

NOTICE FOR SPECIAL IMMIGRANT JUVENILES

A court authorized this notice. This is not a solicitation from a lawyer.

TO:

- **Juveniles who applied on May 13, 2005, or after that date, or who wish to apply for Immigration Status based on having been abused, abandoned, or neglected, this Notice contains important information about your rights. Please read this carefully.**

If you are juvenile in the United States and you are not a United States citizen, you may be eligible for lawful immigration status if you have been abused, abandoned, or neglected. This status is known as Special Immigrant Juvenile status (“SIJ status”).

You are hereby notified that the parties in *Perez-Olano, et al. v. Holder, et al.*, have presented a proposed settlement to the Court for approval pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(e) and a hearing has been set for **December 13, 2010**, at 10:00 a.m., before the Honorable Dean D. Pregerson of the United States District Court for the Central District of California, 312 N. Spring Street, Courtroom 3, Second Floor, Los Angeles, California. The Court has directed that this notice be provided so that people whose rights may be affected by the Settlement have an opportunity to object.

Partial Summary of the benefits juveniles will receive under the Settlement Agreement:

- 1) **Specific Consent:** The Settlement provides that juveniles who are NOT in the Department of Health and Human Services (“HHS”) custody do NOT need “specific consent” before they may go to a juvenile court. Juveniles who ARE in HHS custody only need “specific consent” if they ask a juvenile court to “determine or alter their custody status.” Under the settlement HHS will make efforts to determine requests for specific consent within 30 days after receiving a request.
- 2) **Age-Out:** The Settlement provides that United States Citizenship and Immigrations Services (“USCIS”) will not deny or revoke a SIJ status petition or SIJ-based adjustment of status application on account of age or dependency status if, at the time the person files the petition or application, he or she is under 21 years of age or is the subject of a valid dependency order that was terminated on the basis of age. Persons who applied for SIJ status on or after May 13, 2005 and whose applications were denied on account of age or dependency status may file a motion to reopen with USCIS with a fee waiver request, where appropriate. USCIS will then adjudicate such persons’ SIJ status petitions and adjustment of status applications in accord with the Settlement’s provisions.
- 3) **Juveniles in Removal Proceedings or With Final Removal Orders:** In some circumstances United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (“ICE”) will join in motions to reopen removal proceedings for juveniles who were granted SIJ status and who seek to adjust their status to that of a lawful permanent resident.

For MORE Information About the Settlement Agreement and How to Make Objections:

For a more in-depth summary of the terms of the Settlement Agreement, information about how to obtain a copy of the full Settlement Agreement, and for detailed instructions about how to make objections, please see the attached Notice.