

**U and T Visas for Immigrant Victims of Crime and Trafficking:
Best Practices in Responding to, Investigating and Prosecuting Cases Involving
Immigrant Crime Victims-- Including Cases of Domestic and Sexual Violence**

**U AND T VISA TRAINING MATERIALS FOR MARYLAND
WEBINAR TRAINING¹**

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If you are a law enforcement officer, prosecutor, or a victim advocate or other staff working for a law enforcement or prosecution agency and are working with immigrant victims and you would like to receive case specific technical assistance on immigration protections for immigrant survivors of domestic and sexual violence victims and their children, please call NIWAP (National Immigrant Women s Advocacy Project) for [technical assistance](#). (202) 274-4457 or email us at info@niwap.org.

Materials marked ** are webpages available on the NIWAP web library.
Materials marked * are website links to available resources.

More tools for law enforcement and prosecution agencies are available in NIWAP's web library
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/training-materials-prosecutors>

Law Enforcement and Prosecutor Round Tables:

NIWAP offers *Virtual Roundtables* peer-to-peer learning opportunities exclusively for officials and staff working for law enforcement and prosecution agencies to sign up go to

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NIWAP's roundtables are led by law enforcement and prosecutor faculty, offer an opportunity for peer-to-peer learning, can be joined on-line or by conference call, and provide ongoing training and technical assistance to officers and staff at law enforcement and prosecution agencies. When you sign up you choose the list exclusively open to staff working at law enforcement and prosecution agencies. You can also elect to sign up for NIWAP's general outreach list to receive notices of training, webinars, new materials, resources, and policies.

Community of Practice for Victim Advocates: Systems based victim advocates and other victim advocates working for law enforcement and prosecution agencies are encouraged to join NIWAP's Victim Advocate Community of Practice which provides ongoing peer-to-peer learning opportunities to support victim advocates in their work with immigrant survivors. Sign up to join here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BBHR3X3>

Law Enforcement, Prosecutor and Systems-Based Victim Advocate Podcast Series

<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/niwap-podcast-series>

For law enforcement and prosecutors on best practices and special issues that arise in working with immigrant victims. Includes discussions with law enforcement and prosecutor experts on the U visa and the T visa.

NIWAP's Technical Assistance for Law Enforcement, Prosecutors, and Systems-Based Victim Advocates

- Technical Assistance and Training Flyer - Law Enforcement and Prosecutors (September 27, 2021)
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/ta-flyer-lea>

¹ This materials list includes publications issued by government agencies and materials produced by NIWAP in collaboration with national experts. Each of the materials included in this list developed with support from government funders contains government agency disclaimers.

- Technical Assistance and Training on Legal Rights of Immigrant Crime Victims (September 27, 2021) <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/training-ta-flyer>

Forms of Immigration Relief and Screening Tools

- Bench Card: Overview of Types of Immigration Status <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/bchcrd-immstatustypes>
- Family Court Bench Card on Immigration Rights of Battered Spouses, Children, and Immigrant Crime Victims <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/judg-tkit-bchcrdvictimimmrights10-11-13>
- Bench Card on U Visa Victim Eligibility Process <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/u-visa-benefits-benchcard>
- Blue Card: Screening for Victims Who Qualify for Immigration Protective Relief (Squad Car Screening Tool) <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/screening-tool-victims-qualify>
- Sample Questions for Identifying a Trafficked/Enslaved Person <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/questions-for-identifying-trafficked-or-enslaved-persons/>
- Bench Card: DHS Enforcement Priorities Information for State Court Judges <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/dhsenforcementpriorities-benchcard/>
- Comparison Chart of U visa, T Visa, Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Self-Petition, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS), and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/chart-vawa-t-u-sijs-daca/>
- Immigration Relief for Abused Children http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/uscis_sijs_brochure
- Policy Alert June 14, 2021: Bona Fide Determination Process for Victims of Qualifying Crimes, and Employment Authorization and Deferred Action for Certain Petitioners <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/u-visa-bona-fide>

