

Immigration

*GALs should first consult the GRID Factsheet and/or contact Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network before seeking other resources. The GRID contains a very comprehensive Factsheet and RMIAN is included on OCR's Litigation Support List for immigration support. OCR attorneys can directly contact Ashley Harrington at aharrington@rmian.org for case-related support. Pre-approval is not necessary. <http://www.rmian.org/>

Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network (RMIAN)

A local non-profit agency that serves low-income men, women, and children in immigration proceedings. RMIAN promotes knowledge of legal rights, provides effective representation to ensure due process, works to improve detention conditions, and promotes a more humane immigration system, including alternatives to detention.

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Overview of Special Immigrant Juvenile Status

Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) is a federal law that helps certain undocumented children and youth in the state juvenile system obtain lawful immigration status. This chapter provides basic information about SIJS, and directs you to subsequent chapters that discuss different aspects of SIJS in more detail.

Immigrant Legal Resource Center (June 2018)

https://www.ilrc.org/sites/default/files/resources/sijs-5th-2018-ch_03.pdf

Colorado Quick Guide to Child Welfare and Immigration Law

This guide, published by the ABA, includes federal and state resources, relief options, and statutes and case law references.

American Bar Association, Center on Children and the Law (2016)

https://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/child_law/CWImmColorado_authcheckdam.pdf

A Guide for State Court Judges and Lawyers on Special Immigrant Juvenile Status

This article describes the role of state courts and legal practitioners in a young person's journey toward gaining SIJS. This article provides an overview of SIJS, eligibility, jurisdiction, notice and service, hearings, and practice tips.

Cooper, Cristina Ritchie. "A Guide for State Court Judges and Lawyers on Special Immigrant Juvenile Status." *Child Law Practice* 36(2), March/April 2017, 25.

https://www.americanbar.org/publications/child_law_practice/special/mar-apr-2017/a-guide-for-state-court-judges-and-lawyers-on-special-immigrant-.html

Guided Reference in Dependency (GRID), Immigration Factsheet

Generally speaking, Colorado child protection laws and policies neither create nor recognize distinctions in availability of protections and services based on immigration status. From a practical perspective, however, lack of immigration status may interfere with a child's or family's access to public services and ability to comply with requirements of treatment plans and reunification efforts. The GRID includes a factsheet on Immigration law. It can be found on OCR's website as an e-book.

<https://coloradogrid.org/helperFiles/GRID%20ebook%202020.pdf>

Immigrants in the Child Welfare System

This resource provides guidance on navigating seven scenarios in which children and their families may benefit from support services but face intersecting immigration and child welfare legal challenges. Understand the complexities when families interact with the child welfare and immigration systems. Identify approaches to engaging families affected by issues of immigration status.

American Bar Association, Center on Children and the Law

[https://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/child_law/Immigration%20in%20CWS%20Case%20Studies_final.authcheckdam.pdf?ct=t\(EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2_7_2018\)&mc_cid=38935907ab&mc_eid=762b7ab13d](https://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/child_law/Immigration%20in%20CWS%20Case%20Studies_final.authcheckdam.pdf?ct=t(EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2_7_2018)&mc_cid=38935907ab&mc_eid=762b7ab13d)

Immigration Consequences of Juvenile Delinquency

Although not a conviction for immigration purposes, a delinquency adjudication still can create problems for immigrants. Certain grounds of inadmissibility (bars to obtaining legal status) and deportability (loss of current legal status) do not depend upon conviction; mere “bad acts” or status can trigger the penalty. The following are commonly applied conduct-based grounds and the juvenile court dispositions that might provide the government with evidence that the person comes within the ground.

Immigrant Legal Resource Center (2020)

https://www.ilrc.org/sites/default/files/resources/imm_consequences_of_delinq_3.30.20.pdf