

## Access to State-Funded<sup>a</sup> Public Benefits in American Samoa for Survivors,

Based on Immigration Status<sup>b</sup>

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	<i>Qualified Immigrant<sup>d</sup></i>		<i>HHS Certification</i>	<i>Lawfully Present</i>			<i>Limited Benefits Eligibility<sup>10</sup></i>	
<b>TANF</b>	<i>American Samoa is eligible for TANF funding but does not participate in the program. <sup>11</sup></i>							
<b>Child Care<sup>12</sup></b>	Children with prima facie determination eligible for:  Child Care Development Fund (CCDF)-funded child care ( <i>American</i> )	<u>Refugee/Asylee:</u> Children eligible for: CCDF-funded child care ( <i>American Samoa Child Care Program</i> ) <sup>14</sup>	With HHS Certification, prima facie (bona fide) determination on T visa application, or Continued Presence recipients eligible for: CCDF-funded child care ( <i>American Samoa</i> )	Eligible for CCDF-funded child care ( <i>American Samoa Child Care Program</i> ) open to all immigrants, when:	Eligible for CCDF-funded child care open to all immigrants, when: (1) Child care is provided in settings subject to public educational standards,	Eligible for CCDF-funded child care open to all immigrants, when: (1) Child care is provided in settings subject to public educational standards, including	Eligible for CCDF-funded child care ( <i>American Samoa Child Care Programs</i> ) open to all immigrants, when: (1) Child care is provided in	Eligible for CCDF-funded child care ( <i>American Samoa Child Care Program</i> ) open to all immigrants, when:

<sup>a</sup> Federally funded public benefits are in non-italicized typeface and *state-funded public benefits are italicized.*

<sup>b</sup> The chart shows eligibility based on immigration status. Applicants must also meet all other program eligibility requirements, such as income/resource limits. Children and other family members included in an individual's immigration application receive the same access to public benefits as the applicant. When children qualify for federal or state public benefits, immigrant parents can file child-only benefits applications on their children's behalf. Congress exempted from the public charge ground of inadmissibility immigrant victims applying for immigration relief and lawful permanent residency through the following immigration benefits programs: VAWA self-petitioning (as defined in footnote "d"), VAWA cancellation of removal, VAWA suspension of deportation, U visas, and T visas. For technical assistance on benefits access for immigrant survivors please contact the National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project, American University, Washington College of Law (202) 274-4457 or [info@niwap.org](mailto:info@niwap.org). NIWAP would like to thank Michelle Aronowitz and Dean's Fellows Alexandra Brown and Sandeep Purewal for their work in developing these state public benefits charts.

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<sup>d</sup> See 8 U.S.C. § 1641(a)-(c) (Qualified immigrants are: **lawful permanent residents (LPRs)**; refugees; asylees; persons granted withholding of deportation/removal, conditional entry (as in effect prior to Apr. 1, 1980), humanitarian parolees; Cuban/Haitian entrants; and certain battered immigrants. A battered immigrant is someone who: (1)(a) has been battered or subjected to extreme cruelty in the U.S. by a U.S. citizen or LPR spouse, parent or step-parent or member of the spouse/parent/step-parent's family residing in the same household as the immigrant and the spouse/parent/step-parent consented to or acquiesced in such battery or cruelty, and there is a substantial connection between the battery or cruelty and the need for the public benefits, and (b) has been approved or has a petition or self-petition pending which sets forth a prima facie case for certain immigrant visa classifications, suspension of deportation, or cancellation of removal; or (2) is a victim of trafficking or a family member of a trafficking victim who has been granted T visa status or whose T visa application sets forth a prima facie case.). For discussion of prima facie determinations by immigration judges in suspension of deportation and cancellation of removal cases for battered immigrants, see OFFICE OF THE CHIEF IMMIGRATION JUDGE, U.S. DEP'T OF JUSTICE, OPERATING POLICY AND PROCEDURE MEMORANDUM 97-9; MOTIONS FOR "PRIMA FACIE" DETERMINATION AND VERIFICATION REQUESTS FOR BATTERED SPOUSES AND CHILDREN, <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/prima-facie-verification-requests/> (last visited Mar. 2, 2018).

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<b>Child Care</b>	<i>Samoa Child Care Program</i> ). <sup>13</sup>	<u>T visa</u> : with prima facie (bona fide) determination on T visa application, children eligible for: CCDF-funded child care ( <i>American Samoa Child Care Program</i> ) <sup>15</sup>	<i>Child Care Program</i> ) <sup>16</sup>  Derivate family members with T visa status eligible for CCDF-funded child care ( <i>American Samoa Child Care Program</i> ), no need for HHS Certification or eligibility determination. <sup>17</sup>	(1) Child care is provided in settings subject to public educational standards, including public or private pre-kindergarten or public and private child care provided after school or during school holidays; (2) Child care is subject to Head Start performance standards; or (3) Eligibility for child care services is determined by a nonprofit charitable organization. <sup>18</sup>	including public or private pre-kindergarten or public and private child care provided after school or during school holidays; (2) Childcare is subject to Head Start performance standards; or (3) Eligibility for child care services is determined by a nonprofit charitable organization. <sup>19</sup>  Upon receiving lawful permanent residency, eligible for CCDF-funded child care ( <i>American Samoa Child Care Program</i> ). <sup>20</sup>	public or private pre-kindergarten or public and private child care provided after school or during school holidays; (2) Childcare is subject to Head Start performance standards; or (3) Eligibility for child care services is determined by a nonprofit charitable organization. <sup>21</sup>  Upon receiving lawful permanent residency, eligible for CCDF-funded child care ( <i>American Samoa Child Care Program</i> ). <sup>22</sup>	settings subject to public educational standards, including public or private pre-kindergarten or public and private child care provided after school or during school holidays; (2) Child care is subject to Head Start performance standards; or (3) Eligibility for child care services is determined by a nonprofit charitable organization. <sup>23</sup>	(1) Child care is provided in settings subject to public educational standards, including public or private pre-kindergarten or public and private child care provided after school or during school holidays; (2) Child care is subject to Head Start performance standards; or (3) Eligibility for child care services is determined by a nonprofit charitable organization. <sup>24</sup>
<b>Nutrition Assistance Program (NAP) block grants (Food Stamps)</b> <sup>25</sup>	Eligible with prima facie determination, subject to an additional condition, e.g.: five years residency, younger than 18, elderly, or disabled. <sup>26</sup>	<u>Refugee/Asylee</u> : Eligible with no additional conditions. <sup>27</sup>  <u>T visa</u> : Eligible with prima facie (bona fide) determination on T visa application, subject	Human trafficking victims are eligible: with an HHS Certification (based on continued presence or a bona fide determination on a T visa application) or with an HHS eligibility	Not eligible.	Eligible upon receiving lawful permanent residency, subject to an additional condition, <sup>33</sup> e.g.: under 18, <sup>34</sup> five years residency, <sup>35</sup> 40 qualifying work quarters, <sup>36</sup> or disabled. <sup>37</sup>	Eligible upon receiving lawful permanent residency, subject to an additional condition, <sup>38</sup> e.g.: under 18, <sup>39</sup> five years residency, <sup>40</sup> 40 qualifying work	Not eligible.	Not eligible.

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NAP		to an additional condition (e.g. five-years residency, under 18, elderly, or disabled). <sup>28</sup> Also eligible under the Trafficking Victims Protection Act. <sup>29</sup>	determination (under 18). <sup>30</sup> Family members with T visa status eligible without HHS certification or eligibility determination. <sup>31</sup>  These human trafficking victims are eligible to the same extent as refugees and thus are eligible with no additional conditions. <sup>32</sup>			quarters, <sup>41</sup> elderly, <sup>42</sup> or disabled. <sup>43</sup>		
<b>The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)</b>	The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) provides Federal grants to States for supplemental foods, health care referrals, and nutrition education for low-income pregnant, breastfeeding, and non-breastfeeding postpartum women, and to infants and children up to age five who are found to be at nutritional risk, without regard to immigration status. <sup>44</sup> Applicants must live in the state in which they apply, but are not required to live there for a certain amount of time in order to meet the WIC residency requirement. <sup>45</sup> Applicants must also have an income at or below an income level or standard set by the State agency or be determined automatically income-eligible based on participation in certain programs (TANF, SNAP benefits, Medicaid). <sup>46</sup>  <i>In American Samoa, applicants should call the WIC clinic closest to them to set up an appointment. In American Samoa, income for applicants is to be set at 185% of the federal poverty level.</i> <sup>47</sup>							
<b>Purchase Health Insurance on Exchanges<sup>e</sup></b>	<i>In American Samoa, applicants are ineligible to use the Marketplace to enroll in health coverage.</i> <sup>48</sup>							
<b>Child Health Insurance Program (CHIP)</b>	<i>In American Samoa, individuals do not enroll in CHIP as they do in all other territories and states. Instead, federal CHIP funds pay for care provided in the territory in proportion to the population of American Samoans with income that would have fallen below the CHIP income eligibility threshold of 400 percent of the federal poverty level.</i> <sup>49</sup>							
<b>Full-Scope Medicaid</b>	<i>In American Samoa, individuals do not enroll in Medicaid as they do in all other territories and states. Instead, federal Medicaid funds pay for care provided in the territory in proportion to the population of American Samoans with income that would have fallen below the Medicaid income eligibility threshold of 400 percent of the federal poverty level.</i> <sup>50</sup>							
<b>Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)</b>	The Victims of Crime Act compensation is not available to crime victims in CNMI. Victim’s assistance programs are supported by VOCA. <sup>51c</sup>							

<sup>e</sup> Under the Affordable Care Act, in “mixed status” households, each family member may have different eligibility for exchanges and subsidies. NAT’L IMMIGRATION LAW CTR., FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT & MIXED-STATUS FAMILIES (rev. 2014), <https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/FAQ-ACA-and-mixed-status-families-2014-12-1.pdf>.

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<b>Family Medical Leave Act</b>	American Samoa has no territorial Family Medical Leave Act law.							
<b>Education-Federal Benefits: Federal Student Aid, Grants and Loans<sup>52</sup></b>	With prima facie determination, eligible <sup>53</sup>	Refugees, Asylees, and T visa holders or T visa applicants with prima facie (bona fide) determination, an HHS Certification or eligibility letter are eligible for federal student aid. <sup>54</sup>	Human trafficking victims eligible: with an HHS Certification (based on continued presence or a bona fide determination on a T visa application), or with an HHS eligibility determination (under 18), and family members with T visa status, are eligible for federal student aid. <sup>55</sup>	Not eligible for federal student aid. <sup>56</sup>	Eligible for federal student aid upon receipt of lawful permanent residency. <sup>57</sup>	Eligible for federal student aid upon receipt of lawful permanent residency. <sup>58</sup>	Not eligible for federal student aid.	Not eligible for federal student aid.
<b>Education-State Law<sup>59</sup></b>	All children, without regard to immigration status or citizenship are eligible to attend public elementary and secondary (K-12) schools. State schools may not request citizenship or immigration status information and may not bar students from enrolling in public elementary or secondary schools based on the citizenship or immigration status of the student, their parent or their guardian. <sup>60</sup> Eligible to apply for and enroll in state funded colleges and universities without regard to immigration status. <sup>61</sup>  <i>In American Samoa, applicants may qualify for financial assistance if the student qualifies for permanent residency in American Samoa or is a legal resident of American Samoa.</i> <sup>62</sup>							
<b>Supplemental Security Income (SSI)<sup>63</sup></b>	<i>The SSI program does not cover American Samoa.</i> <sup>64</sup>							
<b>Driver's License<sup>65</sup></b>	Under the REAL ID Act, evidence of "lawful status" is required for a driver's license to be accepted by a federal agency for official purposes. <sup>66</sup> The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), by regulation, lists specific documents that will provide satisfactory evidence of lawful status. <sup>67</sup> All documentation for REAL ID compliant ID's will be submitted through the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements Program (S.A.V.E.). <sup>68</sup> DHS will also approve acceptance of other documentation issued by DHS or other Federal agencies demonstrating lawful status, as determined by USCIS. <sup>69</sup> In addition, DHS permits states to establish an "Exception Process" and consider "Alternative Documents." <sup>70</sup>  <i>In American Samoa to obtain as Driver's License the following documents are required::<sup>71</sup></i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Valid Passport or Birth Certificate;</li> <li>• Valid photo ID</li> <li>• Social Security Card (immigrants will receive social security card once they are issued work authorization)<sup>72</sup></li> <li>• American Samoa Government Immigration Card or proof of U.S. citizenship or U.S. National</li> <li>• American Samoa Traffic History Court Clearance.</li> </ul>						Not Applicable	

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<b>Professional &amp; Occupational Licenses</b>	No American Samoa laws or policies regarding immigrant access to professional or occupational licenses including whether or not work authorization is sufficient or required.							
<b>Housing, Health and Other Services Necessary to Protect Life or Safety</b>	Certain federally assisted programs providing services necessary to protect life or safety must make those services available without regard to immigration status and may not withhold those services based on immigration status. <sup>73</sup> Programs considered necessary for the protection of life or safety include, but are not limited to: short term shelter or transitional housing for the homeless, or for victims of domestic abuse, sexual assault, stalking, dating violence, or human trafficking, or for runaway, abused or abandoned children; crisis counseling and intervention programs; services and assistance relating to victims of domestic violence or other criminal activity, child protection, adult protective services, or violence and abuse prevention; soup kitchens, community food banks, senior nutrition programs and other nutritional programs for persons requiring special assistance (e.g., WIC); medical and public health services (including federally qualified health centers); mental health, disability, or substance abuse assistance necessary to protect life or safety; activities designed to protect the life or safety of workers, children and youths, or community residents; programs to help individuals during periods of adverse weather conditions. <sup>74</sup>							
<b>Public and Assisted<sup>75</sup> Housing<sup>76</sup> and Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Housing<sup>77</sup></b>	Upon filing VAWA self-petition, applicant cannot be denied HUD public or assisted housing unless and until a final determination of ineligibility. <sup>78</sup>  USDA rental housing follows HUD procedures for processing VAWA self-petitions, <sup>79</sup> so should be eligible for all USDA rental housing unless and until a final determination of ineligibility. Regardless of immigration status, eligible for USDA Section 515 Rural Rental Housing (without Rental Assistance), <sup>80</sup> and USDA Section 514/516 Farm Labor	<u>Refugee/Asylee, T visa holder or T visa applicant</u> with prima facie (bona fide) determination eligible for:  HUD public and assisted housing; <sup>86</sup> USDA Section 515 Rural Rental Housing; <sup>87</sup> USDA Section 521 Rural Rental Assistance; <sup>88</sup> USDA Section 514/516 Farm Labor Housing if immediate family member <sup>89</sup> or remaining household member <sup>90</sup> of eligible domestic farm laborer. Upon receiving lawful permanent residency USDA Section 514/516	Human trafficking victims with an HHS Certification (based on continued presence or a bona fide determination on a T visa application), or with an HHS eligibility determination (under 18), and family members with T visa status (no need for HHS certification or eligibility determination), <sup>93</sup> are eligible for: HUD public and assisted housing <sup>94</sup> and USDA rental housing. <sup>95</sup>  <i>In American Samoa, may be eligible to live in Section 1602 Low Income Housing Tax Credit property.</i> <sup>96</sup>	Eligible for USDA Section 515 Rural Rental Housing (without Rental Assistance), <sup>97</sup> and Section 514/516 Farm Labor Housing if immediate family member of eligible domestic farm laborer. <sup>98</sup>  <i>In American Samoa, may be eligible to live in Section 1602 Low Income Housing Tax Credit property.</i> <sup>99</sup>	Eligible for USDA Section 515 Rural Rental Housing (without Rental Assistance), <sup>100</sup> and Section 514/516 Farm Labor Housing if immediate family member of eligible domestic farm laborer. <sup>101</sup>  Upon receiving lawful permanent residency, <sup>102</sup> eligible for HUD <sup>103</sup> and USDA <sup>104</sup> rental housing. <sup>105</sup>  <i>In American Samoa, may be eligible to live in Section 1602 Low Income Housing Tax Credit property.</i> <sup>106</sup>	Eligible for USDA Section 515 Rural Rental Housing (without Rental Assistance), <sup>107</sup> and Section 514/516 Farm Labor Housing if immediate family member of eligible domestic farm laborer. <sup>108</sup>  Upon receiving lawful permanent residency, <sup>109</sup> eligible for HUD <sup>110</sup> and USDA <sup>111</sup> rental housing. <sup>112</sup>  <i>In American Samoa, may be eligible to live in Section 1602 Low Income Housing Tax Credit property.</i> <sup>113</sup>	Eligible for USDA Section 515 Rural Rental Housing (without Rental Assistance), <sup>114</sup> and Section 514/516 Farm Labor Housing if immediate family member of eligible domestic farm laborer. <sup>115</sup>  <i>In American Samoa, may be eligible to live in Section 1602 Low Income Housing Tax Credit property.</i> <sup>116</sup>	Eligible for USDA Section 515 Rural Rental Housing (without Rental Assistance), <sup>117</sup> and Section 514/516 Farm Labor Housing if immediate family member of eligible domestic farm laborer. <sup>118</sup>  <i>In American Samoa, may be eligible to live in Section 1602 Low Income Housing Tax Credit property.</i> <sup>119</sup>

