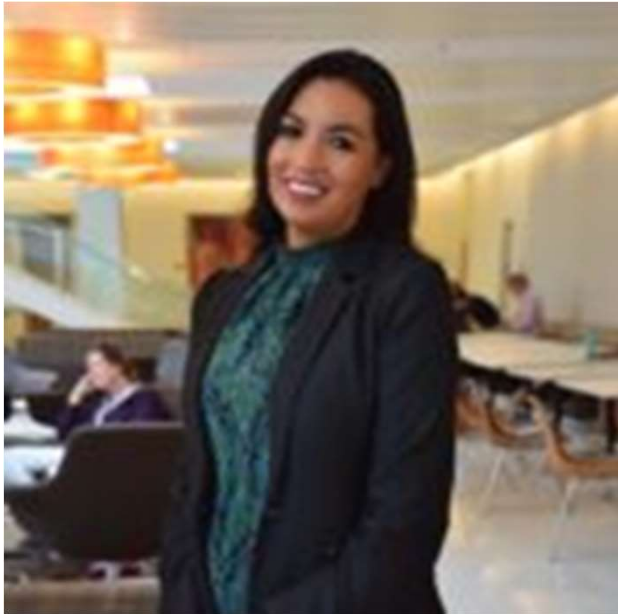


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### CARES Act Economic Impact Payment: Tax Discussion for Immigrant Survivors

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# COVID-19 Resources for Immigrant Survivors, Advocates, Attorneys, and Courts:

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## COVID-19 Resources for Immigrant Survivors, Advocates, Attorneys, and Courts

NIWAP recognizes the impact of an increased risk for immigrant survivors and the critical need to access COVID-19 screening and healthcare, as well as access to critical aid and economic support provided by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA). It is crucial that victim advocates, attorneys, police, prosecutors, courts and other service providers working with immigrant survivors are able to accurately identify immigrant survivors who are eligible for assistance.

In response we have developed and publication titled "Immigrant Crime Victim Access to Relief During the COVID-19 Crisis Under the CARES and FFCRA Acts (May 20, 2020)" To support professionals working with immigrant survivors determine when immigrant survivors qualify for help under the CARES and FFCRA Acts. We want to lift-up a wide range of resources from partner organizations that we have compiled on this web page to help keep you informed and updated during this unprecedented time.

### CARES Act Eligibility

- NIWAP: Immigrant Crime Victim Access to Relief During the COVID-19 Crisis Under the CARES and FFCRA Acts (May 20, 2020)
- National Immigration Law Center: Understanding the Impact of Key Provisions of COVID-19 Relief Bills on Immigrant Communities
- National Immigration Justice Center: COVID-19 Q&A: Understanding Benefits you can receive during the COVID-19 Emergency Crisis (April 2020)
- National Employment Law Project: FAQ Eligibility for Assistance Based on Immigration Status
- Protecting Immigrant Families: Immigrant Eligibility for Public Programs During COVID-19
  - En Español: Elegibilidad de Inmigrantes Para Programas Públicos
- National Law Review: The Families First Coronavirus Response Act FAQs: The FMLA Amendments and Paid Sick Leave Requirements of the New Law

### CARES Act Cash Benefits

- Human Rights Initiative: stimulus eligibility checker (please let kcohn@hronline.org if you see any errors)
  - English language version
  - Spanish language version

On the right side of the page, there is a "NIWAP" logo, a "DONATE HERE" button, a "Google Custom Search" box, and several resource links: "For technical assistance on the legal rights of immigrant crime victims, please contact us at (202)274-4457 or at info@niwap.org", "Other resources:", "Directory of programs with experience serving immigrant victims", "State-by-state map of available public benefits", "Find upcoming webinars and trainings in your area", and "View past webinar recordings, PSAs, and a set of roll call training videos for law enforcement at..."

The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the search bar with "Type here to search", several application icons (including Word, Chrome, and Outlook), and the system tray with the time "6:41 PM" and date "6/22/2020".

# Immigrant Crime Victim Access to Relief During the COVID-19 Crisis Under the CARES and FFCRA Acts (May 20, 2020)

- Found on NIWAP Web Library  
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/cares-act-unemployment-imm-victims-5-27-2020>
- Discusses eligibility of immigrant survivors who are applicants for, or recipients of, various forms of victim-based immigration relief for assistance under the CARES and FFCRA legislation

# Types of Relief NIWAP's Covid-19 Publication Covers

- Economic Relief for Families
- Unemployment Insurance
- Health Care Access

# Quick Recap of Last Call

- Who is eligible for CARES Act Economic Impact Payment
- Impact on Mixed Status Families
- Risks for Domestic Violence Survivors
  - Jointly filing with abuser
  - Securing funds
  - Role of SSN's, legal immigration status, and employment authorization

# CARES Act Economic Impact Payment: Tax Discussion for Immigrant Survivors



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When talking about immigrant survivors, who have a path to lawful immigration status – What should they be thinking about when filing taxes?

Should survivors be filing for taxes using an ITIN number?

Are student visa holders (F and J visa) eligible for the Economic Impact Payment?

What are the tax pitfalls for immigrant survivors who are self-employed?

What is the July 15<sup>th</sup> deadline? Is there a statute of limitations to filing, amending and/or for receiving a tax refund?

We heard about an IRS term  
“injured spouse” and  
“innocent spouse” Can you  
tell us about that?



Where can immigrant survivors  
find a competent/legit tax  
return preparer?

What tax return preparer fraud  
should you warn clients about?

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