



## Update on Asylum Seekers Who are Fleeing Domestic and Gender Based Violence in Their Home Countries: Relief Available

NIWAP will continue providing up-to-date technical assistance on matters related to domestic violence victims who have fled domestic and sexual violence in their home countries. In light of recent action in the *Matter of A-B-*, practitioners are reminded of the importance to screen for multiple avenues of relief when working survivors of domestic and sexual violence seeking gender based asylum. Some victims will have also suffered abuse or violence within the United States and may qualify to file U Visas, T Visas or VAWA self-petitions. Others may have been abused, abandoned or neglected by a parent in the U.S. or abroad and may be eligible for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status. For screening tools, see:

- [Info-graphic on Protections for Immigrant Victims](#)
- [Screening for Victims Who Qualify for Immigration Protective Relief](#)

Those interested in ensuring immigrant domestic violence victims maintain access to asylum in the United States can show support by **signing the letter** by **June 22, 2018** co-authored by the Tahirih Justice Center, the Center for Gender and Refugee Studies, and Human Rights First.

Moreover, as highlighted by the National Immigrant Justice Center, in your work on cases involving immigrant victims of domestic violence considering applying for gender based asylum examining Federal Circuit case law applicable in your jurisdiction is important.

For more detailed information on gender based asylum for domestic violence victims and steps you can take to help victims see the resources developed by the following experts:

- [Tahirih Justice Center](#)
- [Center for Gender & Refugee Studies](#)

NIWAP will continue monitoring the situation closely as it develops.

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## Family and Child Separations

For practitioners, advocates, and organizations working with or concerned about clients that may have been separated from their children or families at the border, the following resources provide useful information.

- [Family Separation at the Border](#), by the Women's Refugee Commission
- [Trauma Migrant Children](#) are Experiencing, by NPR
- [AAP Denounces Federal Initiative Separating Families at Border](#), by AAP News

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