North Dakota Benefits Infographic – VAWA

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VAWA Children[1]

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

Zero Months: At Filing:
-Public and Assisted Housing

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, While pregnant Full-scope Healthcare + 12 months Postpartum care, CHIP up to age 19[2], Medicaid 19+[3].

48.5 Months (≈4 years) after Filing:
-Approval ; Deferred Action,[4]
If abuser lawful permanent resident parent/step parent (LPR abuser): Work Authorization/[5] and eligibility to apply for Lawful Permanent Residency;
Real IDs, Driver's License, Unemployment

Issued Lawful Permanent Residency (LPR) (Green Card)[6] and **SNAP (up to age 18)** [7]: 4.0 (USC abuser) or 5.3 (LPR abuser) Years after Filing: **In-State Tuition, Financial Aid and Scholarships**
5.3 years after filing (LPR + completed 5-year bar):
TANF, SNAP 18+

7.0 (USC abuser) or 8.3 (abuser LPR) Years after Filing for VAWA; 3 Years after Lawful Permanent Residence: Apply for Naturalization

8.0 (USC abuser) or 9.3 (LPR abuser) Years after Filing for VAWA; 12 Months after Application for Naturalization[8]: Naturalization Approved
10.3 (USC abuser) or 15.3 (LPR abuser) or 10 Years after work authorization (unless naturalize): **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] Eligible for federal Medicaid with VAWA prima facie determination. Starting October 1, 2026 will also require lawful permanent residency.
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[4] Formal protection from removal/deportation.
[5] If spouse/child/stepchild of citizen abuser filed lawful permanent resident application with VAWA self-petition.
[6] If spouse/child/stepchild of citizen abuser filed lawful permanent resident application with VAWA self-petition. Minneapolis-St. Paul Field Office wait time is 14.5 months.
[7] Must be under age 18, disabled, met the 5-year bar, or earned 40 quarters (10 years) of work credit since work authorization.
[8] Wait time is 12 months at the Minneapolis-St. Paul Field Office.

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