Know Your Rights Information

- DHS Interactive Infographic on Protections for Immigrant Victims <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/infographic-on-protections-for-immigrant-victims>
- DHS Brochure: Immigration Options for Victims of Crime <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/imm-options-victims-of-crimes>
- Multilingual Materials for Victims and Advocates <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/multilingual-materials-by-title> **
- Pathways to Immigration Relief for Students <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/screening-students-for-immigration-protections/>
- Information on the Legal Rights Available to Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence in the United States and Facts about Immigrating on a Marriage-Based Visa <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/marriage-based-legal-rights>
- Immigration Relief for Abused Children http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/uscis_sijs_brochure
- VAWA Confidentiality Protections, Courthouse Enforcement, and Sensitive Locations Policies at a Glance (December 27, 2021) <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/victims-and-protected-locations-policies-at-a-glance>
- Brochure: Continued Presence & Temporary Immigration Status for Victims of Human Trafficking <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/continued-presence-temp-imm-status>
- Office on Trafficking in Persons Child Certification Handout https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/child_eligibility_handout
- Immigrant Power and Control Wheel – Forms of Domestic Violence That Immigrant Women Experience (April 13, 1996) <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/power-control-wheel-eng-niwap>

Prosecutor's Tools Enhancing Work with Immigrant Crime Victims

- What has Immigration Status Got to Do with It? Prosecution Strategies for Cases Involving Undocumented Victims <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/pretrial-strategies-7-24-17-final-with-logos/>
- Relevancy of a Victim's Immigration Status in State Criminal Court Proceedings (August 24, 2022) <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/relevance-victims-immigration-status>
- VAWA Confidentiality and Criminal Cases: How Prosecutors Should Respond to Discovery Attempts for Protected Information <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/discovery-and-vawa-confidentiality-tool-final-7-24-17/>
- Certifying Early: When Should You Sign a U or T Visa Certification for a Victim? <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/certifying-early-7-24-17-final-w-logo/>
- Quick Reference Guide for Prosecutors: U Visa and VAWA Confidentiality Related Case Law <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/quick-reference-guide-for-prosecutors-u-visa-and-vawa-confidentiality/>
- Family Court Bench Card on VAWA Confidentiality <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/family-court-bench-card-vawa-confidentiality>
- VAWA Confidentiality and Discovery Cases (October 18, 2022) <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/vawa-confidentiality-cases> **
- How to Argue or Rule on VAWA Confidentiality Protections in Discovery Involving Immigrant Survivors (November 18, 2022) <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/how-to-vawa-confidentiality-discovery>

Violence against Women Act (VAWA), U Visa and T Visa Legislative History

- Legislative History of VAWA (94,00,05), T and U Visas, Battered Spouse Waiver, and VAWA Confidentiality (January 5, 2023) <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/vawa-t-u-leg-history>

State U and T Visa Certification Laws and Public Benefits for Maryland

Maryland

- Section 11-930 Definitions (2019) <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/section-11-930-u-visa-cert-maryland-definitions>
- Section 11-931 Certification of Victim Helpfulness (2019) <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/section-11-931-u-visa-maryland-certification-of-victim-helpfulness>

Other States

- State U Visa Certification Laws <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/state-u-visa-certification-laws/>

Public Benefits

- Access to State-Funded Public Benefits in Maryland for Survivors (September 3, 2022) <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/maryland-benefits>
- Maryland Public Benefits Screening Chart (September 5, 2022) <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/maryland-benefits-screening>

U and T Visas

- U visa Certification and T Visa Declaration Toolkit for Law Enforcement Agencies and Prosecutors (August 30, 2021) <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/u-t-visa-toolkit-law-enforcement-prosecutor>
- U-Visa Checklist: "Helpfulness" <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/u-visa-helpfulness-checklist>

