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experiences

## BUILDING TRUSTING RELATIONSHIPS: A GUIDE FOR ADVOCATES/ATTORNEYS WORKING WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT (LE) ON U-VISA CERTIFICATION ISSUES

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September 21, 2015 Create a plan for building strong, mutually beneficial relationships with local law enforcement "Build Alliances" -"Do Your Homework" -"Meet and Greet" -Before contacting law enforcement, prepare by conducting Look for partners and/or coalitions that Plan by creating a strategy for contacting, "research" in the following areas: identify an LE ally and learn already have trusting relationships with meeting with, and building relationships with LE about current practices; collect survivors' stories; and collect police departments agencies data about current U-visa certification practices Determine the best Conduct Letter - who Determine Collect stories of Work with allies and Identify an person to contact is best suited who trainings in survivors of crime the community to ally/officer to learn may be the chief or comprises the to send it? the context illustrative of the collect data about agency an officer or Advocate, best crossof community impact on crime documenting the practices and to supervisor good on discipline judge, or policy & extent of U-visa understand how to victims another ally? DV/SA issues. team to safety rather (positive/negative) certification most effectively Identify liaison attend any than of current U-visa work within the LE practices advocates can such batterer/ certification system communicate with practices <sup>1</sup> meetings with victim framework Mainstream partner (e.g., DV, SA, Courts, Gov't.) can help advocates successfully create relationships with law enforcement Formulate strategy to approach law If you do not have access to a Plan a meeting with the Chief of

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mainstream partner or positive

relationship with the police:

Police or head of the agency

through a trusted ally of the Chief