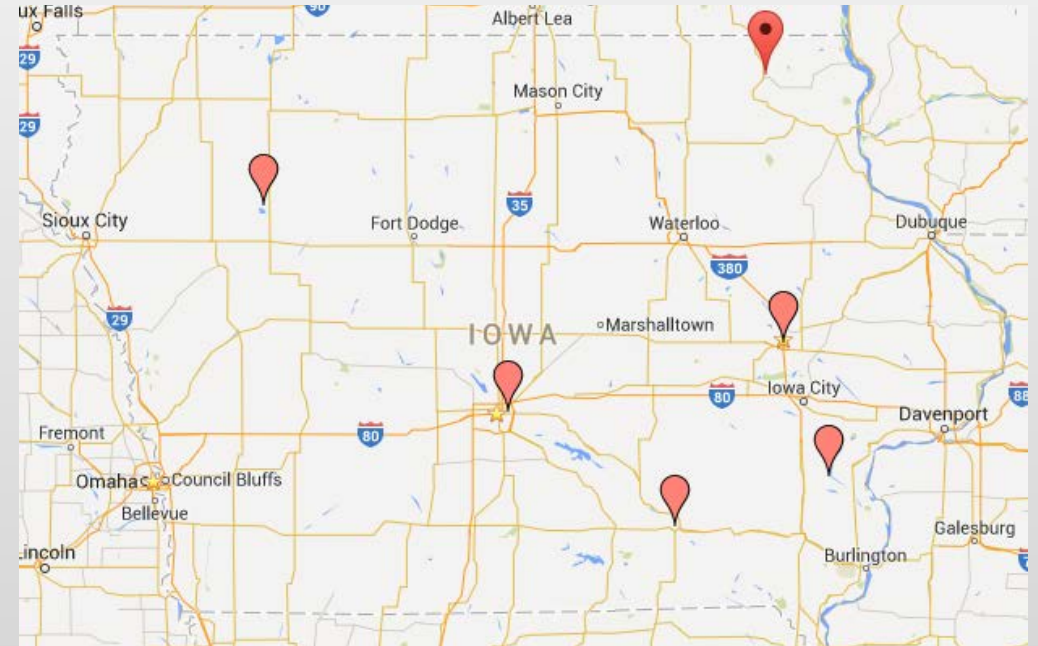


- Monthly clinics in Des Moines, Storm Lake, Columbus Junction, Cedar Rapids, Ottumwa and Decorah.

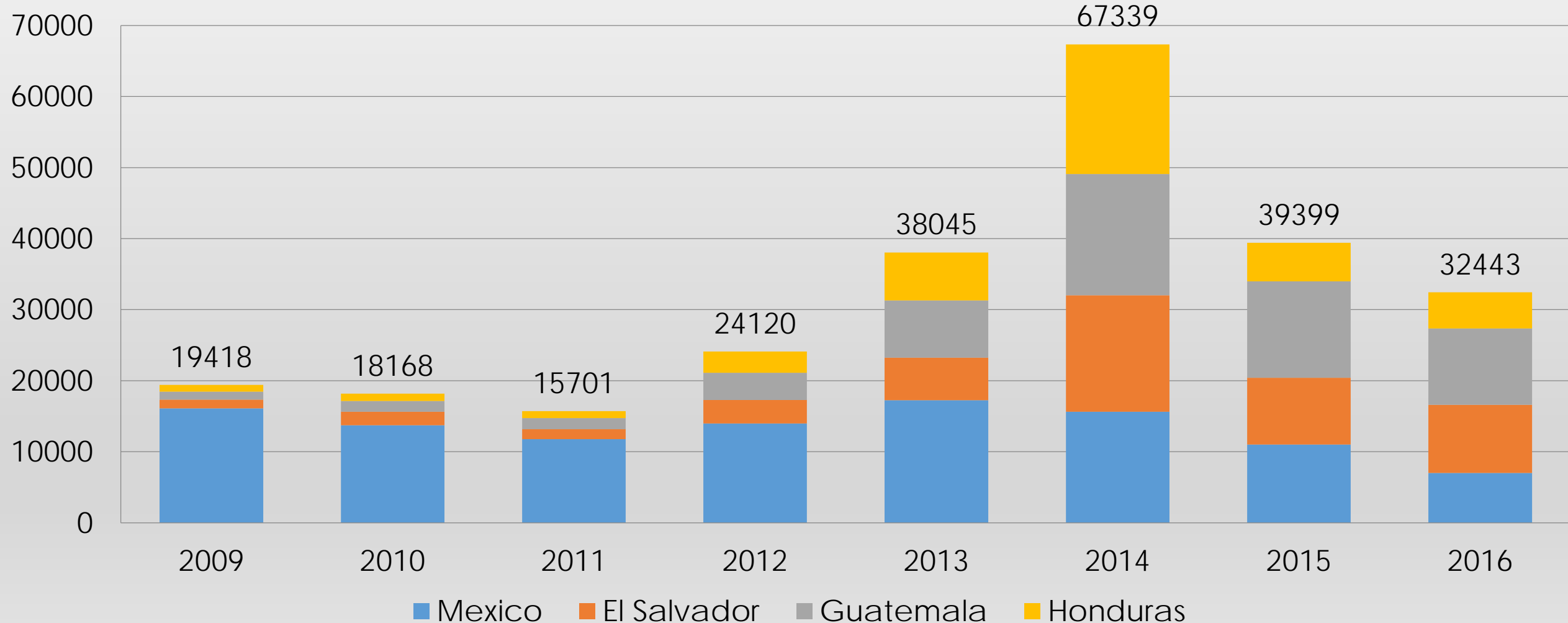
- Other Programs at Iowa JFON:
 - Refugee Green Card Clinics
 - Victims of Domestic Violence
 - Victims of Crimes
 - Unaccompanied Minors



