SIJS Field Adjudication Flow Chart/Checklist

Juvenile Court Proceedings: Local court establishes dependency and makes findings necessary for SIJS.

Establish Jurisdiction: Form I-360-always USCIS jx (must be filed before age 21). Form I-485-USCIS jx when juvenile not in removal or if removal proceedings are terminated; EOIR jx when juvenile is in ongoing removal proceedings (including admin closure or continuance).

Check for Documentation: RFE as necessary.

Form I-360 Form I-485

-Proof of Age
-Court order with proper findings
-Best Interest determination
-General Adjustment Docs
-No Affidavit of Support
-Form I-601 (if required)

-Specific Consent (if required)

Employment Authorization: If juvenile filed I-765, may receive an EAD while the Form I-485 is pending.

Interview: If necessary, schedule an interview for the juvenile. Do not re-visit the abuse, abandonment or neglect in the interview.

Decision: USCIS will issue a written decision on the Form I-360 within 180 days of receipt.

Status granted: Juvenile receives LPR card ("green card"). EAD is no longer valid (or necessary).

Decision: IJ holds hearing/makes decision on Form I-485.

Status granted: USCIS must process paperwork to issue LPR card.