

## **Serving Immigrant Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence, Child Abuse, Human Trafficking, and Stalking: Holistic, Trauma Informed Best Practices**

**Training for Attorneys, Victim Advocates, and System-Based Victim Witness Staff  
Honolulu, Hawaii – May 24, 2024**

### **GOALS OF THE TRAINING**

The goals of this training are to ensure that attendees will be better able to:

- Screen and serve survivors eligible for immigration relief using a trauma-informed approach
- Improve survivor safety and economic security by expanding their access to immigration relief and public benefits, through the identification of trafficking co-occurring with domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and child abuse
- Assist immigrant survivors in filing VAWA, T visa, U visa, and/or SIJS cases and obtain U/T visa certification and SIJS judicial determinations
- Ensure survivors receive VAWA confidentiality protections, civil protection orders, custody awards, and economic relief
- Assist immigrant victims and their children in applying for all of the state and federal benefits and services they are eligible to receive in Hawaii

### **AGENDA**

- 8:30 - 8:45 a.m. Welcome, Overview, and Introductions
- 8:45 - 9:00 a.m. Survivor’s Story: Human Trafficking and Domestic Violence
- 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. Dynamics: The Reality of Human Trafficking and Co-Occurring Crimes
- Describe common tactics traffickers use to recruit, exploit, and maintain victims
  - Identify intersections between human trafficking and domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault, and stalking.
  - Analyze how offender tactics and culture may impact immigrant survivors
- 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. “First Do No Harm” Trauma Informed Help for Immigrant Survivors
- Identify common responses to trauma
  - Improve disclosures of traumatic events by building trust and rapport
  - Conduct effective trauma-informed interviews
    - Resource: NIWAP’s trauma-informed interview questionnaire in immigration and family cases

- 10:30 - 10:40 a.m. Break
- 10:40 - 11:10 a.m. Immigration Options for Immigrant Survivors and Their Children
- Identify immigration options VAWA, T visa, U visa, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS)
    - Activity: Case Scenario Exercise
  - Analyze different immigration options by how they impact access to work authorization & public benefits
- 11:10 – 11:40 a.m. U Visas and U Visa Certification
- Describe how certifying early can benefit investigations and prosecutions
  - Increase U visa certifications by educating certifiers of their role in improving immigrant survivors’ access to justices
- 11:40 – 12:00 p.m. Human Trafficking Victims
- Differentiate between T Visa and U Visa qualifications
  - Provide Continued Presence to eligible trafficking victims to improve human trafficking investigations
  - Identify the need and benefits of procuring Child Eligibility Letters from the Office of Trafficking in Persons (OTIP)
- 12:00 – 1:20 p.m. Lunch
- 1:20 – 1:30 p.m. Language Access
- Crime scenes and correcting police reports
  - Language access advocacy with courts, benefits providers, and other services
- 1:30 – 1:50 p.m. VAWA Confidentiality: Overview in State Court Proceedings
- Protections against removal
  - Safe locations
  - Impact on State Court Discovery
- 1:50 – 2:40 p.m. Issues That Arise For Immigrant Survivors in Family Law Cases
- Protection orders
  - Custody
  - Divorce
  - Affidavits of Support
  - Child Support
- 2:40 – 2:55 p.m. Break
- 2:55 – 3:10 p.m. Seeking SIJS judicial determinations in family law cases
- Range of case types
  - Importance of screening victim’s children for SIJS eligibility
- 3:10 - 3:50 p.m. Access to Public Benefits and Services for Immigrant Survivors
- Programs open to all persons without regard to immigration status
  - How public benefits access grows as victims file for immigration relief

- Using NIWAP's public benefits map and charts

3:50 - 4:00 p.m.

Closing and Evaluation

## FACULTY

- Leslye E. Orloff, Adjunct Professor and Director, National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project, American University, Washington College of Law
- Jane Anderson, Senior Attorney Advisor, AEquitas
- Officer Michael LaRiviere, Salem Police Department

## BIOGRAPHIES

**Leslye E. Orloff** – Director of the National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project (NIWAP) and Adjunct Professor at American University Washington College of Law. Ms. Orloff is an Adjunct Professor and Director of the National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project (NIWAP) at American University Washington College of Law. Ms. Orloff's 40-year career includes working collaboratively with experts across the country to develop and implement immigration relief, public benefits access and family law protections for immigrant women, children and survivors. She was involved in drafting the Protection for Immigrant Victims of Violence Against Women of the Violence Against Women Acts of 1994, 2000, 2005, and 2013, the Trafficking Victims Protection Acts of 2000 and 2008, legal services access for battered immigrants in 1997 and 2005 and welfare access for battered immigrants in 1996. She is a co-founder and co-chair of the National Network to End Violence Against immigrant Women (1992-2011).

**Jane Anderson**, Senior Attorney Advisor, AEquitas brings her expertise in prosecuting domestic violence, stalking, sexual violence, and human trafficking to her role as a Senior Attorney Advisor with AEquitas. Prior to joining AEquitas, Jane served as a prosecutor in Miami, Florida where she tried many of the state's first human trafficking cases. In her role as a founding member of the Human Trafficking Unit, Jane developed policies to better identify and provide necessary services to trafficking victims, while ensuring offender accountability using digital evidence and creative charging decisions. Jane also served as a supervisor in the Domestic Violence Unit, where she trained new attorneys and oversaw the prosecution of domestic violence, stalking, and violations of protection orders. In that role, she also reviewed and signed U Visa certifications. Throughout her career, Jane prosecuted felony-level crimes of all types, including homicide, kidnapping, and sexual assault. Jane graduated cum laude from American University, Washington College of Law and is based in the San Francisco Bay Area.

**Officer Michael LaRiviere** has been a member of the Salem Police Department since 1989. His duties during his 6 years as Domestic Violence Liaison Officer (DVLO) included domestic violence investigations, policy/procedure development, and training. Michael's work as DVLO significantly changed the way domestic violence cases are investigated in Salem and surrounding communities. Michael is currently assigned to the Patrol Division where he continues to actively respond to and investigate crimes against victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, elder abuse, and other violent crimes. He has conducted extensive training and is certified through the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center to train law enforcement, medical, social services, and legal professionals on these issues. Michael currently provides consultation and technical assistance nationally and has assisted in the development of training curriculums on victim dynamics, elder abuse, immigration relief to survivors of gender-based violence, and language access for local, state, national and military audiences. Officer LaRiviere earned his B.S. in Human Services at Springfield College. He has been honored with a community award from HAWC (Help for Abused Women and Their Children) for taking concrete steps to end domestic violence and in 2002 he was recognized by the Office on Violence Against Women for his extraordinary contribution to the prevention of domestic violence. Office LaRiviere served as a member of the congressionally appointed Department of Defense Taskforce on Domestic Violence.