RECENT UAC TRENDS

In the summer of 2014, the U.S. experienced a dramatic increase in the number of unaccompanied children arriving on the southern border.

Border Patrol Apprehensions of Unaccompanied Minors



RECENT UAC TRENDS

Types of UAC are changing:

In the past, a majority of UACs:

- Older teenage boys
- From Mexico
- Migrating for work

Current trends:

- Younger (average age in 2015 was 11 years old)
- More girls (More than 1/3 in 2015)
- From Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador



WHY ARE THEY COMING?

To escape criminal gangs and extreme violence in Central America

- Homicide rates in Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala are respectively ranked the 1st, 4th and 5th highest in the world.
- Children are the main targets of recruitment
- More likely to victims of gang violence
- There is widespread domestic violence and sexual assault

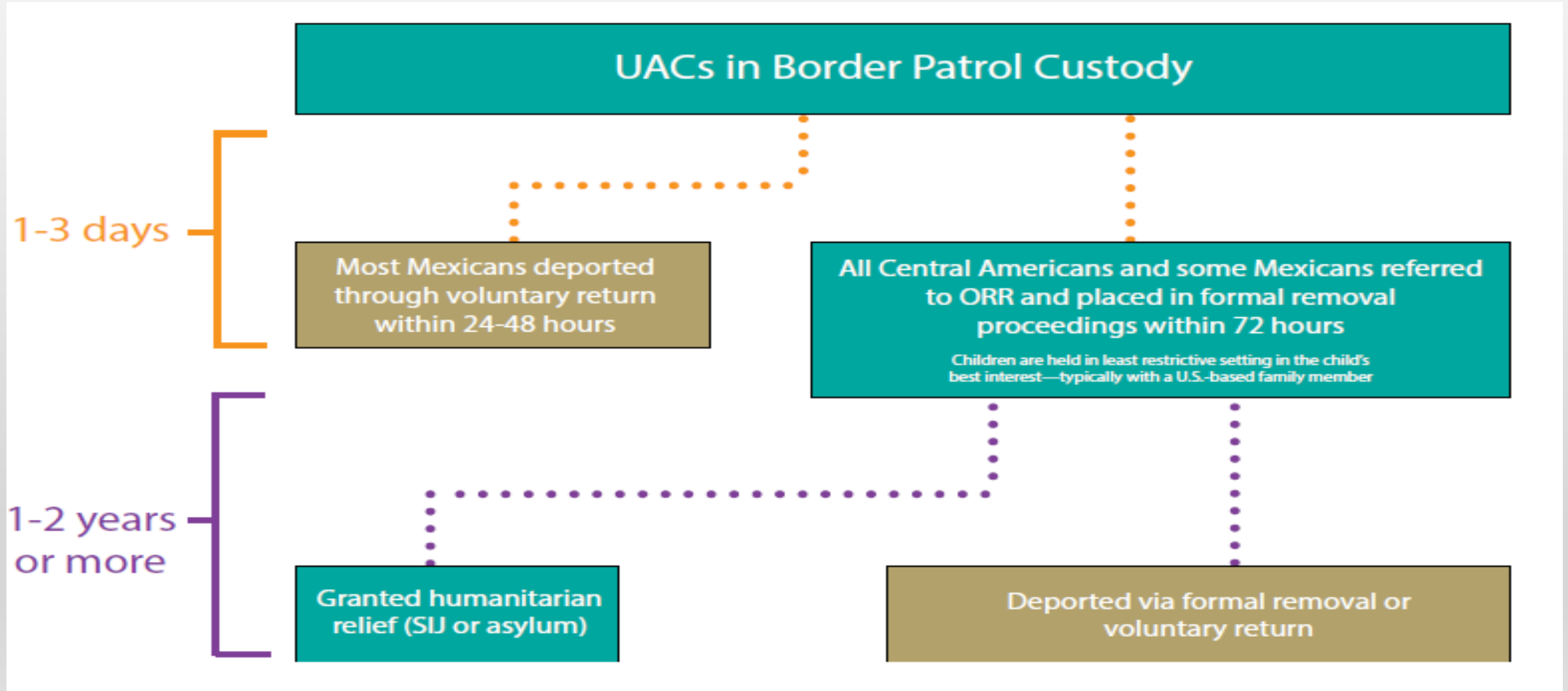


WHY ARE THEY COMING?

- To escape criminal gangs and extreme violence in Central America
- To escape poor economic conditions
- To reunite with family already in the United States



WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE CHILDREN ARRIVE?



ENSURE THE COURT ORDER MAKES ALL REQUIRED FINDINGS.

- The order must make the following findings:
 - Declares the child dependent on the court, or legally commits or places the child under the custody of either a state agency or department or an individual or entity appointed by a juvenile court.
 - Reunification with one or both of the child's parents is not viable due to abuse, neglect, abandonment, or a similar basis under state law. Note: The abuse may have occurred in the United States or prior to the child's arrival in the United States.
 - It would not be in the child's best interest to be returned to his or her country of origin.

IN THE MATTER OF THE
GUARDIANSHIP OF
[REDACTED]
A Minor

Probate No. [REDACTED]
**ORDER ADJUDICATING CHILD TO BE
DEPENDENT AND APPOINTING
GUARDIAN**

The verified Petition for Appointment of Guardian (Voluntary) filed by [REDACTED] [REDACTED] having been presented to the Court, and the Court having examined the Petition, affidavits, and the other documents on file, finds that:

1. This being a voluntary Petition, the Court has jurisdiction of this matter and over [REDACTED] [REDACTED] the minor child and proposed ward who is the subject of the Petition filed herein.