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<b>Public and Assisted Housing and LIHTC</b>	<p>Housing if immediate family member of eligible tenant.<sup>81</sup></p> <p>Upon filing self-VAWA self-petition, remaining household member of eligible domestic farm laborer eligible to continue to occupy USDA Section 514/516 Farm Labor Housing unit.<sup>82</sup></p> <p>Upon receiving lawful permanent residency, eligible for USDA Section 514/516 Farm Lab or Housing;<sup>83</sup> USDA Section 521 Rural Rental Assistance.<sup>84</sup></p> <p><i>In American Samoa, eligible to live in Section 1602 Low Income Housing Tax Credit Property.<sup>85</sup></i></p>	<p>Farm Labor Housing.<sup>91</sup></p> <p><i>In American Samoa, may be eligible to live in Section 1602 Low Income Housing Tax Credit property.<sup>92</sup></i></p>						
<b>Income Tax Credits</b>	<p><b>Child Tax Credit:</b><sup>120</sup> Immigrants with social security numbers or Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers (ITINs) who care for dependent children under the age of 17 are eligible to claim a child tax credit on their income taxes.<sup>121</sup> A qualifying child must be a citizen, national, or resident of the U.S with an SSN or an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN).<sup>122</sup> Immigrants eligible to receive social security numbers include lawful permanent residents, refugees, asylees, and VAWA self-petitioners, T visa applicants with bona fide determinations, and wait-list approved U visa applicants once they are granted work authorization. Any immigrant without regard to immigration status can obtain an ITIN.<sup>123</sup></p> <p><b>Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit:</b><sup>124</sup> Immigrants with social security numbers or Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers (ITINs) can claim a child or dependent care tax credit on their income taxes when they care for—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A dependent child under the age of 13,</li> <li>• A spouse who is unable to physically or mentally care for themselves, or</li> </ul>							

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<b>Income Tax Credits</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An individual who is unable to care for themselves, mentally or physically who has lived with the taxpayer for at least six months.<sup>125</sup> The child or dependent must have a social security number or ITIN.<sup>126</sup> Immigrants eligible to receive social security numbers include lawful permanent residents, refugees, asylees, and VAWA self-petitioners, T visa applicants with bona fide determinations and wait-list approved U visa applicants once they are granted work authorization. Any immigrant without regard to immigration status can obtain an ITIN.<sup>127</sup></li> </ul>							
<b>Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)</b>	<i>The Earned Income Tax Credit is not applicable in American Samoa.</i> <sup>128</sup>							
<b>Legal Services<sup>129</sup></b>	<p>An immigrant who (or whose child) is battered or subjected to extreme cruelty<sup>130</sup> inside or outside of the United States<sup>131</sup> is eligible for legal assistance from Legal Services Corporation (LSC)-funded agencies on matters related to the abuse.<sup>132</sup></p> <p>Eligible for legal assistance on any matter the LSC-funded agency handles upon receiving lawful permanent resident status,<sup>133</sup> or spouses, parents, and unmarried children under age 21 of U.S. citizens<sup>134</sup> become eligible for full representation on any matter upon filing an application for lawful permanent residency.<sup>135</sup></p>	<p><u>Refugee/Asylee:</u> Refugees and Asylees are eligible for legal assistance on any matter the Legal Services Corporation (LSC)-funded agency handles.<sup>140</sup></p> <p><u>T visa:</u> An immigrant who has been (or whose child has been) a victim of trafficking in the U.S, including a T visa holder,<sup>141</sup> is eligible for legal assistance on any matter the LSC-funded agency handles.<sup>142</sup></p> <p>Eligible for Office of Violence Against Women funded Legal Assistance<sup>143</sup> for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking<sup>144</sup> or dating violence.<sup>145</sup> Must</p>	<p>An immigrant victim of severe forms of human trafficking with (or seeking) HHS Certification,<sup>147</sup> and family members with (or applying for) T visa status,<sup>148</sup> are eligible for legal assistance on any matter the LSC-funded agency handles.</p> <p>Eligible for Office of Violence Against Women funded Legal Assistance<sup>149</sup> for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking<sup>150</sup> or dating violence.<sup>151</sup> Must be at least 11 years old.<sup>152</sup></p>	<p>A DACA recipient who is (or whose child is) battered or subjected to extreme cruelty,<sup>153</sup> or is a victim of sexual assault or trafficking in the U.S.,<sup>154</sup> is eligible for legal services from LSC-funded agencies<sup>155</sup> on matters related to the abuse.<sup>156</sup></p> <p>Eligible for Office of Violence Against Women funded Legal Assistance<sup>157</sup> for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault,</p>	<p>Eligible for LSC-funded legal assistance when the child has suffered battering or extreme cruelty,<sup>161</sup> or sexual assault or trafficking in the U.S.,<sup>162</sup> on matters related to the abuse.<sup>163</sup></p> <p>Eligible for legal assistance on any matter the LSC-funded agency handles upon receiving LPR status,<sup>164</sup> or, for the spouse, parent or unmarried child under 21 of a U.S. citizen, upon filing an application for LPR status.<sup>165</sup></p> <p>Eligible for Office of Violence Against Women funded Legal Assistance<sup>166</sup> for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking<sup>167</sup> or dating violence.<sup>168</sup></p>	<p>An immigrant who has (or whose child has) been granted, applied for, or qualifies to apply for U visa status and a family member eligible to apply for U visa status<sup>170</sup> is eligible for legal assistance from Legal Services Corporation (LSC)-funded agencies<sup>171</sup> on matters related to the crime victimization.<sup>172</sup></p> <p>Eligible for legal assistance on any matter the LSC-funded agency handles upon receiving LPR status,<sup>173</sup> or, for the spouse, parent or unmarried child under 21 of a U.S. citizen, upon filing an application for LPR status.<sup>174</sup></p>	<p>An immigrant who has (or whose child has) applied for, or qualifies to apply for U visa status and a family member eligible to apply for U visa status<sup>179</sup> is eligible for legal assistance from Legal Services Corporation (LSC)-funded agencies<sup>180</sup> on matters related to the crime victimization.<sup>181</sup></p> <p>Eligible for Office of Violence Against Women funded Legal Assistance<sup>182</sup> for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking<sup>183</sup> or dating violence.<sup>184</sup> Must be at least 11 years old.<sup>185</sup></p>	<p>An immigrant victim who is (or whose child is), battered or subjected to extreme cruelty,<sup>186</sup> or is a victim of sexual assault or trafficking in the U.S.,<sup>187</sup> is eligible for legal services from LSC-funded agencies<sup>188</sup> on matters related to the abuse.<sup>189</sup></p> <p>Eligible for Office of Violence Against Women funded Legal Assistance<sup>190</sup> for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking<sup>191</sup> or dating violence.<sup>192</sup></p>

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<b>Legal Services</b>	Eligible for Office of Violence Against Women funded Legal Assistance <sup>136</sup> as a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking <sup>137</sup> or dating violence. <sup>138</sup> Must be at least 11 years old. <sup>139</sup>	be at least 11 years old. <sup>146</sup>		stalking <sup>158</sup> or dating violence. <sup>159</sup> Must be at least 11 years old. <sup>160</sup>	Must be at least 11 years old. <sup>169</sup>	Eligible for Office of Violence Against Women funded Legal Assistance <sup>175</sup> for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking <sup>176</sup> or dating violence. <sup>177</sup> Must be at least 11 years old. <sup>178</sup>		Must be at least 11 years old. <sup>193</sup>
<b>Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)<sup>194</sup> Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)<sup>195</sup></b>	Eligible for weatherization assistance (WAP) for families living in multi-unit dwellings, without regard to immigration status. <sup>196</sup>  Eligible for LIHEAP heating/cooling assistance and single-family weatherization assistance upon receipt of prima facie determination. <sup>197</sup>	Eligible for weatherization assistance (WAP) for families living in multi-unit dwellings, without regard to immigration status. <sup>198</sup>  Refugees, asylees, T visa holders, and T visa applicants with prima facie (bona fide) determination eligible for LIHEAP heating/cooling assistance and single-family weatherization assistance. <sup>199</sup>	Eligible for weatherization assistance (WAP) for families living in multi-unit dwellings without, regard to immigration status. <sup>200</sup>  Human trafficking victims with HHS Certification (based on continued presence or a bona fide determination on a T visa application) or with HHS eligibility determination (under 18), are considered refugees and thus are eligible for LIHEAP heating/cooling and single-family weatherization assistance. <sup>201</sup>	Eligible for weatherization assistance (WAP) for families living in multi-unit dwellings, without regard to immigration status. <sup>202</sup>	Eligible for weatherization assistance (WAP) for families living in multi-unit dwellings, without regard to immigration status. <sup>203</sup>  Eligible for LIHEAP heating/cooling assistance and single-family weatherization assistance upon receiving lawful permanent residency. <sup>204</sup>	Eligible for weatherization assistance (WAP) for families living in multi-unit dwellings without, regard to immigration status. <sup>205</sup>  Eligible for LIHEAP heating/cooling assistance and single-family weatherization assistance upon receiving lawful permanent residency. <sup>206</sup>	Eligible for weatherization assistance (WAP) for families living in multi-unit dwellings, without regard to immigration status. <sup>207</sup>	Eligible for weatherization assistance (WAP) for families living in multi-unit dwellings, without regard to immigration status. <sup>208</sup>
<b>Federal Emergency</b>	Eligible for certain FEMA provided emergency services that are available to all victims regardless of their immigration status. These services are short term, non-cash, in-kind emergency disaster relief, including: search and rescue, emergency medical care, mass care and shelter, resources for essential needs such as food, water and medicine, and reduction of immediate threats to life, property, public health and safety. <sup>210</sup>							



	VAWA Self-Petitioner <sup>1</sup> and Battered Spouse Waiver <sup>2</sup>	Refugee, <sup>3</sup> Asylee, T Visa <sup>4</sup>	T Visa <sup>5</sup> / Continued Presence <sup>6</sup>	Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) <sup>7</sup>	Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) <sup>8</sup>	U Visa, bona fide, or upon wait list approval. <sup>9</sup>	U Visa Applicants	Undocumented
<b>Management Agency (FEMA) Assistance<sup>209</sup></b>	D-SNAP, which provides temporary food assistance for households affected by a natural disaster, may be available for households that are not normally eligible for SNAP benefits. <sup>211</sup>							
<b>Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)-Restricted Programs<sup>212</sup></b>	<p>Upon receipt of prima facie determination:</p> <p>Eligible for FEMA Assistance Programs, Individuals and Households Program (IHP), and Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA).<sup>213</sup></p> <p>Eligible for Emergency Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), subject to five-year bar, unless under 18, or lawfully residing on August 22, 1996 and either receiving disability-related benefits or born before Aug. 22, 1931.<sup>214</sup></p>	<p>FEMA Assistance Programs, Individuals and Households Program (IHP), Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA): open to <u>Refugees, Asylees, T visa applicants</u> with prima facie (bona fide) determination.<sup>215</sup></p> <p>Emergency SNAP open to <u>Refugees/Asylees</u> (no five-year bar),<sup>216</sup> and <u>T visa applicants</u> with prima facie (bona fide) determination, subject to five-year bar, unless under 18, or lawfully residing on August 22, 1996 and either receiving disability-related benefits or born before Aug. 22, 1931.<sup>217</sup></p>	<p>Human trafficking victims eligible: with HHS Certification (based on continued presence or a bona fide determination on a T visa application) or with HHS eligibility determination (under 18)<sup>218</sup></p> <p>These human trafficking victims are considered refugees and thus are eligible for FEMA Assistance Programs, Individual and Households Program (IHP), Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA), and Emergency SNAP.<sup>219</sup></p>	Not eligible.	<p>Upon receiving lawful permanent residency: Eligible for FEMA Assistance Programs, Individuals and Households Program (IHP), and Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA).<sup>220</sup></p> <p>Eligible for Emergency SNAP, subject to five-year bar, unless under 18 years of age; can be credited with 40 quarters of work earned by the individual, parents, or spouse; or lawfully residing on August 22, 1996 and either receiving disability-related benefits or born before Aug. 22, 1931.<sup>221</sup></p>	<p>Upon receiving lawful permanent residency: Eligible for FEMA Assistance Programs, Individuals and Households Program (IHP), and Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA).<sup>222</sup></p> <p>Eligible for Emergency SNAP, subject to five-year bar, unless under 18 years of age; can be credited with 40 quarters of work earned by the individual, parents, or spouse; or lawfully residing on August 22, 1996 and either receiving disability-related benefits or born before Aug. 22, 1931.<sup>223</sup></p>	<p>Upon receiving lawful permanent residency: Eligible for FEMA Assistance Programs, Individuals and Households Program (IHP), and Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA).<sup>224</sup></p> <p>Eligible for Emergency SNAP, subject to five-year bar, unless under 18 years of age; can be credited with 40 quarters of work earned by the individual, parents, or spouse; or lawfully residing on August 22, 1996 and either receiving disability-related benefits or born before Aug. 22, 1931.<sup>225</sup></p>	Not eligible. <sup>226</sup>

	VAWA Self-Petitioner <sup>1</sup> and Battered Spouse Waiver <sup>2</sup>	Refugee, <sup>3</sup> Asylee, T Visa <sup>4</sup>	T Visa <sup>5</sup> / Continued Presence <sup>6</sup>	Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) <sup>7</sup>	Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) <sup>8</sup>	U Visa, bona fide, or upon wait list approval. <sup>9</sup>	U Visa Applicants	Undocumented
<b>Unemployment Insurance</b>	<i>American Samoa is a territory that is not eligible to participate in the unemployment insurance program run by the U.S. federal government.<sup>227</sup> American Samoa offers unemployment assistance during the pandemic through its Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program.<sup>228</sup> Immigrant eligibility for PUA in American Samoa is limited to lawful permanent residents and U.S. Nationals.<sup>229</sup></i>							

<sup>1</sup> VAWA self-petitioner for public benefits purposes includes: VAWA self-petitioners, battered spouse waiver applicants, applicants for relief under VAWA Cuban Adjustment Act (“VAWA CAA”), VAWA Haitian Refugee Immigration and Fairness Act (“VAWA HRIFA”), VAWA Nicaraguan and Central American Relief Act (“VAWA NACARA”), VAWA cancellation of removal, VAWA suspension of deportation, and battered spouses and children with approved I-130 visa applications filed by their abusive citizen spouse, parent or step-parent. *See* 8 U.S.C. § 1641(c); 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(51). Battered Spouse Waiver (BSW) applicants/recipients have the same eligibility for public benefits purposes as VAWA self-petitioners. BWS victims are eligible either as conditional permanent residents if they still have that status and/or are or continue to be eligible once they file their battered spouse waiver application. Battered spouse waiver applicants have greater benefits access than conditional and lawful permanent residents because they have access to exemptions from deeming and have access to benefits that are only available to battered immigrants.

<sup>2</sup> Battered Spouse Waiver victims are VAWA self-petitioners as defined in INA § 101(a)(51). To be eligible for a battered spouse waiver the victim must be a battered immigrant spouse of a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident who filed an immigration case on the battered spouse’s behalf through which the immigrant spouse was granted conditional permanent residency. Most battered spouse waiver applicants will have conditional permanent residency at the time they file their battered spouse waiver application. Their public benefits eligibility is based either on their conditional permanent residency or on their battered spouse waiver application. It is important to note that after an abused immigrant spouse files their battered spouse waiver application, they become eligible for VAWA self-petitioning related deeming exceptions and eligible for state funded public benefits to the same extent as all other VAWA self-petitioners in states that grant self-petitioners access to state funded public benefits.

<sup>3</sup> Afghans granted humanitarian parole between July 31, 2021, and September 30, 2022 — and their spouses and children, and parents or guardians of unaccompanied children granted parole after September 30, 2022 — also are eligible for federal benefits to the same extent as refugees. Eligibility for this group continues until March 31, 2023, or the end of their parole term, whichever is later. Extending Government Funding and Delivering Emergency Assistance Act, Pub. L. 117-43 (Sept. 30, 2021). Ukrainians paroled into the U.S. between February 24, 2022, and September 30, 2023 – and their spouses and children, and parents, guardians or primary caregivers of unaccompanied children paroled into the U.S. after September 30, 2023 – are eligible for federal benefits to the same extent as refugees. Department of Homeland Security, President Biden to Announce Uniting For Ukraine, a New Streamlined Process to Welcome Ukrainians Fleeing the Russian Invasion of Ukraine. (April 21, 2022) <https://www.dhs.gov/news/2022/04/21/president-biden-announce-uniting-ukraine-new-streamlined-process-welcome-ukrainians>.

