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Chapter 6: Special Provisions for the Naturalization of Children

A. Battered Children

The child of a U.S. citizen may naturalize if he or she obtained LPR status on the basis of having been battered or subjected to extreme cruelty by their citizen spouse or parent.^[1]

B. Surviving Child of Members of the Armed Forces

The surviving child of a member of the U.S. armed forces may naturalize if his or her citizen parent dies during a period of honorable military service.^[2]

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1. [^] For a more thorough discussion of this provision, see [Part G, Spouses of U.S. Citizens, Chapter 3, Spouses of U.S. Citizens Residing in the United States, Section F, Eligibility for Persons Subjected to Battering or Extreme Cruelty](#).
2. [^] For a more detailed discussion of this provision, see [Part I, Military Members and their Families, Chapter 9, Spouses, Children, and Surviving Family Benefits, Section D, Naturalization for Surviving Spouse, Child, or Parent of Service Member \(INA 319\(d\)\)](#).

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