2. The proposed ward has been provided with notice of his rights, including his right to representation and to be personally present at all proceedings pursuant to Iowa Code §633.561 and notice of guardianship powers pursuant to Iowa Code §633.562, as set out in the Petition, and determines that, under the circumstances of the case, that appointed counsel is not required for the proposed ward.
3. That consent of the father of the proposed ward is not possible because his whereabouts are unknown.
4. That the mother of the proposed ward does not appear, is a resident of Guatemala and is not present in the United States, has told the proposed Ward not to return to Guatemala to live with her, and has not provided financial support to the proposed Ward since his arrival in the United States.
5. That the mother has consented to the guardianship.
6. That the mother's instruction to the proposed ward to not return to Guatemala to live with her, the mother's instructions to the proposed ward to go to the United States alone, the mother's failure to arrange for her son's safe travel to the United States, and the mother's lack of financial support demonstrate the mother's neglect and her intent to abandon her child.
7. That the mother of the proposed ward has abandoned and neglected the minor child.
8. That the proposed ward is a minor child, age 15 at the time of filing of the Petition, and has no job or other means of supporting himself, nor other person willing and able to support him other than the proposed Guardian and the proposed Guardian's husband.
9. That the proposed ward is dependent within the meaning and intent of the Iowa Code, and is a resident of or present in the State of Iowa.
10. That reunification of the proposed ward with his mother and father is not viable due to the mother's and father's abandonment and neglect of the proposed ward.

11. That it is not in the best interest of the proposed ward to return to his or his parents' home country of nationality or country of last habitual residence as his father and his mother have abandoned and neglected him. Furthermore, if the proposed ward were to return to his parents' home country of nationality or country of last habitual residence, he would be subjected to neglect, extreme poverty, possible homelessness, and dangerous conditions due to high levels of violence in the area in which the proposed ward's mother resides.