- U Visa Certification and T Visa Declaration Toolkit for Federal, State and Local Judges, Commissioners, Magistrates and Other Judicial Officers (June 17, 2021)
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/judges-u-and-t-certification-toolkit-2>
- U visa Quick Reference Guide for Judges (October 14, 2020)
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/u-visa-quick-reference-guide-for-judges>
- International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) 2018 Resolution on Education and Awareness of U and T Visa Certifications
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/iacp-support-for-education-and-awareness-on-u-visa-certifications-and-t-visa-declarations/>
- Model Policy for Interactions with Immigrant Victims of Crime and Human Trafficking & Signing of U Visa Certifications and T Visa Declarations <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/proposed-model-u-visa-policy/>
- Discussion Paper for Model Policy for Working with Immigrant Victims of Crime and Human Trafficking & Signing of U Visa Certifications and T Visa Declarations
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/discussion-paper-model-policy-u-visa-certification-may-2016/>
- Tip Sheet for Courts Developing U Visa Certification Protocols <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/wp-content/uploads/Tips-for-Courts-U-Visa-Cert-Protocols-Policies.pdf>
- U Visa Certifications: Range of Potential Certifiers <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/u-visa-range-of-potential-certifiers>
- U Visa Certification Process Flowchart (August 30, 2021)
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/u-cert-process-flowchart>
- U Visa Timeline with Background Checks
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/u-visa-timeline/>
- U-Visa Family Member Sponsors
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/u-visa-family-member>
- T Visa Application Flowchart (June 12, 2021)
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/t-visa-application-flowchart>
- T-Visa Flow Chart
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/t-visa-application-flowchart>
- T Visa Timeline with Background Checks
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/t-visa-timeline/>
- T Visa Regulations, Policies, and Government Publications (December 29, 2021)
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/t-visa-regs-policies>
- T-Visa Family Member Sponsors
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/t-visa-family-member>
- DHS Policy Answers to Law Enforcement Reasons for Not Certifying
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/dhs-answers-to-reasons-for-not-certifying>
- U Visa News Articles
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/uvisa-news-articles/>
- U-Visa Legal Advocacy: Overview of Effective Policies and Practices
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/uvisa-collaboration-policy-brief/>
- Press Release on the U Visa – Template
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/imm-qref-policedeptstraining>
- U Visa Resource List
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/resource-list-with-logo>

Department of Homeland Security Publications

- Department of Homeland Security Policies: Important to Work with Immigrant Victims
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/dhspoliciesreleased2021> **

- ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) Directive 11005.3 - Using a Victim-Centered Approach with Noncitizen Crime Victims (August 10, 2021) <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/ice-victim-centered-directive-11005-3>
- Prosecutorial Discretion: Certain Victim, Witnesses and Plaintiffs <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/discretion-victims-witnesses-plaintiffs/>
- USCIS, U Visa Certification Resource Guide (February 28, 2022) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/u_vis_a_law_enforcement_resource_guide
- USCIS, T Visa Certification Resource Guide (October 20, 2021) <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/t-visa-law-enforcement-resource-guide>
- DHS: U and T Visa Law Enforcement Resource Guide <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/dhs-updated-u-certification-resource-guide-2015>
- USCIS U Visa Certification Fact Sheet Q&A <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/imm-relief-victims-trafficking-and-other>
- US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Center for Countering Human Trafficking, Continued Presence Resource Guide (July 2021) <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/continued-presence-resource-guide-2021>
- USCIS: U Visa Demographics: U Visa Report (March 2020) <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/uscis-u-visa-demographics>
- USCIS U Visa Report: U Visa Filing Trends (April 2020) <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/u-visa-filing-trends>
- USCIS: Trends in U Visa Law Enforcement Certifications, Qualifying Crimes and Evidence of Helpfulness (July 2020) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/u_vis_a_lea-certs-report
- USCIS U Visa Report Technical Appendix (July 2020) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/technical_appendix_for_u_vis_a_report
- USCIS Policy Manual Chapter 6 -- U Visa Waiting List (June 14, 2021) <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/u-visa-waiting-list>
- USCIS Bona Fide Determination Process Flowchart (June 14, 2021) <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/u-bona-fide-flowchart>
- Blue Campaign: What You Can Do- Recognizing and Supporting Trafficking Victims in the Courtroom <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/bc-pamphlet-judicial-english>

Forms

- DHS: Instructions for Form I-914, Supplement B for T visa Endorsement <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/i-914-supplement-b-instructions>
- DHS: Form I-918, Supplement B for U visa Certification <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/i918-supb-certification>
- DHS: Instructions for Form I-918, Supplement B, for U visa Certification <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/instructions-i918-unonimm-status>

