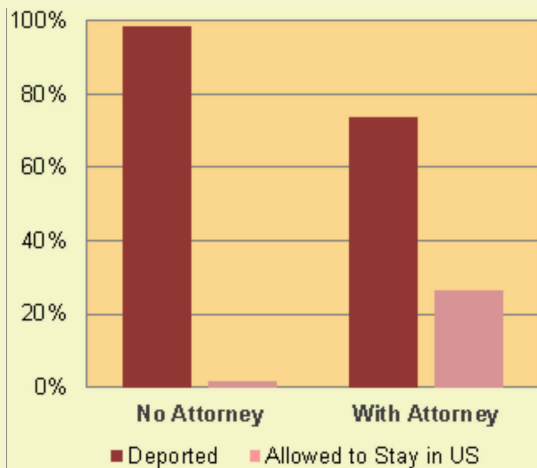


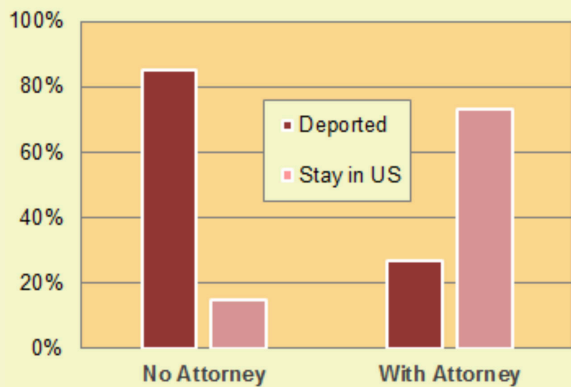
## THE DIFFERENCE THAT REPRESENTATION CAN MAKE

### Families with Children



<http://trac.syr.edu/immigration/reports/377/>

### Unaccompanied Children



<http://trac.syr.edu/immigration/reports/371/>

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## REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS ESSENTIAL STEPS

- 1 DHS Counsel files Notice to Appear with the Immigration Court to start removal proceedings
- 2 Initial Master Calendar (Status) Hearing: if UAC represented, address pleadings and explain relief from removal to judge
- 3 Possibly: additional Master Calendar hearings to check on UAC efforts to secure counsel, file applications for protection from deportation
- 4 As needed: Motion to Change Venue and Change of Address request
- 5 Once applications filed with USCIS: Motion for Status Docket placement/continuance for USCIS to complete adjudication of applications they are reviewing
- 5 Final Hearing on Asylum/Adjustment of Status/other relief or Motion to Terminate removal proceedings if asylum/other relief granted by USCIS

*\*if asylum case is referred by the asylum office or if the applicant has to adjust status before the Immigration Court or applicant eligible for other relief.*

## T.V.P.R.A. ASYLUM APPLICATION ESSENTIAL STEPS

- 1 Filing of Initial Application with USCIS' Nebraska Service Center
- 2 Chicago Asylum Office receives file from Nebraska Service Center and issues receipt notice to applicant
- 3 Chicago Asylum Office schedules biometrics (fingerprinting) appointment
- 4 Chicago Asylum Office schedules asylum interview
- 5 UAC attends asylum interview with counsel and interpreter (UAC must bring their own interpreter)
- 6 UAC waits for a written decision on their case from the asylum office
- 7 If UAC granted asylum by the Chicago Asylum Office > Motion to Terminate removal proceedings
- 8 If UAC case referred to the Immigration Court, UAC appears in a Master Calendar (Status) Hearing where they will be scheduled for Individual Hearing on asylum application before the Immigration Court

## SPECIAL IMMIGRANT JUVENILE STATUS ESSENTIAL STEPS

- 1 UAC or their parent/proposed guardian seeks custody/dependency Order + SIJS findings from state juvenile court .
- 2 UAC files Special Immigrant Juvenile Status self-petition with USCIS
- 3 UAC receives receipt from USCIS
- 4 UAC receives SIJS approval from USCIS, possibly following an RFE or NOID
- 5 UAC applies for adjustment of status (either before USCIS or immigration court) once priority date is current

DHS: Department of Homeland Security  
EOIR: Executive Office for Immigration Review  
NTA: Notice To Appear  
RFE: Request For Evidence  
UAC/UC: Unaccompanied (Alien) Child  
USCIS: US Citizenship and Immigration Services