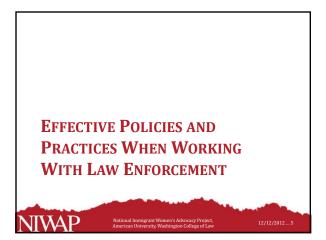
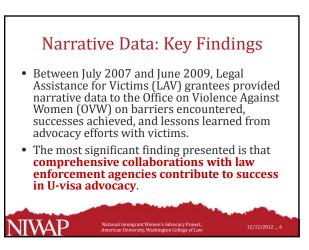


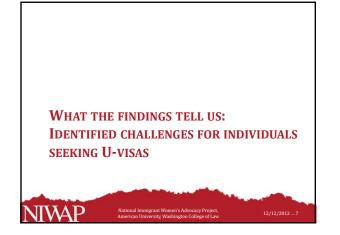




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Challenge #1: Law Enforcement Practices

- Not arresting abusers
- Dual arrest

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- Trying to dissuade victims from pressing charges
- Only interviewing the abuser, and didn't interview the victim
- Minimizing the crime committed by abuser
- Issues of victim credibility in sexual assault and stalking cases
- Immigrant victims were not made aware of their legal rights, including VAWA and U-visa relief



Challenge #1: Law Enforcement Practices

- Grantees cited refusal to sign U-visa certifications for the following reasons: Crime was no longer under investigation
 - Criffie was no foliger under
 Prosecution was pending
 - No prosecution
 - Individuals eligible for U-visa were related to murder and manslaughter victims
 - Victim didn't submit medical evidence
 - No department protocol on certifications
 - Belief that certification meant immigration status was being awarded

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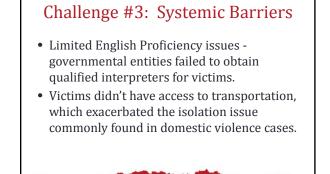


Challenge #2: Court Practices

- Victims who filed for U-visas would oftentimes return to their abuser if protection orders and custody weren't granted.
- Immigration enforcement officials would show up at protection order and custody hearings despite federal law prohibiting enforcement actions at courthouses.

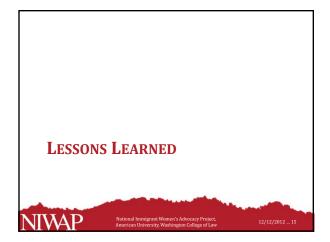
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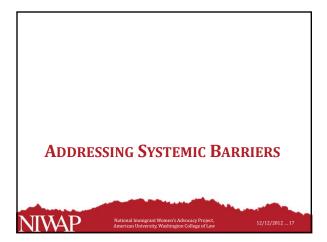


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Transportation Barriers To address transportation barriers, LAV

- grantees extended access to their services through the following:
 - Weekly satellite offices in rural areas
 - Mobile clinicsToll-free statewide hotlines

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Comprehensive Collaboration With Law Enforcement

• Elements of successful collaboration

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- Continuous and comprehensive training for law enforcement
- Ongoing, individualized communication with law enforcement, and building personal relationships
- Providing U-visa certification training tools to law enforcement
- Multi-agency cooperation through community collaboration projects