U Visa as a Crime-Fighting Tool

- Stories From the Field: The Crime Fighting Effectiveness of the U Visa (August 23, 2021) <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/u-visa-crime-fighting-stories>
- The Importance of the U-visa as a Crime-Fighting Tool for Law Enforcement Officials—Views from Around the Country <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/uvisa-crime-fighting-tool>
- Overcoming Fear and Building Trust with Immigrant Communities and Crime Victims (Police Chief Magazine April 2018) http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/policechief_april-2018_building-trust-immigrant-victims/

- Protecting Our Communities and Officer Safety
http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/may_june_sheriff
- COPS Dispatch Article: The U visa: An important tool for Community Policing
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/uvisa-community-policing-tool/>
- How Law Enforcement Is Using the U-Visa Practice Brief
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/imm-qref-uvisapracticebrief-10-11>
- Transforming Lives Study Provides Evidence-Based Support for The Effectiveness of the VAWA and U Visa Programs and the DHS U Visa Bona Fide Policy That Provides Earlier Access Deferred Action and Work Authorization to Applicants (June 14, 2021) <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/transforming-lives-study-21>
- Promoting Access to Justice for Immigrant Crime Victims and Children: Findings of a National Judicial Survey and Recommendations <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/trends-in-state-courts-survey-findings/>
- Tip Sheet for Courts Developing U Visa Certification Protocols
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/tips-for-courts-u-visa-cert-protocols>
- The U visa: An Important Tool for Community Policing
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/uvisa-community-policing-tool>
- How Law Enforcement is Using the U visa: Practice Brief
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/imm-qref-uvisapracticebrief-10-11>
- U Visa Legal Advocacy: Overview of Effective Policies and Practices
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/uvisa-collaboration-policy-brief>

VAWA Self-Petition

- VAWA Self-Petitioning Introduction and Flow Charts <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/vawa-self-petitioning-intro-and-flow-charts>
- Battering or Extreme Cruelty: Drawing Examples from Civil Protection Order and Family Law Cases
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/extreme-cruelty-examples-protection-order-2/>
- VAWA Self-Petition: Protections for Immigrant Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Abuse by Abusive Spouses and Parents (Webinar – April 22, 2020, with Materials and Q & A Answers)
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/2020-vawa-self-petition-webinar> **
- VAWA Self-Petition Timeline with Background Checks (June 12, 2021)
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/vawa-timeline>

Useful Webinars

- U Visa: Overview of Certification Presented by Investigator Michael LaRiviere, Salem Police Department
 - *To reach this module, you will need to sign-in for free access to course*
<https://pbtraining.org/course/u-visa-overview-of-certification/> *
- Pro Bono Institute “U Visa” Online Training Module (Online Course):
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pbti-u-visa-module>
- October 14, 2022: “What Judges, Attorneys, and Prosecutors Need to Know About How VAWA Confidentiality Impacts Discovery in Cases Involving Immigrant Survivors:
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/vawa-confidentiality-webinar-oct-22>
- August 24, 2021: “Legal Rights of Immigrant Survivors: Immigration Relief, Public Benefits, and Protection Orders” (Webinar) <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/otsego-part-ii-21>
- February 20, 2020: “The U Visa As a Crime-Fighting Tool: How Certification Improves Domestic and Sexual Violence Investigations and Prosecutions” (Webinar)
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/u-visa-2020>
- January 30, 2020: “Best Practices and Tools That Build the Capacity of Adult Protective Services to Serve Immigrant Domestic and Sexual Violence Victims” (Webinar)

