

# Judicial Training Network Overview of Project and State Team Expectations

Florida State Team Training

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# Introductions

- Faculty
- Florida State Team
- Office of State Court Administrator

# Judicial Training Network is Designed to:

- Build in-state judicial expertise on the immigration issues and questions arising in state court proceedings
- Provide judge-to-judge support thorough *Judicial Resource Officers* that provide information when judges need it
- Improve access to justice for immigrant children, children in immigrant families and immigrant crime victims

# Judges Perspective on Project Goals

# States Participating

- Louisiana
- Michigan
- Missouri
- Mississippi
- New Mexico
- Florida

# Training Agenda Overview

- Judicial Training Network Project Description
  - Working lunch launching Florida state team work
- Evaluation discussions — opening next and end of the day
- Substantive workshops
  - Provide overview of topics project addresses
  - Access to additional training materials and information

# Trainings

- Trainings in each state designed to
  - Meet the needs of state court judges
  - Reach judges who most need the information
  - Over time reach significant numbers of judges who see in court
    - Immigrant children
    - Immigrant crime victims
    - Children in immigrant families

# Judge-to-Judge Technical Assistance Judicial Resource Officers

- One-on-one technical assistance to judges who
  - Need assistance with cases
  - Have questions they would like answered
- Delivered by state leadership team judges
  - Delivery system developed in each state
  - With back up of national partners and national judicial experts



# Improving Access to Justice for Immigrant Children, Immigrant Crime Victims and Children in Immigrant Families

- NGO Partners
  - Outreach to programs serving immigrant and LEP children, victims, and families
  - Identify barriers to accessing the courts
  - Meet with court partner and state judicial leadership team to develop and implement plans for improving access to justice
  - Carry out plan collaborating with other NGOs in the state

# Improving Access to Justice for Immigrant Children, Immigrant Crime Victims and Children in Immigrant Families

- Court Partners and Judicial Leadership Team
  - Meet with NGO partners to discuss barriers to access to justice for immigrant and LEP litigants
  - Identify areas in which local courts and courts statewide could implement improvements
  - Identify ways courts can work with NGO partners
  - Develop and implement a work plan for implementing identified improvements

# State Team Meetings

- Goal of next activities is to discuss, list and share with the large group ideas, plans and work underway
- For each of the project components
- Hear ideas from other states to learn from each other

# Training Materials and Technical Assistance Back up

- Provided by AU and MSU
- We will
  - Provide direct technical assistance, connect you with a national judicial faculty member, or other national expert
  - Connect you with existing written training materials
  - Conduct research and draft new training tools to address issues identified by state judicial leadership team judges or other judges in your state

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### Introduction

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NIWAP is the nation's expert on the rights and services available to immigrant victims of domestic and other violence, sharing this expertise through training, comprehensive publications, and technical assistance for lawyers and advocates nationwide. NIWAP leads national advocacy efforts for legal protection, social services, and economic justice for immigrant women.

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# Technical Assistance and Materials

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  - <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/jtn-nola-florida/>
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  - <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/sji-materials/>
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