12. That [REDACTED] the proposed ward's adult aunt, is now serving as temporary custodian for the proposed ward, is willing to accept the financial and legal responsibilities of support and supervision as permanent Guardian of the proposed ward.

13. That the statements contained in the Petition and the other filings are true, and there is clear and convincing evidence and good cause for the appointment of a guardian of the person of the proposed ward.

14. That such an appointment of a Guardian without further notice will inure to the best interest of the applicant, and, further, that a limited guardianship pursuant to Iowa Code §633.635 is not appropriate.

15. [REDACTED] is fully qualified to serve as guardian and, as an adult relative of the proposed ward, is an appropriate person to so serve.

16. The Court finds that the proposed ward presently has little or no income, and therefore is indigent within the meaning of §§633.561(3) and 633.673. Accordingly, the court finds that court costs of this proceeding should be waived.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:

1. [REDACTED] a minor child, is hereby adjudicated to be dependent.
2. [REDACTED] is appointed to serve as Guardian and custodian of the person of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] with full power and authority, and that the child shall remain under the care of said Guardian pending further order of this Court.
3. No bond shall be required, and upon the filing of the fiduciary's oath as provided by law, Letters of Guardianship shall be issued by the Clerk of this Court to [REDACTED]
4. Since the ward is indigent within the meaning of §§633.561(3) and 633.673, court costs of this proceeding are waived.
5. This Court shall retain jurisdiction of this cause for the purpose of making such further other orders herein for the welfare of the child named herein as may be from time to time found necessary.

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY
Juvenile Division

IN THE INTEREST OF) NO. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED])
A CHILD.) **ORDER RE: MINOR'S ELIGIBILITY FOR**
DOB: [REDACTED]) **SPECIAL IMMIGRANT JUVENILE STATUS**

This matter comes before the Court upon the filing of a Motion for Order Regarding Minor's Eligibility for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status.

The Court makes the following findings:

1. The child, [REDACTED] is an unmarried minor under the age of 21 years and is a foreign national of Mexico.
2. The child, [REDACTED] has been removed from her parents' care, custody and control. The child has been placed in foster care as part of court-ordered placement. She has been adjudicated to be a Child in Need of Assistance as defined by Iowa Code Section 232.2(6)(c)(2).
3. This Court has jurisdiction under Iowa law to make judicial determinations about the custody and care of juveniles within the meaning of Section 101(a)(27)(J) of the Immigration and Nationality Act ("INA"), 8 U.S.C. Section 1101(a)(27)(J)(i), and 8 C.F.R. Section 204.11 as modified by William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 ("TVPRA"), Pub. L. 110-457, Section 235(d)(1)-(3), 122 Stat. 5044.
4. The child is dependent upon this Court within the meaning of Section 101(a)(27)(J) of the INA, 8 U.S.C. Section 1101(a)(27)(J)(i) and 8 C.F.R. Section 204.11.
5. Reunification with one or both of the child's parents is not viable due to abuse, neglect or abandonment under Iowa State law. This Court makes this finding based on the evidence that there is currently a founded child abuse assessment that the father sexually abused this child. Additionally, the child is currently in foster care and the parents have not visited with their child for more than 90 days.

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6. It is not in the best interests of the child to be returned to her country of nationality or country of last habitual residence, Mexico, within the meaning of Section 101(a)(27)(J) of the INA, 8 U.S.C. Section 1101(a)(27)(J)(ii), and 8 C.F.R. Section 204.11. In making this finding, the Court takes notice that the child has lived in the United States for the majority of her life. If the child returned to Mexico, she would have no reliable long-term caregiver and no access to the type of services and education she is receiving in the United States. It is in the child's best interests to remain in the United States.

REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS

- Immigration Court located in Omaha, Nebraska.
- Can ask the Court for continuances while applying for SIJS with USCIS.
- Must terminate Removal Proceedings before submitting residency (Green Card) application.
- Court will typically terminate proceedings based on approved I-360

NEW LIMITATIONS ON RESIDENCY FILINGS

- As of April 12, 2016, the visa category for SIJS from El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras is oversubscribed and USCIS is no longer accepting Green Card applications for such children.
- Can continue to submit SIJS (I-360) applications
 - Court may not terminate proceedings even with approved I-360, may have to continue or admin close until a visa becomes available
- Not yet known what processing changes will be implemented or how long wait times for adjustment will be in future years.
 - We will know more in September at the end of the governments fiscal year