<sup>4</sup> *See* 8 U.S.C. §§ 1641(b)(2)-(3), (c)(4) (Asylees, Refugees and trafficking victims and family members of trafficking victims with T visa status or a pending T visa application setting forth a “prima facie” (bona facie) case for eligibility); Classification for Victims of Severe Forms of Trafficking in Persons; Eligibility for “T” Nonimmigrant Status, 81 Fed. Reg. 92266, 92279, 92304, 92307 (Dec. 19, 2016) (effective Jan. 18, 2017) (to be codified at 8 C.F.R. pts. 212, 214, 245, 274) (Prima facie/bona fide determinations on T visa applications are made by the Department of Homeland Security.).

<sup>5</sup> *See* 22 U.S.C. § 7105(b)(1) (Bona fide T visa applicants with HHS certification, trafficking victims under 18 with HHS eligibility determination, and family members with T visa status are eligible for public benefits to the same extent as refugees.); Classification for Victims of Severe Forms of Trafficking in Persons; Eligibility for “T” Nonimmigrant Status, 81 Fed. Reg. 92266, 92278 (Dec. 19, 2016) (effective Jan. 18, 2017) (to be codified at 8 C.F.R. pts. 212, 214, 245, 274); New Classification for Victims of Severe Forms of Trafficking in Persons; Eligibility for “T” Nonimmigrant Status, 67 Fed. Reg. 4784, 4789-91 (Jan. 31, 2002) (to be codified at 8 C.F.R. pt. 103), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/federal-register-new-classification/>.

<sup>6</sup> *See* 22 U.S.C. § 7105(b)(1)(E)(i)(II)(bb) (Immigrants with HHS certification that their continued presence is needed to effectuate prosecution of human traffickers are eligible to receive public benefits to the same extent as refugees.); OFFICE ON TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS, U.S. DEP’T OF HEALTH & HUM. SERV., OTIP-FS-16-01, CERTIFICATION FOR ADULT VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING FACT SHEET 1 (2016), <https://traffickingresourcecenter.org/sites/default/files/Certification%20Fact%20Sheet%20Posting%20%282%29.pdf>.

<sup>7</sup> *See* DACA, NAT’L IMMIGRATION LAW CTR. (last visited Mar. 2, 2018), <https://www.nilc.org/issues/daca/> (DACA is “deferred action” for certain undocumented youth who came to the United States as children.).

<sup>8</sup> *See* 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(27)(j) (Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) allows certain youth immigrant survivors of abuse, abandonment, and/or neglect by a parent to obtain legal immigration status.).

<sup>9</sup> *See* CTR. FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERV., U.S. DEP’T OF HEALTH & HUM. SERV., MEDICAID AND CHIP COVERAGE FOR “LAWFULLY RESIDING” CHILDREN AND PREGNANT PERSONS 2 (2010), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/pb-gov-hhslawfullyresidingmedicaid-07-01-10-also-in-qualified-immigrants/> (Upon wait list approval, U visa applicants receive deferred action and are considered lawfully present.).

<sup>11</sup> See *Appendix B: Social Welfare Programs in the Territories*, COMM. ON WAYS & MEANS U.S. HOUS. OF REPRESENTATIVES, <https://greenbook-waysandmeans.house.gov/2016-green-book/appendix-b-social-welfare-programs-in-the-territories> (last visited July 26, 2018).

<sup>12</sup> The American Samoa, Office of Child Care oversees the American Samoa Child Care Program with its American Samoa's Child Care Development Fund program <http://dhss.as/who.html>; See ChildCare.gov, American Samoa: Financial Assistance for Families <https://childcare.gov/state-resources?state=115&type=202> (last visited August 4, 2022) and Child Care Technical Assistance Network, State/Territory Profile – American Samoa <https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/state-profiles/profiles/AS> (Last visited Aug. 4, 2022). See *Appendix B: Social Welfare Programs in the Territories*, COMM. ON WAYS & MEANS U.S. HOUS. OF REPRESENTATIVES, <https://greenbook-waysandmeans.house.gov/2016-green-book/appendix-b-social-welfare-programs-in-the-territories> (last visited Aug. 4 2022).

<sup>13</sup> NAT'L IMMIGRATION LAW CTR., GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 116, 117 (4th ed. 2002, rev. 2006), [https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/childcare\\_pp116-17\\_053106.pdf](https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/childcare_pp116-17_053106.pdf). See 8 U.S.C. § 1641(c).

<sup>14</sup> NAT'L IMMIGRATION LAW CTR., GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 116, 117 (4th ed. 2002, rev. 2006), [https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/childcare\\_pp116-17\\_053106.pdf](https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/childcare_pp116-17_053106.pdf). See 8 U.S.C. § 1641(b)(2)-(3).

<sup>15</sup> 22 U.S.C. Section 7105(b)(1)(A); NAT'L IMMIGRATION LAW CTR., GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 116, 117 (4th ed. 2002, rev. 2006), [https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/childcare\\_pp116-17\\_053106.pdf](https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/childcare_pp116-17_053106.pdf).

<sup>16</sup> OFFICE ON TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS, U.S. DEP'T OF HEALTH & HUM. SERV., OTIP-FS-16-01, CERTIFICATION FOR ADULT VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING FACT SHEET 1 (2016), <https://traffickingresourcecenter.org/sites/default/files/Certification%20Fact%20Sheet%20Posting%20%282%29.pdf>; NAT'L IMMIGRATION LAW CTR., GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 116, 117 (4th ed. 2002, rev. 2006), [https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/childcare\\_pp116-17\\_053106.pdf](https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/childcare_pp116-17_053106.pdf). See 22 U.S.C. § 7105(b).

<sup>17</sup> NAT'L IMMIGRATION LAW CTR., GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 116, 117 (4th ed. 2002, rev. 2006), [https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/childcare\\_pp116-17\\_053106.pdf](https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/childcare_pp116-17_053106.pdf); Benish Anver & Leslye E. Orloff, *Immigrant Crime Victim Child Care Access*, NAT'L IMMIGRATION WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT (Mar. 13, 2013), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/pb-chart-childcare/>; OFFICE ON TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS, U.S. DEP'T OF HEALTH & HUM. SERV., OTIP-FS-16-01, CERTIFICATION FOR ADULT VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING FACT SHEET 1 (2016), <https://traffickingresourcecenter.org/sites/default/files/Certification%20Fact%20Sheet%20Posting%20%282%29.pdf>. See 22 U.S.C. § 7105(b) (Applicants under 18 require only HHS eligibility determination (not certification)).

<sup>18</sup> NAT'L IMMIGRATION LAW CTR., GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 116, 117 (4th ed. 2002, rev. 2006), [https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/childcare\\_pp116-17\\_053106.pdf](https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/childcare_pp116-17_053106.pdf).

<sup>19</sup> NAT'L IMMIGRATION LAW CTR., GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 116, 117 (4th ed. 2002, rev. 2006), [https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/childcare\\_pp116-17\\_053106.pdf](https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/childcare_pp116-17_053106.pdf).

<sup>20</sup> NAT'L IMMIGRATION LAW CTR., GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 116, 117 (4th ed. 2002, rev. 2006), [https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/childcare\\_pp116-17\\_053106.pdf](https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/childcare_pp116-17_053106.pdf); Benish Anver & Leslye E. Orloff, *Immigrant Crime Victim Child Care Access*, NAT'L IMMIGRATION WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT (Mar. 13, 2013), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/pb-chart-childcare/>. See 8 U.S.C. § 1641(b)(1).

<sup>21</sup> NAT'L IMMIGRATION LAW CTR., GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 116, 117 (4th ed. 2002, rev. 2006), [https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/childcare\\_pp116-17\\_053106.pdf](https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/childcare_pp116-17_053106.pdf).

<sup>22</sup> NAT'L IMMIGRATION LAW CTR., GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 116, 117 (4th ed. 2002, rev. 2006), [https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/childcare\\_pp116-17\\_053106.pdf](https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/childcare_pp116-17_053106.pdf); Benish Anver & Leslye E. Orloff, *Immigrant Crime Victim Child Care Access*, NAT'L IMMIGRATION WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT (Mar. 13, 2013), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/pb-chart-childcare/>. See 8 U.S.C. § 1641(b)(1).

<sup>23</sup> NAT'L IMMIGRATION LAW CTR., GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 116, 117 (4th ed. 2002, rev. 2006), [https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/childcare\\_pp116-17\\_053106.pdf](https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/childcare_pp116-17_053106.pdf).

<sup>24</sup> NAT'L IMMIGRATION LAW CTR., GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 116, 117 (4th ed. 2002, rev. 2006), [https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/childcare\\_pp116-17\\_053106.pdf](https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/childcare_pp116-17_053106.pdf).

<sup>25</sup> See Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, PL 88-525(19); 7 U.S.C. § 2028 (2019). American Samoa receives a block grant to pay 100 percent of expenditures for its Nutrition Assistance Program. Applications are accepted for the American Samoa Nutrition Assistance Program ASnap <https://www.asnap.as/> (last visited Aug. 17, 2022); See *Appendix B: Social Welfare Programs in the Territories*, COMM. ON WAYS & MEANS U.S. HOUS. OF REPRESENTATIVES, <https://greenbook-waysandmeans.house.gov/2016-green-book/appendix-b-social-welfare-programs-in-the-territories> (last visited Aug. 4 2022) (Table B-2); See FOOD & NUTRITION SERV., U.S. DEP'T OF AGRIC., SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) (2017), <https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/eligibility> (As with most public benefits, to obtain food stamps, individuals must also meet resource, income, and employment requirements. There is a pre-screening tool to determine if an individual might be eligible for nutrition assistance.); See also *SNAP Policy on Non-Citizen Eligibility*, U.S. DEP'T OF AGRIC., SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, <https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/snap-policy-non-citizen-eligibility> (last accessed Oct. 24, 2018). (In general, non-citizens who have lived in the U.S. for 5 years or more, are blind or disabled, are under the age of 18, were admitted for lawful permanent residence with 40 qualifying quarters or are lawfully residing and are on active duty in the U.S. Army, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard or honorably discharged are eligible.)

<sup>26</sup> NAT'L IMMIGRATION LAW CTR., *Table 1: Overview of Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs in* GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 17, 17-20 (4th ed. 2002, table updated Oct. 2011), [https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table\\_ovrw\\_fedprogs/](https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table_ovrw_fedprogs/); *SNAP Policy on Non-Citizen Eligibility*, U.S. DEP'T OF AGRIC., SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, <https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/snap-policy-non-citizen-eligibility> (last accessed Oct. 24, 2018); See 8 U.S.C. § 1641(c).

<sup>27</sup> If advocates are told there is a seven year bar, they should cite to 8 USC 1612(a)(2)(L), which after 5-years provides indefinitely eligibility for SNAP for all qualified immigrants.

NAT'L IMMIGRATION LAW CTR., *Table 1: Overview of Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs in* GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 17, 17-20 (4th ed. 2002, table updated Oct. 2011), [https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table\\_ovrw\\_fedprogs/](https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table_ovrw_fedprogs/); *SNAP Policy on Non-Citizen Eligibility*, U.S. DEP'T OF AGRIC., SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, <https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/snap-policy-non-citizen-eligibility> (last accessed Oct. 24, 2018); See 8 U.S.C. § 1641(b)(2)-(3).

<sup>28</sup> NAT'L IMMIGRATION LAW CTR., *Table 1: Overview of Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs in* GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 17, 17-20 (4th ed. 2002, table updated Oct. 2011), [https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table\\_ovrw\\_fedprogs/](https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table_ovrw_fedprogs/); *SNAP Policy on Non-Citizen Eligibility*, U.S. DEP'T OF AGRIC., SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, <https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/snap-policy-non-citizen-eligibility> (last accessed Oct. 24, 2018); See 8 U.S.C. § 1641(c)(4).

<sup>29</sup> NAT'L IMMIGRATION LAW CTR., *Table 1: Overview of Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs in* GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 17, 17-20 (4th ed. 2002, table updated Oct. 2011), [https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table\\_ovrw\\_fedprogs/](https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table_ovrw_fedprogs/); *SNAP Policy on Non-Citizen Eligibility*, U.S. DEP'T OF AGRIC., SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, <https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/snap-policy-non-citizen-eligibility> (last accessed Oct. 24, 2018); See 22 U.S.C. § 7105(b) (Applicants over age 18 require an HHS certification. Applicants under age 18 require an HHS eligibility determination (not a certification)).

<sup>30</sup> NAT'L IMMIGRATION LAW CTR., *Table 1: Overview of Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs in* GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 17, 17-20 (4th ed. 2002, table updated Oct. 2011), [https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table\\_ovrw\\_fedprogs/](https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table_ovrw_fedprogs/); *SNAP Policy on Non-Citizen Eligibility*, U.S. DEP'T OF AGRIC., SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, <https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/snap-policy-non-citizen-eligibility> (last accessed Oct. 24, 2018); See 22 U.S.C. § 7105(b) (Applicants over age 18 require an HHS certification. Applicants under age 18 require an HHS eligibility determination (not a certification)).

<sup>31</sup> OFFICE ON TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS, U.S. DEP'T OF HEALTH & HUM. SERV., OTIP-FS-16-01, CERTIFICATION FOR ADULT VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING FACT SHEET 1 (2016), <https://traffickingresourcecenter.org/sites/default/files/Certification%20Fact%20Sheet%20Posting%20%282%29.pdf>. See 22 U.S.C. § 7105(b).

<sup>32</sup> NAT'L IMMIGRATION LAW CTR., *Table 1: Overview of Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs in* GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 17, 17-20 (4th ed. 2002, table updated Oct. 2011), [https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table\\_ovrw\\_fedprogs/](https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table_ovrw_fedprogs/); *SNAP Policy on Non-Citizen Eligibility*, U.S. DEP'T OF AGRIC., SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, <https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/snap-policy-non-citizen-eligibility> (last accessed Oct. 24, 2018); See 22 U.S.C. § 7105(b) (Applicants over age 18 require an HHS certification. Applicants under age 18 require an HHS eligibility determination (not a certification)).

<sup>33</sup> NAT'L IMMIGRATION LAW CTR., *Table 1: Overview of Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs in* GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 17, 17-20 (4th ed. 2002, table updated Oct. 2011), [https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table\\_ovrw\\_fedprogs/](https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table_ovrw_fedprogs/); *SNAP Policy on Non-Citizen Eligibility*, U.S. DEP'T OF AGRIC., SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, <https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/snap-policy-non-citizen-eligibility> (last accessed Oct. 24, 2018).

<sup>34</sup> *SNAP Policy on Non-Citizen Eligibility*, U.S. DEP'T OF AGRIC., SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, <https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/snap-policy-non-citizen-eligibility> (last accessed Oct. 24, 2018).

<sup>35</sup> *SNAP Policy on Non-Citizen Eligibility*, U.S. DEP'T OF AGRIC., SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, <https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/snap-policy-non-citizen-eligibility> (last accessed Oct. 24, 2018). Five-year residency includes time in qualified status prior to turning 18. May be subject to deeming.

<sup>36</sup> *SNAP Policy on Non-Citizen Eligibility*, U.S. DEP'T OF AGRIC., SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, <https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/snap-policy-non-citizen-eligibility> (last accessed Oct. 24, 2018). (Although eligibility based on 40 work quarters includes work performed by applicant, spouse, and parents while the applicant was under 18, SIJS youth are generally not able to satisfy this condition.)

<sup>37</sup> *SNAP Policy on Non-Citizen Eligibility*, U.S. DEP'T OF AGRIC., SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, <https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/snap-policy-non-citizen-eligibility> (last accessed Oct. 24, 2018). May be subject to deeming.

<sup>38</sup> NAT'L IMMIGRATION LAW CTR., *Table 1: Overview of Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs in* GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 17, 17-20 (4th ed. 2002, table updated Oct. 2011), [https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table\\_ovrw\\_fedprogs/](https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table_ovrw_fedprogs/); *SNAP Policy on Non-Citizen Eligibility*, U.S. DEP'T OF AGRIC., SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, <https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/snap-policy-non-citizen-eligibility> (last accessed Oct. 24, 2018).

