Indiana Benefits Infographic – SIJS

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SIJS Children[1]

- **All children are eligible for K-12 public education regardless of immigration status**

Zero Months: Filing *(Lawfully Present)*: **CHIP (up to age 21)[2], While pregnant Full-scope Healthcare + 12 months Postpartum care.**

6 Months after Filing for SIJS: Approval
-Work Authorization, Deferred Action[3]
Real IDs, Driver's License, Unemployment

3.3 Years (40 Months) After SIJS Approval: Apply for Lawful Permanent Residency[4]

6.8 Years after Filing for SIJS: 35 Months after filing for Lawful Permanent Residence
-Issued Lawful Permanent Residency (Green Card) (*Qualified Immigrant)*
-Federal Student Aid, LIHEAP; Public and Assisted Housing, SNAP (under 18), In-State Tuition and Financial Aid

11.8 Years after Filing for SIJS: 5 years after Lawful Permanent Residence:
Medicaid 21+[5], TANF, Can apply for Naturalization

10.5 Years after Filing for SIJS: 10 years after work authorization: **SNAP (age 18+),[6] SSI**

12.7 years after Filing for SIJS: 11.5 months after Application for Naturalization[7]:
Naturalization Approved
29.8 years (unless naturalize) **TANF with pre 8/22/96 entry and 10 years work credit**

*State funded available prior to meeting federal: 5-year bar, 40 quarters, and lawful permanent residence requirements.

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[1] Child is up to age 21 under immigration law. SIJS Children must obtain state court judicial determinations before they reach the age of majority and age out of the family or juvenile court's jurisdiction. In Indiana this age is 18. For public benefits age limit varies by benefits program see state public benefits charts.

[2] Available through September 30, 2026. After 10/1/26 requires lawful permanent residency.

[3] Cases filed before May 10,2026 are automatically considered for deferred action; cases file on or after that date will need to request deferred action.

[4] Time to application may vary depending on when priority date becomes current. The current backlog is approximately 5 years.

[5] Eligible for federal Medicaid having attained lawful permanent residence and having completed the 5-year bar.

[6] Must be under age 18, disabled, met the 5-year bar, or earned 40 quarters (10 years) of work credit since work authorization.

[7] Wait time is 11.5 months at the Indianapolis Field Office.

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SIJS Applicants Who Become Adults [8]

Zero Months: Filing *(Lawfully Present)*: **While pregnant Full-scope Healthcare + 12 months Postpartum care.**

6 Months after Filing for SIJS:
Approval
-Work Authorization, Deferred Action[9]
Real IDs, Driver's License, Unemployment

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[8] Children must apply for SIJS before age 21. If filed prior to turning 21, the SIJS application can be granted regardless of the applicants age at adjudication.
[9] Cases filed before May 10,2026 are automatically considered for deferred action; cases file on or after that date will need to request deferred action.
[10] Time to application may vary depending on when priority date becomes current. The current backlog is approximately 5 years.
[11] Eligible for federal Medicaid having attained lawful permanent residence and having completed the 5-year bar.
[12] Must have met 5-year bar, be disabled, elderly if entered the US before 8/22/96, or earned 40 quarters (10 years) of work credit since work authorization.
[13] Wait time is 11.5 months at the Indianapolis Field Office.