

National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project, American University, Washington College of Law *in partnership with* The U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women

INVITE YOU TO A TWO-DAY TRAINING:

Strengthening Community and Organizational Responses: Serving Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking

When: This year we are offering two sessions of the two-day training:

Session 1: August 28-29, 2023

Session 2: August 30-31, 2023

Where: Boston Park Plaza Hotel Boston, Massachusetts

Overview: This two-day in-person interactive training will focus on providing attorneys, law enforcement, prosecutors, and survivor's advocates strategies for strengthening knowledge of legal options for and best practices when working with immigrant crime victims and survivors of domestic abuse, sexual assault, stalking, dating violence, and human trafficking. This training will offer a diverse learning experiences delivered by a faculty of multi-disciplinary subject matter experts from a wide range of legal and support service backgrounds including judges, law enforcement, prosecutors and attorneys. Special issues that arise in work with immigrant and limited English proficient survivors will be covered during this two-day event including: Stalking; immigration, public benefits, and family law case options, case strategies and advanced issues; prosecution best practices; primary aggressor determinations; VAWA confidentiality and discovery; police officers as witnesses; multi-disciplinary collaboration; effective outreach; and improving language access. Participants will share and learn practices and strategies to improve immigrant victim/survivor safety, increase participation in the justice system and enhance community safety. Through this process, participants will develop holistic and creative approaches to assist immigrant survivors of domestic abuse, sexual assault, stalking, human trafficking, and other crimes in a trauma informed manner.

Participants: This two-day training is open to attorneys, advocates, law enforcement, prosecutors, and victim witness staff from agencies with funding from OVW including STOP, Legal Assistance for Victims (LAV), Campus, Culturally and Population Specific, Rural, and Improving Criminal Justice Response (ICJR). All other grantees and grant funded partner agencies must receive prior approval from their OVW Program Specialist to attend. Law enforcement (federal, state, local, and campus), prosecutors, and their agency's victim witness specialists are invited to attend regardless of funding sources.

Registration: Limited to 83 people per session; attendees may be limited to two attendees per organization. Registrations are accepted on a first come-first served basis. Once capacity has been reached, a waitlist will be created. The training is free, and participants are responsible for covering the costs of travel, meals, and accommodations. A limited number of *travel scholarships* will be available only for STOP subgrantees who do not have travel funding in their grant budgets.

Online registration: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CZ3LXKN>

Application for STOP Scholarships: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PRRF6NH>

Contact: Please contact Rocio Molina for assistance with registration and accessibility needs at (240) 480-6378 or molina@wcl.american.edu.