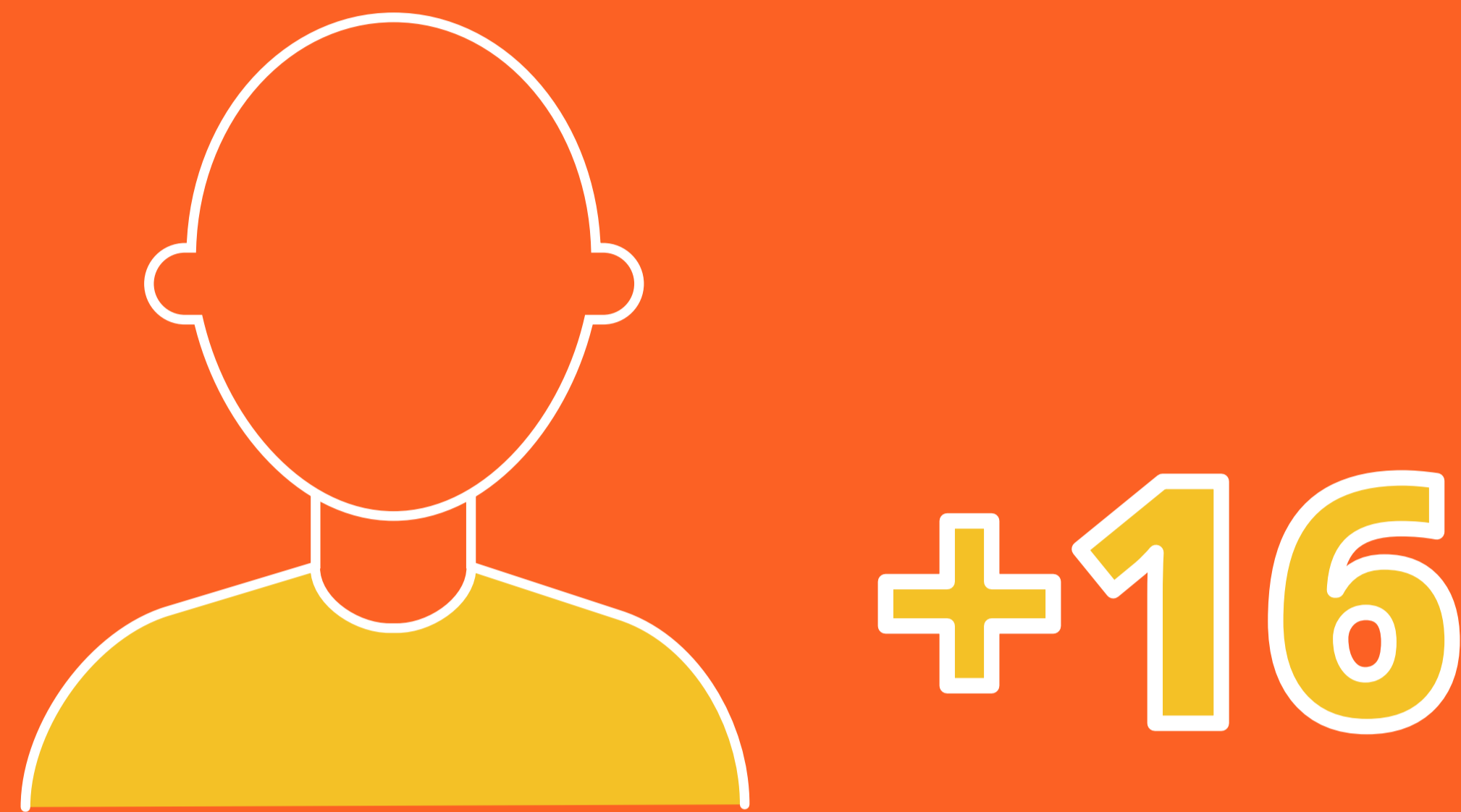


IS IT POSSIBLE FOR MY CHILD WHO IS 16 YEARS OLD OR OLDER TO STAY IN THE UNITED STATES ONCE I HAVE BEEN DEPORTED?



In some states, children over the age of 16 have the right to decide about their education, medical assistance, travel and other legal matters. This allows him or her to live independently without the custody of the state or a legal guardian in case his or her parents get deported. In order to become independent, the child must file a petition in the family court explaining why he/she wants to do so, why it would be the best way to protect his/her interests and demonstrate that he/she is financially independent.

You must take into account that your parental rights will end after this process and it is highly advisable to consult with a lawyer because the laws and processes of independence or emancipation vary in each state of the American Union.