- <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/webinar-aps>
- November 19, 2019: In Accordance with the Law: When Your Victim Witness Speaks Limited English
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/in-accordance-lep-nov19>
- October 31, 2017: “VAWA Confidentiality and Protections for Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence” (Webinar) <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/oct2017vawaconfidentialitywebinar>
- February 18, 2015: “Battered Women’s Justice Project (BWJP) Immigrant Crime Visas: Law Enforcement’s Tool to Strengthen Community Policing” (Webinar)
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/february-18-2015-crime-visas-bwjp>
- April 10, 2015: “Assessing Helpfulness for Immigrant Crime Victims Battered Women’s Justice Project (BWJP)” (Webinar)
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/april-10-2015-assessing-helpfulness-bwjp>
- December 1, 2014: “Expert Advice for Judges: How to Handle U Visa Certification and T Visa Endorsement Requests” (Webinar)
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/december-1-2014-expert-advice-for-judges-webinar>
- March 19, 2014: “Trauma-Informed Care, Part 2: The Nuts and Bolts of Immigration Story Writing Intervention” (Webinar) <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/march2014trauma2webinar>
- February 24, 2014: “Helping Survivors in Crisis: Hands On Training for Advocates and Attorneys on Trauma-Informed Work with Immigrant Women Who Are Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (Video)
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/february-24-2014-hands-on-training-for-advocates-and-attorneys-on-trauma-informed-work-with-immigrant-women-who-are-survivors-of-domestic-violence-and-sexual-assault>
- February 20, 2014: “Obtaining U Visa Certification from Judges in Protection Order, Family, Criminal, and Other State Court Proceedings” (Webinar)
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/webinar-u-visa-certification-by-state-court-judges>
- September 26, 2013: “Roll Call Videos for Law Enforcement on U Visa Certification and T Visa Endorsement” <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/dhs-roll-call-videos>
- February 15, 2013: “Lessons Learned from Law Enforcement: How Collaborations That Result in U visa Certifications Support Safer Communities”
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/lessons-learned-from-le-webinar>
- October 5, 2011: “Law Enforcement and Advocates Partnering to Better Serve Immigrant Crime Victims” (Webinar)
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/webinar-law-enforcement-collaboration>
- July 18, 2011: “Law Enforcement Use of the U Visa” (Podcast)
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/uvisa-podcast-bja>
- February 10, 2011: “An Introduction to Law Enforcement Use of the U-Visa” (Webinar)
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/uvisa-intro-webinar-bja>

VAWA Confidentiality

- VAWA Confidentiality Statutes, Legislative History, and Implementing Policy (2.23.17)
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/vawa-confidentiality-statutes-leg-history/>
- Three Prongs of VAWA Confidentiality
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/conf-vawa-bro-3prongsofconfidentiality/>
- Chapter 3 of Empowering Survivors: VAWA Confidentiality, History, Purpose, DHS Implementation, and Violations of VAWA Confidentiality Protections <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/ch3-vawa-confidentiality-history-purpose/>
- Utilizing VAWA Confidentiality Protections in Family Court Proceedings (69-84) ** in Winning Custody Cases for Immigrant Survivors: The Clash of Laws, Cultures, Custody and Parental Rights
https://www.civicresearchinstitute.com/online/article_abstract.php?pid=6&iid=1269&aid=8306; *and
<https://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/BTB24-PreCon1E-11.pdf>

- Quick Reference: VAWA Confidentiality Protections: Quoting Statutes, Regulations and DHS Policies (June 12, 2021)
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/federal-law-quotes-va-wa-confidentiality-protections>
- Quick Reference Guide for Judges: VAWA Confidentiality & Discovery Related Case Law
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/judges-va-wa-confidentiality-cases-and-discovery/>
- Quick reference: VAWA Confidentiality Protections - Quoting Statutes Regulations and Department of Homeland Security Policies
http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/federal-law-quotes-va-wa-confidentiality-protections_3-29-19/
- VAWA Confidentiality Protections, Courthouse Enforcement, and Sensitive Locations Policies at a Glance (December 27, 2021)
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/victims-and-protected-locations-policies-at-a-glance>

