications are made by the Department of Homeland Security.).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Afghans granted humanitarian parole between July 31, 2021, and September 30, 2023 – 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). Iraqi and Afghan Special Immigrant Visa holders (SIV) and special immigrant parolees (who have applied for SIV status) are eligible for federal benefits to the same extent as refugees. Off. of Refugee Resettlement, Admin. of Child. and Fams., U.S. Dep't of Health and Hum. Servs., Fact Sheet: Benefits for Afghan and Iraqi Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) Holders or SQ/SI Parolees (last visited November 29, 2023) <a href="https://www.acf.hhs.gov/orr/fact-sheet/benefits-afghan-and-iraqi-special-immigrant-visa-siv-holders-or-SQ/SI-parolees">https://www.acf.hhs.gov/orr/fact-sheet/benefits-afghan-and-iraqi-special-immigrant-visa-siv-holders-or-SQ/SI-parolees</a>. See Admin. for Child. and Fams., Office of Refugee Resettlement Policy Letters on Public Benefits for Afghan Refugees (November 29, 2023) <a href="https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/orr-policy-letters-afghan-refugees">https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/orr-policy-letters-afghan-refugees</a> (Contains HHS Policy Letters and Fact Sheets regarding Afghan Refugees).