<sup>39</sup> *SNAP Policy on Non-Citizen Eligibility*, U.S. DEP'T OF AGRIC., SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, <https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/snap-policy-non-citizen-eligibility> (last accessed Oct. 24, 2018). (Eligible children are exempt from sponsor deeming.)

<sup>40</sup> *SNAP Policy on Non-Citizen Eligibility*, U.S. DEP'T OF AGRIC., SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, <https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/snap-policy-non-citizen-eligibility> (last accessed Oct. 24, 2018). (Five-year residency includes time in qualified status prior to turning 18.) May be subject to deeming.

<sup>41</sup> See *SNAP Policy on Non-Citizen Eligibility*, U.S. DEP'T OF AGRIC., SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, <https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/snap-policy-non-citizen-eligibility> (last accessed Oct. 24, 2018). (Although eligibility based on 40 work quarters includes work performed by applicant, spouse, and parents while the applicant was under 18, SIJS youth are generally not able to satisfy this condition.)

<sup>42</sup> *SNAP Policy on Non-Citizen Eligibility*, U.S. DEP'T OF AGRIC., SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, <https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/snap-policy-non-citizen-eligibility> (last accessed Oct. 24, 2018). (Born on or before August 22, 1931 and lawfully resided in the U.S. on August 22, 1996.) May be subject to deeming.

<sup>43</sup> *SNAP Policy on Non-Citizen Eligibility*, U.S. DEP'T OF AGRIC., SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, <https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/snap-policy-non-citizen-eligibility> (last accessed Oct. 24, 2018). May be subject to deeming.

<sup>44</sup> 42 U.S.C.S. § 1786; *Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)*, U.S. DEP'T OF AGRIC. FOOD & NUTRITION SERV., <https://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/women-infants-and-children-wic> (last visited June 14, 2018).

<sup>45</sup> *WIC Contacts*, U.S. DEP'T OF AGRIC. FOOD & NUTRITION SERV., <https://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/wic-contacts> (last visited June 14, 2018).

<sup>46</sup> *WIC Eligibility Requirements*, U.S. DEP'T OF AGRIC. FOOD & NUTRITION SERV., <https://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/wic-eligibility-requirements> (last visited June 14, 2018).

<sup>47</sup> *How to Apply*, DEP'T OF HUM. & SOCIAL SERVS., <http://aswic.com/how-to-apply/> (last visited Aug. 17, 2022).

<sup>48</sup> Persons living in American Samoa are not eligible to use the federal health insurance Marketplace <https://www.healthcare.gov/get-coverage/>; See *Local Help*, U.S. CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID, <https://localhelp.healthcare.gov/#/> (last visited July 26, 2018); See also *A quick guide to the Health Insurance Marketplace*, U.S. CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID, <https://www.healthcare.gov/quick-guide/eligibility/> (last visited Nov. 27, 2018).

<sup>49</sup> See *Medicaid Overview*, MEDICAID.GOV, <https://www.medicaid.gov/state-overviews/american-samoa.html>; FACT SHEET: MEDICAID AND CHIP IN THE TERRITORIES, MEDICAID AND CHIP PAYMENT AND ACCESS COMM. (Feb. 2021), available at <https://www.macpac.gov/publication/medicaid-and-chip-in-the-territories/>.

<sup>50</sup> See *Medicaid Overview*, MEDICAID.GOV, <https://www.medicaid.gov/state-overviews/american-samoa.html>; FACT SHEET: MEDICAID AND CHIP IN THE TERRITORIES, MEDICAID AND CHIP PAYMENT AND ACCESS COMM. (Feb. 2021), available at <https://www.macpac.gov/publication/medicaid-and-chip-in-the-territories/>.

<sup>51</sup> OFFICE OF VICTIMS OF CRIME, *OVC Formula Chart, FY 2022 Crime Victim Fund Compensation Allocation* <https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/fy-2022-voca-compensation-allocation.pdf> (last visited Sept. 5, 2022) (No VOCA victim compensation funding authorized for CNMI and American Samoa.); OFFICE OF VICTIMS OF CRIME, *OVC Formula Chart, FY 2022 Crime Victim Fund Assistance Allocation* <https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/fy-2022-voca-assistance-allocation.pdf> (last visited Sept. 5, 2022) (Allocations for VOCA victim assistance funding authorized for all states, D.C., Puerto Rico, American Samoa, CNMI, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands).

<sup>52</sup> Post-secondary educational grants and loans (both direct loans and Pell grants) are available to students in American Samoa. See *Appendix B-1: Territorial Eligibility for Select Federal Programs that Provide Direct Payments to Individuals*, COMM. ON WAYS & MEANS U.S. HOUS. OF REPRESENTATIVES, <https://greenbook-waysandmeans.house.gov/2016-green-book/appendix-b-social-welfare-programs-in-the-territories> (last visited Aug 4, 2022); See generally OFFICE OF FED. STUDENT AID, U.S. DEP'T OF EDUC., *FEDERAL STUDENT AID HANDBOOK 2016-2017* (2016), <https://ifap.ed.gov/fsahandbook/attachments/1617FSAHbkActiveIndexMaster.pdf> (The information in this section applies to all student financial aid including grants and loans.).

<sup>53</sup> OFFICE OF FED. STUDENT AID, U.S. DEP'T OF EDUC., *MANY NON-U.S. CITIZENS QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID* (last visited Mar. 5, 2018), <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/eligibility/non-us-citizens>; Daniel T. Madzellan, OFFICE OF POST-SECONDARY EDUC., U.S. DEP'T OF EDUC., *ELIGIBILITY FOR TITLE IV AID FOR "BATTERED IMMIGRANTS-QUALIFIED ALIENS" AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT (2007)*, <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/pb-gov-memovawapetitionsgrantsloans-6-4-10/>. See 8 U.S.C. § 1641(c); OFFICE OF FED. STUDENT AID, U.S. DEP'T OF EDUC., *FEDERAL STUDENT AID HANDBOOK 2016-2017* 1-33, 1-34 (2016), <https://ifap.ed.gov/fsahandbook/attachments/1617FSAHbkActiveIndexMaster.pdf>.

<sup>54</sup> OFFICE OF FED. STUDENT AID, U.S. DEP'T OF EDUC., *MANY NON-U.S. CITIZENS QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID* (last visited Mar. 5, 2018), <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/eligibility/non-us-citizens>. See 8 U.S.C. §§ 1641(b)(2)-(3), (c)(4); OFFICE OF FED. STUDENT AID, U.S. DEP'T OF EDUC., *FEDERAL STUDENT AID HANDBOOK 2016-2017* 1-29 (2016), <https://ifap.ed.gov/fsahandbook/attachments/1617FSAHbkActiveIndexMaster.pdf>.

<sup>55</sup> OFFICE OF FED. STUDENT AID, U.S. DEP'T OF EDUC., *MANY NON-U.S. CITIZENS QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID* (last visited Mar. 5, 2018), <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/eligibility/non-us-citizens>. See 22 U.S.C. § 7105(b); OFFICE OF FED. STUDENT AID, U.S. DEP'T OF EDUC., *FEDERAL STUDENT AID HANDBOOK 2016-2017* 1-33 (2016), <https://ifap.ed.gov/fsahandbook/attachments/1617FSAHbkActiveIndexMaster.pdf>.

<sup>56</sup> OFFICE OF FED. STUDENT AID, U.S. DEP'T OF EDUC., *MANY NON-U.S. CITIZENS QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID* (last visited Mar. 5, 2018), <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/eligibility/non-us-citizens>.

<sup>57</sup> OFFICE OF FED. STUDENT AID, U.S. DEP'T OF EDUC., *MANY NON-U.S. CITIZENS QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID* (last visited Mar. 5, 2018), <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/eligibility/non-us-citizens>. See 8 U.S.C. § 1641(b)(1).

<sup>58</sup> OFFICE OF FED. STUDENT AID, U.S. DEP'T OF EDUC., *MANY NON-U.S. CITIZENS QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID* (last visited Mar. 5, 2018), <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/eligibility/non-us-citizens>. See 8 U.S.C. § 1641(b)(1).

<sup>59</sup> <http://www.lmek.com/AmericanSamoa/financial/index.html>

<sup>62</sup> *Eligibility*, AM. SAMOA ADMIN. CODE § 13.0105, [https://www.asbar.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=category&id=861&Itemid=294](https://www.asbar.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&id=861&Itemid=294) (last visited July 26, 2018). American Samoa operates its own immigration and customs program. Am. Samoa Admin. Code Title 41 <https://asbar.org/regulation-section/title-41-citizenship-alienage-and-immigration/>.

<sup>63</sup> SOC. SECURITY ADMIN., *UNDERSTANDING SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME SSI ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS – 2017 EDITION* (2017), <https://www.ssa.gov/ssi/text-eligibility-ussi.htm> (While the chart shows eligibility to apply for SSI benefits by immigration status, those with qualified immigration statuses must also meet all other eligibility requirements. To obtain SSI benefits individuals must be aged 65 or over, blind, or disabled; and have limited income, limited resources, be a resident of one of the 50 states, DC, or Northern Mariana Islands, and not be absent from the country for a full calendar month, in addition to other requirements.).

<sup>64</sup> Supplemental Security Income and federal grants to aid the aged, blind and disabled are not available in American Samoa. *Table 1*, SOC. SEC. ADMIN., [https://www.ssa.gov/policy/docs/factsheets/cong\\_stats/2016/as.pdf](https://www.ssa.gov/policy/docs/factsheets/cong_stats/2016/as.pdf) (last visited July 26, 2018). See *Appendix B: Social Welfare Programs in the Territories*, COMM. ON WAYS & MEANS U.S. HOUS. OF REPRESENTATIVES, <https://greenbook-waysandmeans.house.gov/2016-green-book/appendix-b-social-welfare-programs-in-the-territories> (last visited July 26, 2018).

<sup>65</sup> NAT'L IMMIGRANT WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT, *ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF DOCUMENTATION AND IDENTIFICATION FOR STATE DRIVER'S LICENSE/IDENTIFICATION CARD (SEPTEMBER 5, 2014) 1* (2014), <http://library.niwap.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/Drivers-License-Access.pdf>.

<sup>66</sup> In 2018 the American Samoa REAL ID Act 10/18 was enacted CITE; REAL ID Act of 2005, 49 U.S.C. § 30301 Note (2005). See also 6 C.F.R. § 37.11 (g) (2012); Joan Friedland, *Updates on REAL ID and Increased Information Sharing by Departments of Motor Vehicles*, NAT'L IMMIGRATION LAW CTR., (Jan. 8, 2018), <https://www.nilc.org/news/the-torch/1-04-18/>.

<sup>67</sup> See 6 C.F.R. § 37.11(g)(1) (2012).

<sup>68</sup> See *SAVE CaseCheck*, U.S. CITIZENSHIP & IMMGR. SERVS., <https://www.uscis.gov/save/casecheck> (last visited July 9, 2018). For special rules and step-by-step instructions for SAVE verification in cases of VAWA self-petitioners, see PIH NOTICE 2017-02 (HA), VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT (VAWA) SELF-PETITIONER VERIFICATION PROCEDURES (2017),

<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/hud-vawa-self-petitioner-verification-procedures/> and Benish Anver, Alexandra Brown and Leslye E. Orloff, HOW TO ADVOCATE FOR PUBLIC AND ASSISTED HOUSING FOR YOUR BATTERED IMMIGRANT OR TRAFFICKING SURVIVOR CLIENT (2017) <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/pub-asst-housing-advocacy>.

<sup>69</sup> See 6 C.F.R. § 37.11(g)(2) (2012); Cindy Mann, CTR. FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERV., U.S. DEP'T OF HEALTH & HUM. SERV., MEDICAID AND CHIP COVERAGE FOR "LAWFULLY RESIDING" CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN 2 (2010), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/pb-gov-hhslawfullyresidingmedicaid-07-01-10-also-in-qualified-immigrants/> (For example, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has identified categories of lawfully present immigrants for purposes of Medicaid and CHIP eligibility. These individuals should be able to access full Real ID compliant driver's licenses without waiting for work authorization. This may be an area for advocacy in individual cases).

<sup>70</sup> See 6 C.F.R. § 37.11(h) (2012); NAT'L IMMIGRATION LAW CTR., THE REAL ID ACT: QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS 8-9 (2016), <https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/REAL-ID-Act-Q-and-A.pdf>.

<sup>71</sup> American Samoa Government Department of Public Safety Office of Motor Vehicle Driver Education p. 4

[https://www.americansamoa.gov/files/ugd/4bfff9\\_d853ec469ef34c75a8a5350a6b20b341.pdf](https://www.americansamoa.gov/files/ugd/4bfff9_d853ec469ef34c75a8a5350a6b20b341.pdf) (last visited Aug 4, 2022).

<sup>72</sup> VAWA self-petitioners receive employment authorization once their case has been approved. Trafficking victims receive legal work authorization based on HHS certification for victims with continued presence and for T visa applicants with bona fide determinations. U visa applicants will receive work authorization after their case has been wait-list approved based on deferred action. Asylum applicants become eligible for work authorization approximately 6 months after filing for asylum. DACA recipients receive work authorization based on deferred action and SIJS children receive work authorization once they are granted lawful permanent residency. Once an immigrant receives legal work authorization from DHS they can apply for and receive a Social Security Number.

<sup>73</sup> U.S. Dep't of Justice, Dep't of Health & Human Servs. & Dep't of Hous. & Human Dev., Joint Letter on Immigrant Access to Shelter and Transitional Housing (Aug. 5, 2016), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/joint-letter-hud-hhs-ad-doj-immigrant-access-shelter-transitional-housing-aug-2016/> (stating that services must be in-kind, available regardless of income, and provided at the community level). See 8 U.S.C. § 1611(b)(1)(D).

<sup>74</sup> CATHERINE LONGVILLE & LESLYE E. ORLOFF, PROGRAMS OPEN TO IMMIGRANT VICTIMS AND TO ALL IMMIGRANTS WITHOUT REGARD TO IMMIGRATION STATUS 1 (2014), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/programs-open-to-all-immigrants/>; *Three Federal Agencies Issue Joint Letter on Shelters and Transitional Housing*, NAT'L IMMIGRANT WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT (Aug. 12, 2016), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/joint-agency-letter-shelters-transitional-housing/>.

<sup>75</sup> Immigrants including victims who are lawfully residing in the United States or its territories and possessions under section 141 of the Compacts of Free Association between the U.S. and the Governments of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia and Palau are eligible for public and assisted housing. HUD PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING, *Eligibility Determination and Denial of Assistance*, Citizenship Status 10 (November 2019) available at:

[https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PIH/documents/HCV\\_Guidebook\\_Eligibility\\_Determination\\_and\\_Denial\\_of\\_Assistance.pdf](https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PIH/documents/HCV_Guidebook_Eligibility_Determination_and_Denial_of_Assistance.pdf) (last visited Aug. 27, 2022) (However in Guam, such immigrants are not entitled to a preference in receiving housing assistance over a U.S. citizen or national resident who is otherwise eligible for such assistance).

<sup>76</sup> See generally *NHLP, Chart on Federally Assisted Housing and Immigrant Eligibility (Feb. 2017)*, reprinted in LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR THE WEBINAR: "IMMIGRANT ACCESS TO FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING" (Feb. 22, 2017) at Attachment A (2017), [www.niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/info-packet-webinar-immigrant-access-and-housing/](http://www.niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/info-packet-webinar-immigrant-access-and-housing/) (contains lists of housing programs that are unrestricted and lists of housing programs that various forms of immigration restrictions).

<sup>77</sup> For detailed information about Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) funding housing eligibility and how to find LIHTC funded units in communities across the country see, VAWA Home: Rights for Survivors in LIHTC <https://www.vawahome.com/> (last visited February 10, 2022).

<sup>78</sup> HUD public and assisted housing refers to HUD assisted housing covered by Section 214 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. § 1436a. See *Housing Act, Section 2.14*, NAT'L IMMIGRANT WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT, <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/housing-act-sec-214/> (last visited Mar. 9, 2018); DEP'T OF HOUS. & URBAN DEV., PIH NOTICE 2017-02 (HA), VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT (VAWA) SELF-PETITIONER VERIFICATION PROCEDURES (2017), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/hud-vawa-self-petitioner-verification-procedures/>; TONYA ROBINSON, ACTING GENERAL COUNSEL, C., U.S. DEP'T OF HOUS. & URBAN DEV., <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/access-public-assisted-housing-vawa-self-petitioners/> MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY JULIAN CASTRO ON ELIGIBILITY OF BATTERED NONCITIZEN SELF-PETITIONERS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER SECTION 214 OF THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1980 (2016), <http://library.niwap.org/wp-content/uploads/Eligibility-of-VAWA-Self-Petitioners-2016-12-14.pdf>; U.S. DEP'T OF HOUS. & URBAN DEV., HUD HANDBOOK 4350.3: OCCUPANCY REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSIDIZED MULTIFAMILY HOUSING PROGRAMS at Appendix 2-B (2013), <https://www.hud.gov/sites/documents/43503HSGH.PDF> (instructions for verifying battered immigrant eligibility for multi-family programs) (referring to the *Interim Guidance on Verification of Citizenship, Qualified Alien Status, and Eligibility* Under Title IV of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, 62 FR 61344 at Exhibit B to Attachment 5 (Nov. 17, 1997)). See also 8 U.S.C. § 1641(c).

