

YOUR WORKING CHECKLIST

SIJ evidence: a state-order and federal-record organizer

How should a juvenile-related state-court order be linked to a separate federal immigration inquiry?

Preserve the complete state-court order and connect it to the child's identity and federal request history. Keep the court's actual findings separate from any USCIS decision or later residence question.

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

Your preparation checklist

- ☐ Index complete state order with its source and event date.
- ☐ Index child record with its source and event date.
- ☐ Index federal request with its source and event date.
- ☐ Index event sequence 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: Form I-360: one petition form with distinct eligibility categories

<https://www.uscis.gov/i-360>

USCIS: Humanitarian programs: official category navigation

<https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian>

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Source links (continued)

USCIS: Policy Manual: evidence

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

USCIS: Special Immigrant Juveniles: state court findings and federal decisions

<https://www.uscis.gov/working-in-US/eb4/SIJ>

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<https://immigrantinsider.com/checklists/sij-state-order-organizer/>

General information

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