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NIWAP December Newsletter

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

We write to you in a time of great change and uncertainty for immigrant crime survivors, children, and communities. As the immigration landscape changes in the United States, the work that you are all tirelessly doing on behalf of immigrant survivors and children in communities across the country is needed more than ever. Your efforts are crucial in ensuring that the laws we have secured over the past two decades through the Violence Against Women Acts (VAWA) and the Trafficking Victims Protection Acts (TVPA) continue to effectively assist immigrant victims and children in these changing times. With VAWA up for reauthorization in the coming year, there is much work left to be done. Though protecting victims of family violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking has consistently had bipartisan support to date, there is no guarantee of the same such support in the future. The ability to continuously expand VAWA provisions that help protect the most vulnerable and marginalized groups, such as the immigrant survivors that you directly serve, could be limited and it will be important to maintain all the protections in current law.

Over the past year, you all have directly seen the assistance that the National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project (NIWAP) offers in providing clarity and direction as you do your work in the field. We will continue to support you with access to accurate and clear information, materials, and guidance that you all need to serve your clients, and we will continue to advocate and support your work with this Administration. However, we cannot do it alone. Today, we ask you to join us in this fight. In the past year, we were able to provide technical assistance to 753 advocates and lawyers assisting immigrant survivors. We are committed to offering the same services and more in 2018, so that we can assist and uplift the difficult and incredible work that you all do daily.

Thank you for making 2017 a success. The coming year may be filled with uncertainty for all of us and for the clients you serve, but we promise you this: we are not giving up. Now more than ever, we need your support. Your generous gift of \$100 allows us to expand our technical assistance network and provide accurate, fast, and clear assistance daily for each of you and your clients. Our plans for 2018, include:

- Issuing a report documenting the effect that increased immigration enforcement is having on immigrant survivors' willingness to seek help from the courts, police, prosecutors, victim advocates, and attorneys
- Training state judges, police, and prosecutors on best practices in cases of immigrant survivors and their children
- Expanding accessibility to training materials on line through webinars, NIWAP's library, and technical assistance to support greater access to help for immigrant survivors in rural communities

Thank you for your continued support and friendship.

With gratitude,

Leslye Orloff & Rocio Molina

Call for Directory Update For Professionals Serving Immigrant Refugee Women and Children

The National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project is updating our national database of service providers. NIWAP maintains an online directory of attorneys, advocates, and other professionals with experience working with immigrant survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking, and other criminal activity. This directory helps service providers connect with, support each other and share best practices. It also helps programs working with immigrant victims identify programs with expertise working with immigrant survivors both in their state and in the state to which their client may be moving for safety.

We are seeking your help in updating our directory.

- ✓ Please review the listing for your agency, provided missing information and updated contact information: Go to: [directory](#)
- ✓ If your organization is not listed, provide us your information enter it here.
- ✓ If you work with organizations you recommend including in the directory that provide assistance to immigrant survivors and children who are not listed please e-mail us the organization's name and the email and phone number of a contact person at that agency to info@niwap.org
- ✓ For more information on NIWAP visit www.niwap.org and <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/>

We are looking to list organizations that have expertise and experience working in or offering any of the following services:

Immigration Law

Public Benefits

Victim Services & Health Care

✓ VAWA (Self-petitioning, Cancellation)
 ✓ Immigration Court Proceedings
 ✓ U Visa
 ✓ T Visa
 ✓ VAWA Confidentiality
 ✓ Asylum
 ✓ International Matchmaking
 ✓ Enforcement Actions and Detention
 ✓ Employment-based
 ✓ Special Immigrant Juvenile Status
 ✓ Battered Spouse Waiver

Family Law

✓ Divorce/Legal Separation
 ✓ Custody
 ✓ Kidnapping/Potential Kidnapping
 ✓ Supervised visitation and exchange
 ✓ Visitation

Economic Relief

✓ Child Support
 ✓ Spousal Support
 ✓ Property Division

✓ Shelter
 ✓ Housing/Transitional Housing
 ✓ Education
 ✓ Food
 ✓ Welfare (TANF, Cash)
 ✓ Health Care (Physical)
 ✓ Mental Health and Counseling

Abuse Protections/Safety Planning

✓ Protection Orders
 ✓ Full Faith and Credit
 ✓ Elder Abuse

Cultural Competency/Language Access

✓ Multilingual organization
 ✓ Culturally specific organization
 ✓ Access to qualified interpreters
 ✓ Work with underserved populations

Populations Served: Victims of

✓ Domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalkin

✓ Sexual assault response
 ✓ Domestic violence response
 ✓ Counseling
 ✓ Shelter/Safe House
 ✓ Sexual assault forensic evidence collection and documentation
 ✓ Standards of service for sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking programs

Employment-based Offenses

✓ Workplace sexual assault and harassment
 ✓ Discrimination

Training Programs and Community Collaborations

✓ Coordinated Community Responses
 ✓ U Visa Collaboration/Certification
 ✓ Curricula Development
 ✓ Best Practices Development

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human trafficking
afficking and
other crimes
✓ Child
abuse,
abandonment,
and neglect
✓ Elder abuse

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL US AT (202) 274-4457 OR EMAIL US AT
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Please consider viewing the following webinar that took place on December 14th:

**The Benefits of Mentorship: Empower, Lead, Succeed in
Organizations Serving Survivors of Violence**

Date: Thursday, December 14, 2017

Time: 11:00 a.m. PT, 12:00 p.m MT, 1:00 p.m. CT, 2:00 p.m. ET, 10:00 a.m.
AKST, 9:00 a.m. HST(90 minutes)

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