<sup>79</sup> USDA RURAL HOUSING SERVICE, Interim Rule, *Reinvention of the Sections 514, 515, 516 and 521 Multi-Family Housing Programs*, 69 Fed. Reg. 69032 (Nov. 26, 2004) (to be codified at 7 C.F.R. pt. 1806, 1822, 1902, 1925 ("Appendix 2 to the HUD Handbook 4350.3 is incorporated into internal Agency procedures."); USDA RURAL HOUSING SERVICE, Interim Final Rule, *Reinvention of the Sections 514, 515, 516 and 521 Multi-Family Housing Programs*, 70 Fed. Reg. 8503 (Feb. 22, 2005) (to be codified at 7 C.F.R. 3560) (deciding "to delay implementation of the sections listed below in order to harmonize its procedures with HUD under 42 U.S.C. 1436a"); DEP'T OF HOUS. & URBAN DEV., HUD HANDBOOK 4350.3: OCCUPANCY REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSIDIZED MULTIFAMILY HOUSING PROGRAMS at Appendix 2-B (2013), <https://www.hud.gov/sites/documents/43503HSGH.PDF> (instructions on verifying battered immigrant eligibility for HUD multi-family programs) (referring to the *Interim Guidance on Verification of Citizenship, Qualified Alien Status, and Eligibility* Under Title IV of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, 62 FR 61344 at Exhibit B to Attachment 5) (Nov. 17, 1997); DEP'T OF HOUS. & URBAN DEV., PIH NOTICE 2017-02 (HA), VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT (VAWA) SELF-PETITIONER VERIFICATION PROCEDURES (2017), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/hud-vawa-self-petitioner-verification-procedures/>; MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY JULIAN CASTRO ON ELIGIBILITY OF BATTERED NONCITIZEN SELF-PETITIONERS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER SECTION 214 OF THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1980 (2016), <http://library.niwap.org/wp-content/uploads/Eligibility-of-VAWA-Self-Petitioners-2016-12-14.pdf>. See also 8 U.S.C. § 1641(c).

<sup>80</sup> See 42 U.S.C. § 1485.

<sup>81</sup> *NHLP, Chart on Federally Assisted Housing and Immigrant Eligibility (Feb. 2017), reprinted in LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR THE WEBINAR: “IMMIGRANT ACCESS TO FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING”* (FEB. 22, 2017) at Attachment A (2017), [www.niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/info-packet-webinar-immigrant-access-and-housing/](http://www.niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/info-packet-webinar-immigrant-access-and-housing/) (stating that Section 514/516: Lessee (but not household) must be U.S. Citizen or lawful permanent resident). See 7 C.F.R. § 3560.11 (including immediate family member).

<sup>82</sup> See 7 C.F.R. § 3560.158(d); USDA MFH ASSET MANAGEMENT HANDBOOK HB 2-3650, § 6.30(D) (stating that a remaining family member who is a co-tenant or member of the household, who has the legal capacity to sign the lease, and is a U.S. citizen or qualified immigrant, may remain in the housing after the original tenant has departed); *NHLP, Chart on Federally Assisted Housing and Immigrant Eligibility (Feb. 2017), reprinted in LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR THE WEBINAR: “IMMIGRANT ACCESS TO FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING”* (FEB. 22, 2017) at Attachment A (2017), [www.niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/info-packet-webinar-immigrant-access-and-housing/](http://www.niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/info-packet-webinar-immigrant-access-and-housing/); see also 8 U.S.C. §§ 1641(c).

<sup>83</sup> See 42 U.S.C. § 1484(f)(3)(A), 1486(g)(4) (Sections 514 and 516 Farm Labor Housing); *NHLP, Chart on Federally Assisted Housing and Immigrant Eligibility (Feb. 2017), reprinted in LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR THE WEBINAR: “IMMIGRANT ACCESS TO FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING”* (FEB. 22, 2017) at Attachment A (2017), [www.niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/info-packet-webinar-immigrant-access-and-housing/](http://www.niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/info-packet-webinar-immigrant-access-and-housing/) (“Section 514/516: Lessee (but not household) must be U.S. Citizen or lawful permanent resident.”).

<sup>84</sup> See 42 U.S.C. § 1490(a); *NHLP, Chart on Federally Assisted Housing and Immigrant Eligibility (Feb. 2017), reprinted in LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR THE WEBINAR: “IMMIGRANT ACCESS TO FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING”* (FEB. 22, 2017) at Attachment A (2017), [www.niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/info-packet-webinar-immigrant-access-and-housing/](http://www.niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/info-packet-webinar-immigrant-access-and-housing/).

<sup>85</sup> The Low Income Housing Tax Credit program in American Samoa is administered by the Development Bank of American Samoa. It is referred to in American Samoa as the Section 1602 Low Income Housing Program. Applications for LIHTC housing are accepted through the Development Bank of American Samoa’s website at <https://dbas.as/contents/1602-2/>; The LIHTC program does not impose immigration restrictions. However, when housing units use these federally funded tax credits or other federally funded subsidies, the housing units with this combination of funding would only be available to immigrants, including VAWA self-petitioners, who could meet the eligibility requirements of the federal subsidies involved. See, DEP’T OF HOUS. & URBAN DEV., PIH NOTICE 2017-02 (HA), VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT (VAWA) SELF-PETITIONER VERIFICATION PROCEDURES (2017), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/hud-vawa-self-petitioner-verification-procedures/>.

<sup>86</sup> NAT’L IMMIGR. L. CTR., *Table 1: Overview of Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs in GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 17, 17-20* (4th ed. 2002, table updated Oct. 2011), [https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table\\_ovrw\\_fedprogs/](https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table_ovrw_fedprogs/). See 8 U.S.C. §§ 1641(b)(2)-(3), (c)(4).

<sup>87</sup> See 42 U.S.C. § 1485.

<sup>88</sup> See 42 U.S.C. § 1490(a); see also 8 U.S.C. §§ 1641(b)(2)-(3), (c)(4); *NHLP, Chart on Federally Assisted Housing and Immigrant Eligibility (Feb. 2017), reprinted in LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR THE WEBINAR: “IMMIGRANT ACCESS TO FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING”* (FEB. 22, 2017) at Attachment A (2017), [www.niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/info-packet-webinar-immigrant-access-and-housing/](http://www.niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/info-packet-webinar-immigrant-access-and-housing/).

<sup>89</sup> *NHLP, Chart on Federally Assisted Housing and Immigrant Eligibility (Feb. 2017), reprinted in LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR THE WEBINAR: “IMMIGRANT ACCESS TO FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING”* (FEB. 22, 2017) at Attachment A (2017), [www.niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/info-packet-webinar-immigrant-access-and-housing/](http://www.niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/info-packet-webinar-immigrant-access-and-housing/) (stating that Section 514/516: Lessee (but not household) must be U.S. Citizen or lawful permanent resident). See 7 C.F.R. § 3560.11 (including immediate family member).

<sup>90</sup> See 7 C.F.R. § 3560.158(d); USDA MFH ASSET MANAGEMENT HANDBOOK HB 2-3650, § 6.30(D) (stating that a remaining family member who is a co-tenant or member of the household, who has the legal capacity to sign the lease, and is a U.S. citizen or qualified immigrant, may remain in the housing after the original tenant has departed); *NHLP, Chart on Federally Assisted Housing and Immigrant Eligibility (Feb. 2017), reprinted in LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR THE WEBINAR: “IMMIGRANT ACCESS TO FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING”* (FEB. 22, 2017) at Attachment A (2017), [www.niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/info-packet-webinar-immigrant-access-and-housing/](http://www.niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/info-packet-webinar-immigrant-access-and-housing/); see also 8 U.S.C. §§ 1641(b)(2)-(3), (c)(4).

<sup>91</sup> See 42 U.S.C. § 1484(f)(3)(A), 1486(g)(4) (Sections 514 and 516 Farm Labor Housing).

<sup>92</sup> The Low Income Housing Tax Credit program in American Samoa is administered by the Development Bank of American Samoa. It is referred to in American Samoa as the Section 1602 Low Income Housing Program. Applications for LIHTC housing are accepted through the Development Bank of American Samoa’s website at <https://dbas.as/contents/1602-2/>; The LIHTC program does not impose immigration restrictions. However, when housing units use federally funded tax credits or other federally funded subsidies, the housing units with this combination of funding would only be available to immigrants, including refugees, asylees and T-visa holders or applicants with a bona fide determination, who could meet the eligibility requirements of the federal subsidies involved. See, NAT’L IMMIGR. L. CTR., *Table 1: Overview of Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs in GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 17, 17-20* (4th ed. 2002, table updated Oct. 2011), [https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table\\_ovrw\\_fedprogs/](https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table_ovrw_fedprogs/).

<sup>93</sup> See 22 U.S.C. § 7105(b) (Applicants over age 18 require an HHS certification. Applicants under age 18 require an HHS eligibility determination (not a certification)).

<sup>94</sup> NAT’L IMMIGR. L. CTR., *Table 1: Overview of Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs in GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 17, 17-20* (4th ed. 2002, table updated Oct. 2011), [https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table\\_ovrw\\_fedprogs/](https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table_ovrw_fedprogs/). See also 22 U.S.C. 7105(b); OFFICE ON TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS, U.S. DEP’T OF HEALTH & HUM. SERV., OTIP-FS-16-01, CERTIFICATION FOR ADULT VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING FACT SHEET 1 (2016), <https://traffickingresourcecenter.org/sites/default/files/Certification%20Fact%20Sheet%20Posting%20282%29.pdf>.

<sup>95</sup> See OFFICE ON TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS, U.S. DEP’T OF HEALTH & HUM. SERV., OTIP-FS-16-01, CERTIFICATION FOR ADULT VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING FACT SHEET 1 (2016), <https://traffickingresourcecenter.org/sites/default/files/Certification%20Fact%20Sheet%20Posting%20282%29.pdf>; 22 U.S.C. § 7105(b)(1)(B) (requirement to expand benefits and services); see also 22 U.S.C. 7105(b); 42 U.S.C. § 1485 (Section 515 Rural Housing); 42 U.S.C. § 1490(a) (Section 521 housing assistance); 42 U.S.C. § 1484(f)(3)(A), 1486(g)(4) (Sections 514 and 516 Farm Labor Housing). *NHLP, Chart on Federally Assisted Housing and Immigrant Eligibility (Feb. 2017), reprinted in LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR THE WEBINAR: “IMMIGRANT ACCESS TO FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING”* (FEB. 22, 2017) at Attachment A (2017), [www.niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/info-packet-webinar-immigrant-access-and-housing/](http://www.niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/info-packet-webinar-immigrant-access-and-housing/).

<sup>96</sup>The Low Income Housing Tax Credit program in American Samoa is administered by the Development Bank of American Samoa. It is referred to in American Samoa as the Section 1602 Low Income Housing Program. Applications for LIHTC housing are accepted through the Development Bank of American Samoa's website at <https://dbas.as/contents/1602-2/>; The LIHTC program does not impose immigration restrictions. However, when housing units use federally funded tax credits or other federally funded subsidies, the housing units with this combination of funding would only be available to immigrants, including refugees, asylees and T-visa holders or applicants with a bona fide determination, who could meet the eligibility requirements of the federal subsidies involved. See, NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., *Table 1: Overview of Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs in GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 17, 17-20* (4th ed. 2002, table updated Oct. 2011), [https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table\\_ovrw\\_fedprogs/](https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table_ovrw_fedprogs/).

<sup>97</sup> See 42 U.S.C. § 1485 (2011); *NHLP, Chart on Federally Assisted Housing and Immigrant Eligibility (Feb. 2017)*, reprinted in LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR THE WEBINAR: "IMMIGRANT ACCESS TO FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING" (FEB. 22, 2017) at Attachment A (2017), [www.niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/info-packet-webinar-immigrant-access-and-housing/](http://www.niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/info-packet-webinar-immigrant-access-and-housing/).

<sup>98</sup> May also be eligible for proration in HUD or USDA housing programs, or for federal housing assistance from other unrestricted programs. See 7 C.F.R. § 3560.11 (2012).

<sup>99</sup> The Low Income Housing Tax Credit program in American Samoa is administered by the Development Bank of American Samoa. It is referred to in American Samoa as the Section 1602 Low Income Housing Program. Applications for LIHTC housing are accepted through the Development Bank of American Samoa's website at <https://dbas.as/contents/1602-2/>; The LIHTC program does not impose immigration restrictions. However, when housing units use these federally funded tax credits or other federally funded subsidies, the housing units with this combination of funding would only be available to immigrants who could meet the eligibility requirements of the federal subsidies involved. DACA applicants will only qualify if the housing is LIHTC only or LIHTC is combined with one of the USDA programs listed above.

<sup>100</sup> See 42 U.S.C. § 1485 (2011); *NHLP, Chart on Federally Assisted Housing and Immigrant Eligibility (Feb. 2017)*, reprinted in LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR THE WEBINAR: "IMMIGRANT ACCESS TO FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING" (FEB. 22, 2017) at Attachment A (2017), [www.niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/info-packet-webinar-immigrant-access-and-housing/](http://www.niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/info-packet-webinar-immigrant-access-and-housing/).

<sup>101</sup> May also be eligible for proration in HUD or USDA housing programs, or for federal housing assistance from unrestricted programs. See 7 C.F.R. § 3560.11 (2012).

<sup>102</sup> See 8 U.S.C. § 1641(b)(1).

<sup>103</sup> NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., *Table 1: Overview of Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs in GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 17, 17-20* (4th ed. 2002, table updated Oct. 2011), [https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table\\_ovrw\\_fedprogs/](https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table_ovrw_fedprogs/).

<sup>104</sup> See 42 U.S.C. § 1490(a) (2011) (Section 521 rental assistance); 42 U.S.C. §§ 1484(f)(3)(A), 1486(g)(4) (2010) (Sections 514 and 516 Farm Labor Housing); 42 U.S.C. § 1485 (2011) (Section 515 Rural Rental Housing).

<sup>105</sup> See 8 U.S.C. § 1641(b)(1) (2012).

<sup>106</sup> The Low Income Housing Tax Credit program in American Samoa is administered by the Development Bank of American Samoa. It is referred to in American Samoa as the Section 1602 Low Income Housing Program. Applications for LIHTC housing are accepted through the Development Bank of American Samoa's website at <https://dbas.as/contents/1602-2/>; The LIHTC program does not impose immigration restrictions. However, when housing units use these federally funded tax credits or other federally funded subsidies, the housing units with this combination of funding would only be available to immigrants including SIJS applicants upon receipt of lawful permanent residency, who could meet the eligibility requirements of the federal subsidies involved. SIJS applicants and recipients prior to receipt of lawful permanent residency will only qualify if the housing is LIHTC only or LIHTC is combined with one of the USDA programs listed above.

<sup>107</sup> See 42 U.S.C. § 1485 (2011); *NHLP, Chart on Federally Assisted Housing and Immigrant Eligibility (Feb. 2017)*, reprinted in LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR THE WEBINAR: "IMMIGRANT ACCESS TO FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING" (FEB. 22, 2017) at Attachment A (2017), [www.niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/info-packet-webinar-immigrant-access-and-housing/](http://www.niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/info-packet-webinar-immigrant-access-and-housing/).

<sup>108</sup> May also be eligible for proration in HUD or USDA housing programs, or for federal housing assistance from unrestricted programs. See 7 C.F.R. § 3560.11 (2012).

<sup>109</sup> See 8 U.S.C. § 1641(b)(1).

<sup>110</sup> NAT'L IMMIGR. L. CTR., *Table 1: Overview of Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs in GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 17, 17-20* (4th ed. 2002, table updated Oct. 2011), [https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table\\_ovrw\\_fedprogs/](https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/table_ovrw_fedprogs/).

<sup>111</sup> See 42 U.S.C. § 1490(a) (2011) (Section 521 rental assistance); 42 U.S.C. § 1484(f)(3)(A), 1486(g)(4) (2010) (Sections 514 and 516 Farm Labor Housing); 42 U.S.C. § 1485 (2011) (Section 515 Rural Rental Housing).

