Nevada Benefits Infographic – VAWA

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VAWA Children[1]

- **All students eligible for in-state tuition and financial aid at public postsecondary institutions regardless of immigration status if the student graduated or has GED from Nevada high school or the student or their parent resided in the state for 12 months.**
- **Nevada driver's license, professional and occupational licenses available to all persons without regard to immigration status for Nevada residents**
- **All children are eligible for K-12 public education regardless of immigration status**

Zero Months: At Filing:
-**Public and Assisted Housing, Post-Secondary Education, Driver's Licenses**

5 Months after Filing: If abuser citizen parent/step-parent (USC abuser): Work Authorization, **Real IDs, Driver's License, Unemployment**

3-4 Months after Filing:
Prima Facie Determination (*Qualified Immigrant and Lawfully Present*) - **Federal Student Aid, LIHEAP, Healthcare (CHIP), TANF**

48.5 Months (≈4 years) after Filing:
-Approval ; Deferred Action,[2]
If abuser lawful permanent resident parent/step parent (LPR abuser): Work Authorization/[3] and eligibility to apply for Lawful Permanent Residency; **Real IDs, Driver's License, Unemployment**

Issued Lawful Permanent Residency (LPR) (Green Card)[4] and **SNAP (up to age 18)**: 4.0 (USC abuser) or 5.0 (LPR abuser) Years after Filing: **LIHEAP**
5.3 years after filing with LPR: **SNAP (under age 18)[5], TANF, Medicaid/CHIP**

7.0 (USC abuser) or 8.0 (abuser LPR) Years after Filing for VAWA; 3 Years after Lawful Permanent Residence: Apply for Naturalization

7.8 (USC abuser) or 8.8 (LPR abuser) Years after Filing for VAWA; 9.3 Months after Application for Naturalization[6]: Naturalization Approved
10.3 (USC abuser) or 15.0 (LPR abuser) Years after Filing for VAWA: **SSI**

*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. For public benefits age limit varies by benefits program see state public benefits charts.
[2] Formal protection from removal/deportation.
[3] If spouse/child/stepchild of citizen abuser filed lawful permanent resident application with VAWA self-petition.
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[5] Must be under age 18, disabled, met the 5-year bar, or earned 40 quarters (10 years) of work credit since work authorization.
[6] Wait time is 10 months at the Las Vegas Field Office and is 8.5 months at Reno Field Office.

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