

YOUR WORKING CHECKLIST

Child-parent evidence: trace each documentary link

How can a family connect child and parent records without assuming a shared name proves the relationship?

Create a source-linked chain between the child, the relevant parent and later legal events. The organizer makes each connection visible while keeping the legal relationship question separate from the fact that two records contain similar names.

Check the boxes on screen or by hand. Use the notes area for records to find and questions to ask.

Your preparation checklist

- ☐ Index birth record with its source and event date.
- ☐ Index parent identity with its source and event date.
- ☐ Index legal change with its source and event date.
- ☐ Index child identity with its source and event date.
- ☐ Mark missing or conflicting information without inventing an answer.
- ☐ Compare the finished index with current official instructions before relying on it.

Notes and questions to follow up

Source links and current instructions

Sources checked October 25, 2026. Follow current instructions at the linked institution.

USCIS: I-130: Petition for Alien Relative

<https://www.uscis.gov/i-130>

USCIS: Policy Manual: evidence

<https://www.uscis.gov/policy-manual/volume-1-part-e-chapter-6>

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