<sup>112</sup> See 8 U.S.C. § 1641(b)(1) (2012).

<sup>113</sup> The Low Income Housing Tax Credit program in American Samoa is administered by the Development Bank of American Samoa. It is referred to in American Samoa as the Section 1602 Low Income Housing Program. Applications for LIHTC housing are accepted through the Development Bank of American Samoa's website at <https://dbas.as/contents/1602-2/>; The LIHTC program does not impose immigration restrictions. However, when housing units use these federally funded tax credits or other federally funded subsidies, the housing units with this combination of funding would only be available to immigrants, including U visa wait list approved applicants upon receipt of lawful permanent residency, who could meet the eligibility requirements of the federal subsidies involved. Prior to receipt of lawful permanent residency applicants approved for the U visa wait list will only qualify if the housing is LIHTC only or LIHTC is combined with one of the USDA programs listed above.

<sup>114</sup> See 42 U.S.C. § 1485 (2011); *NHLP, Chart on Federally Assisted Housing and Immigrant Eligibility (Feb. 2017)*, reprinted in LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR THE WEBINAR: "IMMIGRANT ACCESS TO FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING" (FEB. 22, 2017) at Attachment A (2017), [www.niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/info-packet-webinar-immigrant-access-and-housing/](http://www.niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/info-packet-webinar-immigrant-access-and-housing/).

<sup>115</sup> May also be eligible for proration in HUD or USDA housing programs, or for federal housing assistance from unrestricted programs. See 7 C.F.R. § 3560.11 (2012).

<sup>116</sup> The Low Income Housing Tax Credit program in American Samoa is administered by the Development Bank of American Samoa. It is referred to in American Samoa as the Section 1602 Low Income Housing Program. Applications for LIHTC housing are accepted through the Development Bank of American Samoa's website at <https://dbas.as/contents/1602-2/>; The LIHTC program does not impose immigration restrictions. However, when housing units use these federally funded tax credits or other federally funded subsidies, the housing units with this combination of funding would only be available to immigrants, including U visa applicants upon receipt of lawful permanent residency, who could meet the eligibility requirements of the federal subsidies involved. Prior to receipt of lawful permanent residency, U visa applicants will only qualify if the housing is LIHTC only or LIHTC is combined with one of the USDA programs listed above.



<sup>117</sup> See 42 U.S.C. § 1485 (2011); *NHLP, Chart on Federally Assisted Housing and Immigrant Eligibility (Feb. 2017)*, reprinted in LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR THE WEBINAR: “IMMIGRANT ACCESS TO FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING” (FEB. 22, 2017) at Attachment A (2017), [www.niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/info-packet-webinar-immigrant-access-and-housing/](http://www.niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/info-packet-webinar-immigrant-access-and-housing/).

<sup>118</sup> May also be eligible for proration in HUD or USDA housing programs, or for federal housing assistance from unrestricted programs. See 7 C.F.R. § 3560.11 (2012).

<sup>119</sup> The Low Income Housing Tax Credit program in American Samoa is administered by the Development Bank of American Samoa. It is referred to in American Samoa as the Section 1602 Low Income Housing Program. Applications for LIHTC housing are accepted through the Development Bank of American Samoa’s website at <https://dbas.as/contents/1602-2/>; The LIHTC program does not impose immigration restrictions. However, when housing units use these federally funded tax credits or other federally funded subsidies, the housing units with this combination of funding would only be available to immigrants who could meet the eligibility requirements of the federal subsidies involved. Undocumented immigrants will only qualify if the housing is LIHTC only or LIHTC is combined with one of the USDA programs listed above.

<sup>120</sup> For eligibility in American Samoa see Additional Child Tax Credit <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/bona-fide-residents-of-american-samoa-tax-credits>

<sup>121</sup> 26 U.S.C. § 24; U.S. DEP’T OF TREASURY, I.R.S., PUB. 972, CHILD TAX CREDIT, at 3 (2017).

<sup>122</sup> 26 U.S.C. § 24(f); U.S. DEP’T OF TREASURY, I.R.S., PUB. 972, CHILD TAX CREDIT, at 2 (2017).

<sup>123</sup> See <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/individual-taxpayer-identification-number> (IRS ITIN Information Page).

<sup>124</sup> For eligibility in American Samoa see Credit for Other Dependents <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/bona-fide-residents-of-american-samoa-tax-credits>

<sup>125</sup> 26 U.S.C.A § 21(b); U.S. DEP’T OF TREASURY, I.R.S., PUB. 503, CHILD AND DEPENDENT CARE EXPENSES, at 1, 3 (2017).

<sup>126</sup> U.S. DEP’T OF TREASURY, I.R.S., PUB. 503, CHILD AND DEPENDENT CARE EXPENSES, at 3 (2017).

<sup>127</sup> U.S. DEP’T OF TREASURY, I.R.S., PUB. 503, CHILD AND DEPENDENT CARE EXPENSES, at 2 (2017).

<sup>128</sup> Earned Income Tax Credits not available to bona fide residents of American Samoa. <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/bona-fide-residents-of-american-samoa-tax-credits>;

See 390 Instructional Booklet, at 23, AM. SAM. TAX OFF.-DEP’T OF TREASURY, [https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/4bfff9\\_1a6bdd5b24484e6595c3495d2e74d304.pdf](https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/4bfff9_1a6bdd5b24484e6595c3495d2e74d304.pdf) (last visited Dec, 18, 2018);

<sup>129</sup> See Benish Anver, Henrissa Bassey & Leslye E. Orloff, *Legal Services Access for All: Implementing the Violence Against Women Act of 2005*, NAT’L LEGAL AID & DEFENDER ASS’N CORNERSTONE Jan.-Apr. 2015, at 20, [http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/anti-abuse-lsc-reg-articles-cornerstone\\_jan-apr-2015/](http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/anti-abuse-lsc-reg-articles-cornerstone_jan-apr-2015/) (describing Legal Services Corporation funded legal services available to immigrant victims of violence and their families).

<sup>130</sup> Battered or subjected to extreme cruelty includes, but is not limited to, being the victim of any act or threatened act of violence, including any forceful detention, which results or threatens to result in physical or mental injury. Psychological or sexual abuse or exploitation, including rape, molestation, incest (if the victim is a minor), or forced prostitution may be considered acts of violence. Other abusive actions may also be acts of violence under certain circumstances, including acts that, in and of themselves, may not initially appear violent but that are a part of an overall pattern of violence. 45 C.F.R. § 1626.2(b) (1996). The definition of battering or extreme cruelty is identical to that in the immigration regulations. See 45 C.F.R. §§ 1626.4(a)(1)(i) (1996) (victim); 45 C.F.R. §§ 1626.4(a)(1)(ii) (1996) (parent of victim); Leslye E. Orloff, Brittnay Roberts & Stefanie Gitler, *Battering and Extreme Cruelty: Drawing Examples from Civil Protection Order and Family Law Cases*, NAT’L IMMIGRANT WOMEN’S ADVOCACY PROJECT (Sept. 12, 2015), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/extreme-cruelty-examples-protection-order/>. Compare 45 C.F.R. § 1626.2(b) (1997) and 8 C.F.R. § 204.2(c)(1)(vi) (2012).

<sup>131</sup> The abuse may have occurred either inside or outside of the U.S. See RONALD S. FLAGG, GENERAL COUNSEL & VICE PRESIDENT FOR LEGAL AFFAIRS, LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION, PROGRAM LETTER 14-3: ASSESSING ELIGIBILITY OF ALIENS UNDER 45 C.F.R. § 1626.4(c)(1) (2014) (interpreting 45 C.F.R. § 1626.4(c)).

<sup>132</sup> 45 C.F.R. 1626.4 (b) (“Related legal assistance means legal assistance directly related” “to the prevention of, or obtaining relief from, the battery [or] cruelty” and “includes representation in matters that will assist a person eligible for assistance under this part to escape from the abusive situation, ameliorate the current effects of the abuse, or protect against future abuse, so long as the recipient can show the necessary connection of the representation to the abuse. Such representation may include immigration law matters and domestic or poverty law matters (such as obtaining civil protective orders, divorce, paternity, child custody, child and spousal support, housing, public benefits, employment, abuse and neglect, juvenile proceedings and contempt actions).”). See also Benish Anver, Henrissa Bassey & Leslye E. Orloff, *Legal Services Access for All: Implementing the Violence Against Women Act of 2005*, NAT’L LEGAL AID & DEFENDER ASS’N CORNERSTONE Jan.-Apr. 2015, at 20, [http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/anti-abuse-lsc-reg-articles-cornerstone\\_jan-apr-2015/](http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/anti-abuse-lsc-reg-articles-cornerstone_jan-apr-2015/); Benish Anver, Henrissa Bassey, & Leslye E. Orloff, *And Legal Services Access for All: Implementing the Violence Against Women Act of 2005’s New Path to Legal Services Corporation Funded Representation for Immigrant Survivors of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Human Trafficking, and Other Crimes*, NAT’L IMMIGRANT WOMEN’S ADVOCACY PROJECT (NIWAP), (Nov. 3, 2014), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/and-legal-services-for-all/>; Catherine Longville, Henrissa Bassey & Leslye E. Orloff, *Guide: Access to Publicly Funded Legal Services for Immigrant Survivors*, NAT’L IMMIGRANT WOMEN’S ADVOCACY PROJECT (NIWAP), (Oct. 1, 2014), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/lsc-tool-accesspubliclyfundedls/>.

<sup>133</sup> 45 C.F.R. § 1626.5(a).

<sup>134</sup> 45 C.F.R. § 1626.5(b).

<sup>135</sup> Upon applying for 45 C.F.R. § 1626.5(b) or receiving lawful permanent residency 45 C.F.R. § 1626.5(a) victim switch eligibility tracks from anti-abuse (which includes a restriction that the legal assistance be related to the abuse 45 C.F.R. § 1626.4 to immigration related eligibility under for 45 C.F.R. § 1626.5 under which applicants are eligible of any legal assistance offered by the LSC funded agency. See Benish Anver, Henrissa Bassey & Leslye E. Orloff, *Legal Services Access for All: Implementing the Violence Against Women Act of 2005*, NAT’L LEGAL AID & DEFENDER ASS’N CORNERSTONE Jan.-Apr. 2015, at 20, [http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/anti-abuse-lsc-reg-articles-cornerstone\\_jan-apr-2015/](http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/anti-abuse-lsc-reg-articles-cornerstone_jan-apr-2015/); Benish Anver, Henrissa Bassey, & Leslye E. Orloff, *And Legal Services Access for All: Implementing the Violence Against Women Act of 2005’s New Path to Legal Services Corporation Funded Representation for Immigrant Survivors of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Human Trafficking, and Other Crimes*, NAT’L IMMIGRANT WOMEN’S ADVOCACY PROJECT (NIWAP), (Nov. 3, 2014), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/and-legal-services-for-all/>; Catherine Longville, Henrissa Bassey & Leslye E. Orloff, *Guide: Access to Publicly Funded Legal Services for Immigrant Survivors*, NAT’L IMMIGRANT WOMEN’S ADVOCACY PROJECT (NIWAP), (Oct. 1, 2014), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/lsc-tool-accesspubliclyfundedls/>.

<sup>136</sup> OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, U.S. DEP'T OF JUSTICE, FY 2018 LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR VICTIMS GRANT PROGRAM PRE-APPLICATION CONFERENCE CALL TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2017, <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/page/file/1020436/download> (“The purpose of the LAV Program is to increase the availability of civil and criminal legal assistance needed to effectively aid adult and youth victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking who are seeking relief in legal matters relating to or arising out of that abuse or violence, at minimum or no cost to the victims. The LAV Grant Program supports the provision of holistic legal services. For example, survivors may also need legal assistance with other legal matters relating to or arising out of the abuse or violence, including family matters such as divorce, child custody or child support, immigration, administrative agency proceedings, housing, and assistance related to human trafficking.”).

<sup>137</sup> Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2000 § 1512, 34 U.S.C. § 10441 (2017) (originally codified at 42 U.S.C. § 3796gg (2000)); Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000, tit. II, § 1201(a), Pub. L. 106-386, 114 Stat. 1464 (2000) [hereinafter VAWA 2000], <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/vawa-gov-vawa-2000-pub-l-106-386-10-28-00/>.

<sup>138</sup> Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 § 103, Pub. L. 109-162, 119 Stat. 2960 (2006) (codified at 34 U.S.C. § 10441 (2017)) (originally codified at 42 U.S.C. § 3796gg (2000)) [hereinafter VAWA 2005], <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/senate-judicial-hearing-july-19-2005-1/>.

<sup>139</sup> See, e.g., OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, U.S. DEP'T OF JUSTICE, OVW FY 2017 LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR VICTIMS (LAV) GRANT PROGRAM SOLICITATION (2017), <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/page/file/922496/download> (listing representation of child sexual assault victims under age of 11 as out-of-scope for Legal Assistance for Victims grant funded programs).

<sup>140</sup> See 45 C.F.R. § 1626.5(c).

<sup>141</sup> See 45 C.F.R. § 1626.4(a)(1)(i) (trafficking victim); 45 C.F.R. §§ 1626.4 (a)(1)(ii) (parent of trafficking victim); 45 C.F.R. § 1626.2(k)(2) (A “victim of trafficking” under the anti-abuse regulation is a victim of any conduct included in the definition of “trafficking” under law, including, but not limited to, local, state, and federal law, and T visa holders regardless of certification from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)); 45 C.F.R. § 1626.4(c)(2)(ii) (stating that to qualify for legal assistance by an LSC funded agency, the trafficking must have occurred in the U.S. or violate U.S. law, 45 C.F.R. § 1626.4(c)(1), and the trafficking victim must be present in the U.S. at the time of the application for legal assistance).

<sup>142</sup> See 45 C.F.R. § 1626.4(a)(2).

<sup>143</sup> OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, U.S. DEP'T OF JUSTICE, FY 2018 LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR VICTIMS GRANT PROGRAM PRE-APPLICATION CONFERENCE CALL TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2017, <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/page/file/1020436/download> (“The purpose of the LAV Program is to increase the availability of civil and criminal legal assistance needed to effectively aid adult and youth victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking who are seeking relief in legal matters relating to or arising out of that abuse or violence, at minimum or no cost to the victims. The LAV Grant Program supports the provision of holistic legal services. For example, survivors may also need legal assistance with other legal matters relating to or arising out of the abuse or violence, including family matters such as divorce, child custody or child support, immigration, administrative agency proceedings, housing, and assistance related to human trafficking.”).

<sup>144</sup> Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2000 § 1512, 34 U.S.C. § 10441 (2017) (originally codified at 42 U.S.C. § 3796gg (2000)); Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000, tit. II, § 1201(a), Pub. L. 106-386, 114 Stat. 1464 (2000) [hereinafter VAWA 2000], <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/vawa-gov-vawa-2000-pub-l-106-386-10-28-00/>.

<sup>145</sup> Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 § 103, Pub. L. 109-162, 119 Stat. 2960 (2006) (codified at 34 U.S.C. § 10441 (2017)) (originally codified at 42 U.S.C. § 3796gg (2000)) [hereinafter VAWA 2005], <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/senate-judicial-hearing-july-19-2005-1/>.

<sup>146</sup> See, e.g., OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, U.S. DEP'T OF JUSTICE, OVW FY 2017 LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR VICTIMS (LAV) GRANT PROGRAM SOLICITATION (2017), <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/page/file/922496/download> (listing representation of child sexual assault victims under age of 11 as out-of-scope for Legal Assistance for Victims grant funded programs).

<sup>147</sup> See 45 C.F.R. § 1626.4(a)(2)(i)(A) (HHS certified victim); 45 C.F.R. § 1626.4(a)(2)(ii) (seeking certification); 45 C.F.R. § 1626.2(j) (“Victim of severe forms of trafficking” means any person described at 22 U.S.C. § 7105(b)(1)(C), with the inclusion of those still seeking HHS certification.); 45 C.F.R. § 1626.4(c)(1) (stating that to qualify for legal assistance by an LSC funded agency, the victim must be present in the U.S. at the time of the application for legal assistance, 45 C.F.R. § 1626.4(c)(2)(ii), and the trafficking must have occurred in the U.S. or violated U.S. law).

<sup>148</sup> See 45 C.F.R. § 1626.4(a)(2)(i)(B) (visa holder); 45 C.F.R. § 1626.4(a)(2)(ii) (visa applicant); 45 C.F.R. § 1626.4(c) (stating that eligibility for legal assistance under these provisions does not require HHS certification, 45 C.F.R. § 1626.4(a)(2)(ii), although the trafficking must either have occurred in the U.S. or violated U.S. law).