Public Benefits for Systems-Based and Other Victim Advocates

- All State Public Benefits Charts and Interactive Public Benefits Map (Webpage 2022)
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/all-state-public-benefits-charts> **
- State-Funded Public Benefits Comparison Chart (April 12, 2021)
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/state-benefits-comparison-chart>
- State by State Demographics (Webpage) <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/demographics/> **
- Interactive State Benefits Map <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/benefits-map>
- Guide to the Public Benefits Map <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/benefits-map-guide>
- Privacy Protections for Immigrants Applying for Public Benefits
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/limits-on-required-government-agency-reporting>
- Anti-Discrimination Provisions That Apply to Programs Receiving Federal Funding Services Victims of Violence Against Women Crimes <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/pb-tool-antidiscrimilaws/>
- Programs Open to Immigrant Victims and All Immigrants Without Regard to Immigration Status
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/programs-open-to-all-immigrants/>
- Flow Chart Public Charge Test and Housing benefits <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/flow-chart-public-charge-test-housing-benefits-2>
- Infographic Public Charge and Housing Benefits <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/final-infographic-public-charge-and-housing-3>
- [Public Charge Ground of Inadmissibility and Immigrant Crime Victims](#)

Glossary of Terms for Work with Immigrant Survivors

<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/appendix-z-glossary-of-terms>

Stalking

- Understanding Stalking for Immigrants (English)
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/understanding-stalking-for-immigrants-english>
- Understanding Stalking for Immigrants (Spanish)
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/understanding-stalking-for-immigrants-es>
- SPARC Stalking and Technology Infographic <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/stalking-tech-infographic>
- SPARC offers more useful information on stalking on their Resources Page
<https://www.stalkingawareness.org/resources/>
- Webinar Recording Stalking Charges: An Opportunity, Not an Afterthought
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HVy7gQmKhSQ>
- Prosecutor's Guide to Stalking <https://www.stalkingawareness.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/SPA-19.005-Prosecutors-Guide-to-Stalking-00000002-revised.pdf>
- Stalking Effective Strategies for Prosecutors https://www.stalkingawareness.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Stalking_Effective_Strategies_for_Prosecutors.pdf

SPARCS Resources for Law Enforcement

- Resources for Law Enforcement: <https://www.stalkingawareness.org/law-enforcement-resources/>
- Stalking Cases and Investigation Report Writing: <https://www.stalkingawareness.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/LE-Stalking-Cases-Investigations-Report-Writing.pdf>
- Law Enforcement Tips: SLII Behaviors - <https://www.stalkingawareness.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/LE-Tips-Identifying-SLII-Stalking-Behaviors.pdf>
- Law Enforcement Guide to Responding to Stalking: <https://www.stalkingawareness.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/SPARC-LE-Agency-Guide.pdf>
- Law Enforcement Agency Model Policy: Stalking Response <https://www.stalkingawareness.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/SPARC-LE-Agency-Model-Policy-Stalking.pdf>
- Law Enforcement Training Guidance: Stalking Response <https://www.stalkingawareness.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/SPARC-LE-Training-Stalking-Response.pdf>

NIWAP and SPARC Resources for State Court Judges on Stalking

- Judicial Officer Bench Card: Stalking <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/sparc-judicial-bench-card-for-stalking> (July 14, 2022)
- Judicial Officer Guide Responding to Stalking (July 14, 2022) <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/sparc-judicial-guide-for-stalking>
- Judicial Officer Checklist for Common Behaviors Associated with Stalking (March 2, 2023) <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/stalking-checklist>
- “Stalking Literature” listing social science research publications on stalking and stalking behaviors. (March 2, 2023) <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/stalking-literature>
- SPARC, Resources on Stalking for Judicial Officers <https://www.stalkingawareness.org/judicial-officer-resources/> (July 14, 2022)
- SPARC, U.S. Stalking Laws and Statutes <https://www.stalkingawareness.org/map/>

