Ohio 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, CHIP (up to age 21); Full-Scope Healthcare while pregnant, In-State Tuition.

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)** [5]: 4.0 (USC abuser) or 5.1 (LPR abuser) Years after Filing
5.3 years after filing with (LPR + completed 5-year bar): **Medicaid 21+, SNAP 18+**[6]

7.0 (USC abuser) or 8.1 (abuser LPR) Years after Filing for VAWA; 3 Years after Lawful Permanent Residence: Apply for Naturalization

7.7 (USC abuser) or 8.7 (LPR abuser) Years after Filing for VAWA; 8 Months after Application for Naturalization[7]: Naturalization Approved
10.3 (USC abuser) or 15.1 (LPR abuser) 10 Years after work authorization (unless naturalize): **SSI, TANF**

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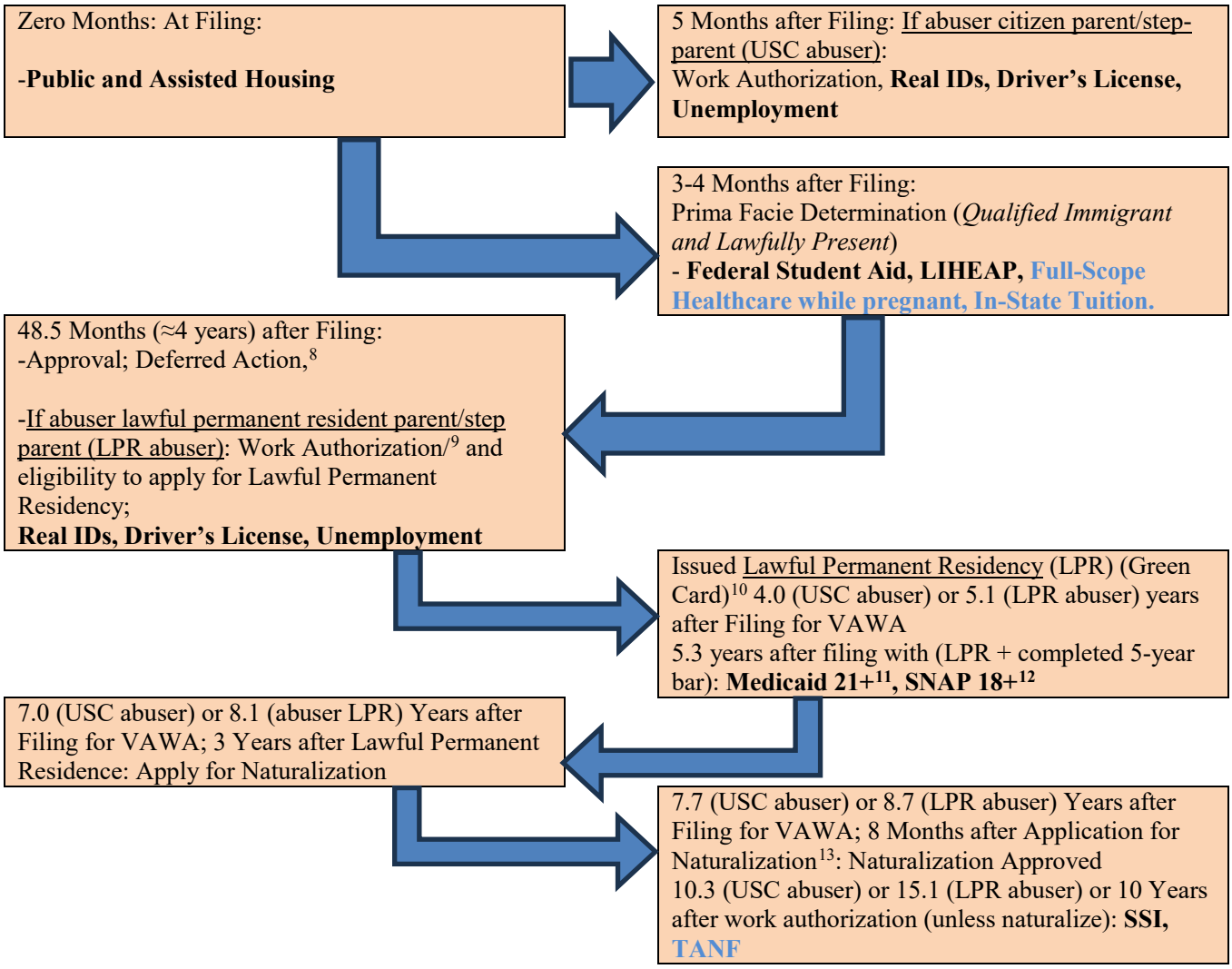
[1] Child is up to age 21 under immigration law. For public benefits age limit varies by benefits program see state public benefits charts.
[2] Formal protection from removal/deportation.
[3] If spouse/child/stepchild of citizen abuser filed lawful permanent resident application with VAWA self-petition.
[4] If spouse/child/stepchild of citizen abuser filed lawful permanent resident application with VAWA self-petition. The average wait time across all three Ohio Field Offices is 12.17 months.
[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] 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.
[7] The average wait time across all three Ohio Field Offices is 8 months.

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VAWA Adult VAWA Adults



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[11]Eligible for federal Medicaid 5 years after receiving VAWA prima facie determination. Starting October 1, 2026 will also require lawful permanent residency.
[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.
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