<sup>149</sup> OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, U.S. DEP'T OF JUSTICE, FY 2018 LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR VICTIMS GRANT PROGRAM PRE-APPLICATION CONFERENCE CALL TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2017, <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/page/file/1020436/download> (“The purpose of the LAV Program is to increase the availability of civil and criminal legal assistance needed to effectively aid adult and youth victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking who are seeking relief in legal matters relating to or arising out of that abuse or violence, at minimum or no cost to the victims. The LAV Grant Program supports the provision of holistic legal services. For example, survivors may also need legal assistance with other legal matters relating to or arising out of the abuse or violence, including family matters such as divorce, child custody or child support, immigration, administrative agency proceedings, housing, and assistance related to human trafficking.”).

<sup>150</sup> Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2000 § 1512, 34 U.S.C. § 10441 (2017) (originally codified at 42 U.S.C. § 3796gg (2000)); Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000, tit. II, § 1201(a), Pub. L. 106-386, 114 Stat. 1464 (2000) [hereinafter VAWA 2000], <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/vawa-gov-vawa-2000-pub-l-106-386-10-28-00/>.

<sup>151</sup> Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 § 103, Pub. L. 109-162, 119 Stat. 2960 (2006) (codified at 34 U.S.C. § 10441 (2017)) (originally codified at 42 U.S.C. § 3796gg (2000)) [hereinafter VAWA 2005], <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/senate-judicial-hearing-july-19-2005-1/>.

<sup>152</sup> See, e.g., OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, U.S. DEP'T OF JUSTICE, OVW FY 2017 LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR VICTIMS (LAV) GRANT PROGRAM SOLICITATION (2017), <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/page/file/922496/download> (listing representation of child sexual assault victims under age of 11 as out-of-scope for Legal Assistance for Victims grant funded programs).

<sup>153</sup> See 45 C.F.R. §§ 1626.4(a)(1)(i) (crime victim or family member eligible for U visa relief); 45 C.F.R. § 1626.4(a)(1)(ii) (parent of U visa eligible child); 45 C.F.R. § 1626.2(h) (definitions); 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15)(U)(i)(I)-(a)(15)(U)(iii) (stating that to qualify for a U visa, the victim must have suffered substantial physical or mental abuse as a result of having been a victim of one or more of the following, or any similar activity in violation of Federal, State, or local criminal law: rape; torture; trafficking; incest; domestic violence; sexual assault; abusive sexual contact; prostitution; sexual exploitation; stalking; female genital mutilation; being held hostage; peonage; involuntary servitude; slave trade; kidnapping; abduction; unlawful criminal restraint; false imprisonment; blackmail; extortion; manslaughter; murder; felonious assault; witness tampering; obstruction of justice; perjury; fraud in foreign labor contracting (as defined in section 1351 of title 18); or attempt, conspiracy, or solicitation to commit any of the above mentioned crimes); Leslye E. Orloff, Brittnay Roberts & Stefanie Gitler, *Battering and Extreme Cruelty: Drawing Examples from Civil Protection Order and Family Law Cases*, NAT'L IMMIGRANT WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT (Sept. 12, 2015), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/extreme-cruelty-examples-protection-order/> (suggesting the definition of battering or extreme cruelty is identical to that in the immigration regulations). Compare 45 C.F.R. § 1626.2(b) and 8 C.F.R. § 204.2(c)(1)(vi).

<sup>154</sup> 45 C.F.R. §§ 1626.4(a)(1)(i) (victim); 45 C.F.R. §§ 1626.4(a)(1)(ii) (parent of victim); 45 C.F.R. § 1626.2(k) (“Victim of sexual assault or trafficking” means a victim of sexual assault subjected to any conduct included in the definition of sexual assault in VAWA, 42 U.S.C. 13925(a)(29), or a victim of trafficking subjected to any conduct included in the definition of “trafficking” under law, including, but not limited to, local, state, and federal law, and T visa holders regardless of certification from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.).

<sup>155</sup> The abuse must either have occurred in the U.S. or violate U.S. law. See 45 C.F.R. § 1626.4(c).

<sup>156</sup> Related legal assistance means legal assistance directly related to the prevention of, or obtaining relief from, the battery or cruelty and includes representation in matters that will assist a person eligible for assistance under this part to escape from the abusive situation, ameliorate the current effects of the abuse, or protect against future abuse, so long as the recipient can show the necessary connection of the representation to the abuse. Such representation may include immigration law matters and domestic or poverty law matters (such as obtaining civil protective orders, divorce, paternity, child custody, child and spousal support, housing, public benefits, employment, abuse and neglect, juvenile proceedings and contempt actions). 45 C.F.R. § 1626.4 (b); see also Benish Anver, Henrissa Bassey & Leslye E. Orloff, *Legal Services Access for All: Implementing the Violence Against Women Act of 2005*, NAT'L LEGAL AID & DEFENDER ASS'N CORNERSTONE Jan.-Apr. 2015, at 20, [http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/anti-abuse-lsc-reg-articles-cornerstone\\_jan-apr-2015/](http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/anti-abuse-lsc-reg-articles-cornerstone_jan-apr-2015/) (describing Legal Services Corporation funded legal services available to immigrant victims of violence and their families); Benish Anver, Henrissa Bassey, & Leslye E. Orloff, *And Legal Services Access for All: Implementing the Violence Against Women Act of 2005's New Path to Legal Services Corporation Funded Representation for Immigrant Survivors of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Human Trafficking, and Other Crimes*, NAT'L IMMIGRANT WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT (NIWAP), (Nov. 3, 2014), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/and-legal-services-for-all/>; Catherine Longville, Henrissa Bassey & Leslye E. Orloff, *Guide: Access to Publicly Funded Legal Services for Immigrant Survivors*, NAT'L IMMIGRANT WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT (NIWAP), (Oct. 1, 2014), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/lsc-tool-accesspubliclyfundedls/>.

<sup>157</sup> OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, U.S. DEP'T OF JUSTICE, FY 2018 LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR VICTIMS GRANT PROGRAM PRE-APPLICATION CONFERENCE CALL TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2017, <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/page/file/1020436/download> (“The purpose of the LAV Program is to increase the availability of civil and criminal legal assistance needed to effectively aid adult and youth victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking who are seeking relief in legal matters relating to or arising out of that abuse or violence, at minimum or no cost to the victims. The LAV Grant Program supports the provision of holistic legal services. For example, survivors may also need legal assistance with other legal matters relating to or arising out of the abuse or violence, including family matters such as divorce, child custody or child support, immigration, administrative agency proceedings, housing, and assistance related to human trafficking.”).

<sup>158</sup> Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2000 § 1512, 34 U.S.C. § 10441 (2017) (originally codified at 42 U.S.C. § 3796gg (2000)); Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000, tit. II, § 1201(a), Pub. L. 106-386, 114 Stat. 1464 (2000) [hereinafter VAWA 2000], <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/vawa-gov-vawa-2000-pub-l-106-386-10-28-00/>.

<sup>159</sup> Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 § 103, Pub. L. 109-162, 119 Stat. 2960 (2006) (codified at 34 U.S.C. § 10441 (2017)) (originally codified at 42 U.S.C. § 3796gg (2000)) [hereinafter VAWA 2005], <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/senate-judicial-hearing-july-19-2005-1/>.

<sup>160</sup> See, e.g. Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Dep't of Justice, OVW FY 2017 Legal Assistance for Victims (LAV) Grant Program Solicitation (2017),

<https://www.justice.gov/ovw/page/file/922496/download> (listing representation of child sexual assault victims under age of 11 as out-of-scope for Legal Assistance for Victims grant funded programs).

<sup>161</sup> 45 C.F.R. §§ 1626.4(a)(1)(i); 45 C.F.R. § 1626.2(b) (“Battered or subjected to extreme cruelty includes, but is not limited to, being the victim of any act or threatened act of violence, including any forceful detention, which results or threatens to result in physical or mental injury. Psychological or sexual abuse or exploitation, including rape, molestation, incest (if the victim is a minor), or forced prostitution may be considered acts of violence. Other abusive actions may also be acts of violence under certain circumstances, including acts that, in and of themselves, may not initially appear violent but that are a part of an overall pattern of violence.”). See Leslye E. Orloff, Brittnay Roberts & Stefanie Gitler, *Battering and Extreme Cruelty: Drawing Examples from Civil Protection Order and Family Law Cases*, NAT'L IMMIGRANT WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT (Sept. 12, 2015), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/extreme-cruelty-examples-protection-order/> (suggesting the definition of battering or extreme cruelty is identical to that in the immigration regulations). Compare 45 C.F.R. § 1626.2(b) and 8 C.F.R. § 204.2(c)(1)(vi).

<sup>162</sup> 45 C.F.R. § 1626.4(a)(1)(i); 45 C.F.R. § 1626.2(k) (“Victim of sexual assault or trafficking” means a victim of sexual assault subjected to any conduct included in the definition of sexual assault in VAWA, 42 U.S.C. 13925(a)(29), or a victim of trafficking subjected to any conduct included in the definition of “trafficking” under law, including, but not limited to, local, state, and federal law, and T visa holders regardless of certification from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.).

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<sup>164</sup> *See* 45 C.F.R. § 1626.5(a).

<sup>165</sup> *See* 45 C.F.R. § 1626.5(b); Benish Anver, Henrissa Bassey & Leslye E. Orloff, *Legal Services Access for All: Implementing the Violence Against Women Act of 2005*, NAT’L LEGAL AID & DEFENDER ASS’N CORNERSTONE Jan.-Apr. 2015, at 20, [http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/anti-abuse-lsc-reg-articles-cornerstone\\_jan-apr-2015/](http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/anti-abuse-lsc-reg-articles-cornerstone_jan-apr-2015/) (describing Legal Services Corporation funded legal services available to immigrant victims of violence and their families); Benish Anver, Henrissa Bassey, & Leslye E. Orloff, *And Legal Services Access for All: Implementing the Violence Against Women Act of 2005’s New Path to Legal Services Corporation Funded Representation for Immigrant Survivors of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Human Trafficking, and Other Crimes*, NAT’L IMMIGRANT WOMEN’S ADVOCACY PROJECT (NIWAP), (Nov. 3, 2014), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/and-legal-services-for-all/>; Catherine Longville, Henrissa Bassey & Leslye E. Orloff, *Guide: Access to Publicly Funded Legal Services for Immigrant Survivors*, NAT’L IMMIGRANT WOMEN’S ADVOCACY PROJECT (NIWAP), (Oct. 1, 2014), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/lsc-tool-accesspubliclyfundedls/>.

<sup>166</sup> OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, U.S. DEP’T OF JUSTICE, FY 2018 LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR VICTIMS GRANT PROGRAM PRE-APPLICATION CONFERENCE CALL TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2017, <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/page/file/1020436/download> (“The purpose of the LAV Program is to increase the availability of civil and criminal legal assistance needed to effectively aid adult and youth victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking who are seeking relief in legal matters relating to or arising out of that abuse or violence, at minimum or no cost to the victims. The LAV Grant Program supports the provision of holistic legal services. For example, survivors may also need legal assistance with other legal matters relating to or arising out of the abuse or violence, including family matters such as divorce, child custody or child support, immigration, administrative agency proceedings, housing, and assistance related to human trafficking.”).

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<sup>168</sup> Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 § 103, Pub. L. 109-162, 119 Stat. 2960 (2006) (codified at 34 U.S.C. § 10441 (2017)) (originally codified at 42 U.S.C. § 3796gg (2000)) [hereinafter VAWA 2005], <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/senate-judicial-hearing-july-19-2005-1/>.

<sup>169</sup> *See, e.g.*, OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, U.S. DEP’T OF JUSTICE, OVW FY 2017 LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR VICTIMS (LAV) GRANT PROGRAM SOLICITATION (2017), <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/page/file/922496/download> (listing representation of child sexual assault victims under age of 11 as out-of-scope for Legal Assistance for Victims grant funded programs).

<sup>170</sup> 45 C.F.R. §§ 1626.4(a)(1)(i) (crime victim or family member eligible for U visa relief); 45 C.F.R. § 1626.4(a)(1)(ii) (parent of U visa eligible child); 45 C.F.R. § 1626.2(h) (definitions); 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15)(U)(i)(I)-(a)(15)(U)(iii) (stating that to qualify for a U visa, the victim must have suffered substantial physical or mental abuse as a result of having been a victim of one or more of the following, or any similar activity in violation of Federal, State, or local criminal law: rape; torture; trafficking; incest; domestic violence; sexual assault; abusive sexual contact; prostitution; sexual exploitation; stalking; female genital mutilation; being held hostage; peonage; involuntary servitude; slave trade; kidnapping; abduction; unlawful criminal restraint; false imprisonment; blackmail; extortion; manslaughter; murder; felonious assault; witness tampering; obstruction of justice; perjury; fraud in foreign labor contracting (as defined in section 1351 of title 18); or attempt, conspiracy, or solicitation to commit any of the above mentioned crimes).

<sup>171</sup> To qualify for legal representation by an LSC funded agency, the abuse must either have occurred inside the U.S. or violated U.S. law. 45 C.F.R. § 1626.4(c)(1).

<sup>172</sup> “Related legal assistance means legal assistance directly related” “to the prevention of, or obtaining relief from, the battery [or] cruelty” and “includes representation in matters that will assist a person eligible for assistance under this part to escape from the abusive situation, ameliorate the current effects of the abuse, or protect against future abuse, so long as the recipient can show the necessary connection of the representation to the abuse. Such representation may include immigration law matters and domestic or poverty law matters (such as obtaining civil protective orders, divorce, paternity, child custody, child and spousal support, housing, public benefits, employment, abuse and neglect, juvenile proceedings and contempt actions).” 45 C.F.R. 1626.4 (b); *see also* Benish Anver, Henrissa Bassey & Leslye E. Orloff, *Legal Services Access for All: Implementing the Violence Against Women Act of 2005*, NAT’L LEGAL AID & DEFENDER ASS’N CORNERSTONE Jan.-Apr. 2015, at 20, [http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/anti-abuse-lsc-reg-articles-cornerstone\\_jan-apr-2015/](http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/anti-abuse-lsc-reg-articles-cornerstone_jan-apr-2015/); Benish Anver, Henrissa Bassey, & Leslye E. Orloff, *And Legal Services Access for All: Implementing the Violence Against Women Act of 2005’s New Path to Legal Services Corporation Funded Representation for Immigrant Survivors of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Human Trafficking, and Other Crimes*, NAT’L IMMIGRANT WOMEN’S ADVOCACY PROJECT (NIWAP), (Nov. 3, 2014), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/and-legal-services-for-all/>; Catherine Longville, Henrissa Bassey & Leslye E. Orloff, *Guide: Access to Publicly Funded Legal Services for Immigrant Survivors*, NAT’L IMMIGRANT WOMEN’S ADVOCACY PROJECT (NIWAP), (Oct. 1, 2014), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/lsc-tool-accesspubliclyfundedls/>.

<sup>173</sup> *See* 45 C.F.R. § 1626.5(a).

<sup>174</sup> See 45 C.F.R. § 1626.5(b); Benish Anver, Henrissa Bassey & Leslye E. Orloff, *Legal Services Access for All: Implementing the Violence Against Women Act of 2005*, NAT'L LEGAL AID & DEFENDER ASS'N CORNERSTONE Jan.-Apr. 2015, at 20, [http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/anti-abuse-lsc-reg-articles-cornerstone\\_jan-apr-2015/](http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/anti-abuse-lsc-reg-articles-cornerstone_jan-apr-2015/); Benish Anver, Henrissa Bassey, & Leslye E. Orloff, *And Legal Services Access for All: Implementing the Violence Against Women Act of 2005's New Path to Legal Services Corporation Funded Representation for Immigrant Survivors of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Human Trafficking, and Other Crimes*, NAT'L IMMIGRANT WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT (NIWAP), (Nov. 3, 2014), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/and-legal-services-for-all/>; Catherine Longville, Henrissa Bassey & Leslye E. Orloff, *Guide: Access to Publicly Funded Legal Services for Immigrant Survivors*, NAT'L IMMIGRANT WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT (NIWAP), (Oct. 1, 2014), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/lsc-tool-accesspubliclyfundedls/>.

<sup>175</sup> OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, U.S. DEP'T OF JUSTICE, FY 2018 LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR VICTIMS GRANT PROGRAM PRE-APPLICATION CONFERENCE CALL TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2017, <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/page/file/1020436/download> (“The purpose of the LAV Program is to increase the availability of civil and criminal legal assistance needed to effectively aid adult and youth victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking who are seeking relief in legal matters relating to or arising out of that abuse or violence, at minimum or no cost to the victims. The LAV Grant Program supports the provision of holistic legal services. For example, survivors may also need legal assistance with other legal matters relating to or arising out of the abuse or violence, including family matters such as divorce, child custody or child support, immigration, administrative agency proceedings, housing, and assistance related to human trafficking.”).

<sup>176</sup> Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2000 § 1512, 34 U.S.C. § 10441 (2017) (originally codified at 42 U.S.C. § 3796gg (2000)); Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000, tit. II, § 1201(a), Pub. L. 106-386, 114 Stat. 1464 (2000) [hereinafter VAWA 2000], <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/vawa-gov-vawa-2000-pub-l-106-386-10-28-00/>.

<sup>177</sup> Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 § 103, Pub. L. 109-162, 119 Stat. 2960 (2006) (codified at 34 U.S.C. § 10441 (2017)) (originally codified at 42 U.S.C. § 3796gg (2000)) [hereinafter VAWA 2005], <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/senate-judicial-hearing-july-19-2005-1/>.

<sup>178</sup> See, e.g., Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Dep't of Justice, OVW FY 2017 Legal Assistance for Victims (LAV) Grant Program Solicitation (2017), <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/page/file/922496/download> (listing representation of child sexual assault victims under age of 11 as out-of-scope for Legal Assistance for Victims grant funded programs).

<sup>179</sup> See 45 C.F.R. § 1626.4(a)(1)(i) (crime victim or family member eligible for U visa relief); 45 C.F.R. § 1626.4(a)(1)(ii) (parent of U visa eligible child); 45 C.F.R. § 1626.2(h) (definitions); 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15)(U)(i)(I)-(a)(15)(U)(iii) (stating that to qualify for a U visa, the victim must have suffered substantial physical or mental abuse as a result of having been a victim of one or more of the following, or any similar activity in violation of Federal, State, or local criminal law: rape; torture; trafficking; incest; domestic violence; sexual assault; abusive sexual contact; prostitution; sexual exploitation; stalking; female genital mutilation; being held hostage; peonage; involuntary servitude; slave trade; kidnapping; abduction; unlawful criminal restraint; false imprisonment; blackmail; extortion; manslaughter; murder; felonious assault; witness tampering; obstruction of justice; perjury; fraud in foreign labor contracting (as defined in section 1351 of title 18); or attempt, conspiracy, or solicitation to commit any of the above mentioned crimes).

<sup>180</sup> To qualify for legal representation by an LSC funded agency, the abuse must either have occurred inside the U.S. or violated U.S. law. 45 C.F.R. § 1626.4(c)(1).

<sup>181</sup> 45 C.F.R. 1626.4 (b) (“Related legal assistance means legal assistance directly related” “to the prevention of, or obtaining relief from, the battery [or] cruelty” and “includes representation in matters that will assist a person eligible for assistance under this part to escape from the abusive situation, ameliorate the current effects of the abuse, or protect against future abuse, so long as the recipient can show the necessary connection of the representation to the abuse. Such representation may include immigration law matters and domestic or poverty law matters (such as obtaining civil protective orders, divorce, paternity, child custody, child and spousal support, housing, public benefits, employment, abuse and neglect, juvenile proceedings and contempt actions).”). See also Benish Anver, Henrissa Bassey & Leslye E. Orloff, *Legal Services Access for All: Implementing the Violence Against Women Act of 2005*, NAT'L LEGAL AID & DEFENDER ASS'N CORNERSTONE Jan.-Apr. 2015, at 20, [http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/anti-abuse-lsc-reg-articles-cornerstone\\_jan-apr-2015/](http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/anti-abuse-lsc-reg-articles-cornerstone_jan-apr-2015/) (describing Legal Services Corporation funded legal services available to immigrant victims of violence and their families); Benish Anver, Henrissa Bassey, & Leslye E. Orloff, *And Legal Services Access for All: Implementing the Violence Against Women Act of 2005's New Path to Legal Services Corporation Funded Representation for Immigrant Survivors of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Human Trafficking, and Other Crimes*, NAT'L IMMIGRANT WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT (NIWAP), (Nov. 3, 2014), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/and-legal-services-for-all/>; Catherine Longville, Henrissa Bassey & Leslye E. Orloff, *Guide: Access to Publicly Funded Legal Services for Immigrant Survivors*, NAT'L IMMIGRANT WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT (NIWAP), (Oct. 1, 2014), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/lsc-tool-accesspubliclyfundedls/>.

<sup>182</sup> OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, U.S. DEP'T OF JUSTICE, FY 2018 LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR VICTIMS GRANT PROGRAM PRE-APPLICATION CONFERENCE CALL TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2017, <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/page/file/1020436/download> (“The purpose of the LAV Program is to increase the availability of civil and criminal legal assistance needed to effectively aid adult and youth victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking who are seeking relief in legal matters relating to or arising out of that abuse or violence, at minimum or no cost to the victims. The LAV Grant Program supports the provision of holistic legal services. For example, survivors may also need legal assistance with other legal matters relating to or arising out of the abuse or violence, including family matters such as divorce, child custody or child support, immigration, administrative agency proceedings, housing, and assistance related to human trafficking.”).

<sup>183</sup> Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2000 § 1512, 34 U.S.C. § 10441 (2017) (originally codified at 42 U.S.C. § 3796gg (2000)); Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000, tit. II, § 1201(a), Pub. L. 106-386, 114 Stat. 1464 (2000) [hereinafter VAWA 2000], <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/vawa-gov-vawa-2000-pub-l-106-386-10-28-00/>.

<sup>184</sup> Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 § 103, Pub. L. 109-162, 119 Stat. 2960 (2006) (codified at 34 U.S.C. § 10441 (2017)) (originally codified at 42 U.S.C. § 3796gg (2000)) [hereinafter VAWA 2005], <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/senate-judicial-hearing-july-19-2005-1/>.

<sup>185</sup> See, e.g., OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, U.S. DEP'T OF JUSTICE, OVW FY 2017 LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR VICTIMS (LAV) GRANT PROGRAM SOLICITATION (2017), <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/page/file/922496/download> (listing representation of child sexual assault victims under age of 11 as out-of-scope for Legal Assistance for Victims grant funded programs).

<sup>186</sup> 45 C.F.R. §§ 1626.4(a)(1)(i) (1996) (victim); 45 C.F.R. §§ 1626.4(a)(1)(ii) (1996) (parent of victim); 45 C.F.R. § 1626.2(b) (1996) (“Battered or subjected to extreme cruelty includes, but is not limited to, being the victim of any act or threatened act of violence, including any forceful detention, which results or threatens to result in physical or mental injury. Psychological or sexual abuse or exploitation, including rape, molestation, incest (if the victim is a minor), or forced prostitution may be considered acts of violence. Other abusive actions may also be acts of violence under certain circumstances, including acts that, in and of themselves, may not initially appear violent but that are a part of an overall pattern of violence. The definition of battering or extreme cruelty is identical to that in the immigration regulations.” See Leslye E. Orloff, Brittnay Roberts & Stefanie Gitler, *Battering and Extreme Cruelty: Drawing Examples from Civil Protection Order and Family Law Cases*, NAT’L IMMIGRANT WOMEN’S ADVOCACY PROJECT (Sept. 12, 2015), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/extreme-cruelty-examples-protection-order/>. Compare 45 C.F.R. § 1626.2(b) (1997) and 8 C.F.R. § 204.2(c)(1)(vi) (2012).

<sup>187</sup> See 45 C.F.R. § 1626.4(a)(1)(i) (victim); 45 C.F.R. § 1626.4(a)(1)(ii) (parent of victim); 45 C.F.R. § 1626.2(k) (“Victim of sexual assault or trafficking” means a victim of sexual assault subjected to any conduct included in the definition of sexual assault in VAWA, 42 U.S.C. 13925(a)(29), or a victim of trafficking subjected to any conduct included in the definition of “trafficking” under law, including, but not limited to, local, state, and federal law, and T visa holders regardless of certification from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services).

<sup>188</sup> The abuse must either have occurred in the U.S. or violate U.S. law. See 45 C.F.R. § 1626.4(c).

<sup>189</sup> See also 45 C.F.R. 1626.4(b) (“Related legal assistance means legal assistance directly related to the prevention of, or obtaining relief from, the battery or cruelty and includes representation in matters that will assist a person eligible for assistance under this part to escape from the abusive situation, ameliorate the current effects of the abuse, or protect against future abuse, so long as the recipient can show the necessary connection of the representation to the abuse. Such representation may include immigration law matters and domestic or poverty law matters (such as obtaining civil protective orders, divorce, paternity, child custody, child and spousal support, housing, public benefits, employment, abuse and neglect, juvenile proceedings and contempt actions).”; Benish Anver, Henrissa Bassey & Leslye E. Orloff, *Legal Services Access for All: Implementing the Violence Against Women Act of 2005*, NAT’L LEGAL AID & DEFENDER ASS’N CORNERSTONE Jan.-Apr. 2015, at 20, [http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/anti-abuse-lsc-reg-articles-cornerstone\\_jan-apr-2015/](http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/anti-abuse-lsc-reg-articles-cornerstone_jan-apr-2015/); Benish Anver, Henrissa Bassey, & Leslye E. Orloff, *And Legal Services Access for All: Implementing the Violence Against Women Act of 2005’s New Path to Legal Services Corporation Funded Representation for Immigrant Survivors of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Human Trafficking, and Other Crimes*, NAT’L IMMIGRANT WOMEN’S ADVOCACY PROJECT (NIWAP), (Nov. 3, 2014), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/and-legal-services-for-all/>; Catherine Longville, Henrissa Bassey & Leslye E. Orloff, *Guide: Access to Publicly Funded Legal Services for Immigrant Survivors*, NAT’L IMMIGRANT WOMEN’S ADVOCACY PROJECT (NIWAP), (Oct. 1, 2014), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/lsc-tool-accesspubliclyfunded/>.

<sup>190</sup> OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, U.S. DEP’T OF JUSTICE, FY 2018 LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR VICTIMS GRANT PROGRAM PRE-APPLICATION CONFERENCE CALL TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2017, <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/page/file/1020436/download> (“The purpose of the LAV Program is to increase the availability of civil and criminal legal assistance needed to effectively aid adult and youth victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking who are seeking relief in legal matters relating to or arising out of that abuse or violence, at minimum or no cost to the victims. The LAV Grant Program supports the provision of holistic legal services. For example, survivors may also need legal assistance with other legal matters relating to or arising out of the abuse or violence, including family matters such as divorce, child custody or child support, immigration, administrative agency proceedings, housing, and assistance related to human trafficking.”).

<sup>191</sup> Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2000 § 1512, 34 U.S.C. § 10441 (2017) (originally codified at 42 U.S.C. § 3796gg (2000)); Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000, tit. II, § 1201(a), Pub. L. 106-386, 114 Stat. 1464 (2000) [hereinafter VAWA 2000], <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/vawa-gov-vawa-2000-pub-l-106-386-10-28-00/>.

<sup>192</sup> Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 § 103, Pub. L. 109-162, 119 Stat. 2960 (2006) (codified at 34 U.S.C. § 10441 (2017)) (originally codified at 42 U.S.C. § 3796gg (2000)) [hereinafter VAWA 2005], <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/senate-judicial-hearing-july-19-2005-1/>.

<sup>193</sup> See, e.g., OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, U.S. DEP’T OF JUSTICE, OVW FY 2017 LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR VICTIMS (LAV) GRANT PROGRAM SOLICITATION (2017), <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/page/file/922496/download> (listing representation of child sexual assault victims under age of 11 as out-of-scope for Legal Assistance for Victims grant funded programs).

<sup>194</sup> U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Weatherization Assistance Program, How to Apply for Weatherization Assistance <https://www.energy.gov/eere/wap/how-apply-weatherization-assistance> (Map at the bottom of the page provides contact information for the WAP program in American Samoa).

<sup>195</sup> American Samoa LIHEAP Program Coordinator, Office of Community Services, Administration for Children and Families [https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ocs/map/liheap-map-state-and-territory-contact-listing#AS\\_5213](https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ocs/map/liheap-map-state-and-territory-contact-listing#AS_5213); <https://liheapassistance.org/faqs/american-samoa/>

<sup>196</sup> NAT’L IMMIGRATION LAW CTR., *Low-Income Home Energy (LIHEAP) and Weatherization Assistance Programs (WAP) in GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 150, 150-51* (4th ed. 2002, rev. May 2006), [https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/liheapwap\\_pp150-51\\_053006.pdf](https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/liheapwap_pp150-51_053006.pdf).

<sup>197</sup> NAT’L IMMIGRATION LAW CTR., *Low-Income Home Energy (LIHEAP) and Weatherization Assistance Programs (WAP) in GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 150, 150-51* (4th ed. 2002, rev. May 2006), [https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/liheapwap\\_pp150-51\\_053006.pdf](https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/liheapwap_pp150-51_053006.pdf). See 8 U.S.C. § 1641(c).

<sup>198</sup> NAT’L IMMIGRATION LAW CTR., *Low-Income Home Energy (LIHEAP) and Weatherization Assistance Programs (WAP) in GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 150, 150-51* (4th ed. 2002, rev. May 2006), [https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/liheapwap\\_pp150-51\\_053006.pdf](https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/liheapwap_pp150-51_053006.pdf).

<sup>199</sup> NAT’L IMMIGRATION LAW CTR., *Low-Income Home Energy (LIHEAP) and Weatherization Assistance Programs (WAP) in GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 150, 150-51* (4th ed. 2002, rev. May 2006), [https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/liheapwap\\_pp150-51\\_053006.pdf](https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/liheapwap_pp150-51_053006.pdf). See 8 U.S.C. §§ 1641(b)(2), (b)(3), (c)(4).

<sup>200</sup> NAT’L IMMIGRATION LAW CTR., *Low-Income Home Energy (LIHEAP) and Weatherization Assistance Programs (WAP) in GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 150, 150-51* (4th ed. 2002, rev. May 2006), [https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/liheapwap\\_pp150-51\\_053006.pdf](https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/liheapwap_pp150-51_053006.pdf).

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- <sup>202</sup> NAT'L IMMIGRATION LAW CTR., *Low-Income Home Energy (LIHEAP) and Weatherization Assistance Programs (WAP) in GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 150, 150-51* (4th ed. 2002, rev. May 2006), [https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/liheapwap\\_pp150-51\\_053006.pdf](https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/liheapwap_pp150-51_053006.pdf).
- <sup>203</sup> NAT'L IMMIGRATION LAW CTR., *Low-Income Home Energy (LIHEAP) and Weatherization Assistance Programs (WAP) in GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 150, 150-51* (4th ed. 2002, rev. May 2006), [https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/liheapwap\\_pp150-51\\_053006.pdf](https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/liheapwap_pp150-51_053006.pdf).
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- <sup>205</sup> NAT'L IMMIGRATION LAW CTR., *Low-Income Home Energy (LIHEAP) and Weatherization Assistance Programs (WAP) in GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 150, 150-51* (4th ed. 2002, rev. May 2006), [https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/liheapwap\\_pp150-51\\_053006.pdf](https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/liheapwap_pp150-51_053006.pdf).
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- <sup>207</sup> NAT'L IMMIGRATION LAW CTR., *Low-Income Home Energy (LIHEAP) and Weatherization Assistance Programs (WAP) in GUIDE TO IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS 150, 150-51* (4th ed. 2002, rev. May 2006), [https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/liheapwap\\_pp150-51\\_053006.pdf](https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/liheapwap_pp150-51_053006.pdf).
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- <sup>209</sup> 42 U.S.C. § 5121; See American Red Cross and the Nat'l Council of La Raza, and NAT'L IMMIGRATION LAW CTR., *Fact Sheet: Immigrant Eligibility for Disaster Assistance* (June 2007), <https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/immigrant-eligibility-disaster-assistance/>.
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<sup>226</sup> See FED. EMERGENCY MGMT. AGENCY, FEMA CITIZENSHIP/IMMIGRATION REQUIREMENTS (2015), <https://www.fema.gov/faq-details/FEMA-Citizenship-Immigration-requirements-1370032118159> (stating that undocumented individuals can apply on behalf of a minor US citizen child who has a social security card).

<sup>227</sup> See Appendix B: Social Welfare Programs in the Territories, COMM. ON WAYS & MEANS U.S. HOUS. OF REPRESENTATIVES, <https://greenbook-waysandmeans.house.gov/2016-green-book/appendix-b-social-welfare-programs-in-the-territories> (last visited Aug. 5 2022).

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<sup>229</sup> *Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation Eligibility* [https://www.americansamoa.gov/\\_files/ugd/4bfff9\\_1a69ed0516734c6696ec03c6c7096b48.pdf](https://www.americansamoa.gov/_files/ugd/4bfff9_1a69ed0516734c6696ec03c6c7096b48.pdf)