Importance of Collaboration

- Community Policing Breaking Down Barriers – Michael LaRiviere (Sheriff & Deputy Magazine) <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/sheriff-deputy-lariviere>
- Building Trusting Relationships: A Guide for Advocates/Attorneys Working with Law Enforcement (LE) on U-Visa Certification Issues (Flow Chart) <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/advocate-law-enforcement-guide>
- U-Visa Legal Advocacy: Overview of Effective Policies and Practices (December 12, 2013) <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/uvisa-collaboration-policy-brief>
- Barriers and Successes in U Visas for Immigrant Victims: The Experiences of Legal Assistance for Victims Grantees (July 23, 2014) <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/barriers-successes-uvisas>
- Chapter 01.2: Collaboration, Confidentiality, and Expanding Advocacy <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/ch1-2-collaboration-confidentiality>
- Sexual Assault Response Team: SART Handbook https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/ok-oag-vsunit_sarthandbook_july2009
- Immigrant and Limited English Proficient Victims’ Access to the Criminal Justice System: The Importance of Collaboration <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/importance-of-collaboration-victims>
- Best Practices for Advocacy-Initiated Response (AIR) working with Immigrant Crime Victims <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/immadvocacyinitiatedresponse>
- Training Bulletin: Improving Crime Fighting Outcomes in Cases of Immigrant Victims <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/improving-crime-fighting-outcomes-in-cases-of-immigrant-victims-11-17-20-1>

- Overcoming Fear and Building Trust With Immigrant Communities and Crime Victims (Police Chief Magazine April 2018) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/policechief_april-2018_building-trust-immigrant-victims

Blueprint Safety Materials

- Blueprint for Safety Guide <https://praxisinternational.org/a-guide-to-becoming-a-blueprint-community-an-interagency-response-to-battering-and-domestic-violence-crimes/>
- Blueprint for Safety Website <https://praxisinternational.org/blueprint-for-safety/>
- Blueprint for Safety Brochure
- <https://praxisinternational.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/BPGenBrochure11x17Nov2013Bleed.pdf>
- Blueprint for Safety Supplemental Materials <https://praxisinternational.org/blueprint-for-safety/blueprint-materials/>

Electronic Evidence and Technology

- SPARC Stalking and Technology Infographic <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/stalking-tech-infographic>
- IP Address information <https://www.arin.net/>
- Bin Database: Credit Card Bin Checker <https://www.arin.net/>
- Tech Safety App https://nmedv.org/latest_update/tech-safety-app/
- NCJFCJ - How to Gather Technology Abuse Evidence for Court <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/gather-tech-abuse-evidence>
- Searching and Seizing Computers and Obtaining Electronic Evidence in Criminal Investigations <https://www.justice.gov/file/442111/download>
- Obtaining and Admitting Electronic Evidence https://www.morganlewis.com/-/media/files/publication/outside-publication/article/krotoski_effectivelyusingelectronicvidence_nov2011.pdf

Links to YouTube Trainings

- Tapping into Offender Accountability: Using Wiretapping in State- Level Human Trafficking Cases https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qy0F_mM5CQg
- Digital Evidence Part I: The Investigation Stage – Recognition, Collection, Search <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vQhoy6wjMio>
- #GUILTY: Identifying, Preserving, and Presenting Digital Evidence <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MOVmnIpbmHA>
- Intimate Partner Violence Foundations: Technology Changes, Abuse Doesn't <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TKUJmaKhvno>
- Safeguarding Victim Privacy in a Digital World Ethical Considerations for Prosecutors <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-4Csm9CoKyg>

Language Access

- Questions to Use for Crime Scene Identification of LEP (Limited English Proficient) <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/crime-scene-identification-of-lep-persons>
- Why Using an Interpreter is Beneficial to Law Enforcement <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/law-enforcement-benefits-of-qualified-interpreters>
- Dos and Don'ts to Help Identify LEP Persons <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/dos-and-donts-to-identify-lep-persons>

- Language Identification Card - DeKalb County Magistrate Court's Compliance Project, Caminar Latino, Men Stopping Violence, Raksha, Inc, Tapestry, Inc, and Women's Resource Center to End Domestic Violence
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/language-id-card-19010116-raksha-pdf/>
- Laws Governing Law Enforcement Agency Provision of Language Assistance to LEP Persons
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/laws-governing-langauge-access>
- Important Tips to Remember When Using an Interpreter
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/interpretation-tips>
- NAJIT (National Association of Judiciary Interpreters and Translators) (National Association of Judiciary Interpreters and Translators) Code of Ethics and Professional Responsibilities
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/najitcodeofethicsfinal>
- U.S. Department of Justice Sample Limited English Proficiency Guidelines from Office of Justice Programs "Center City Police Department"
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/sample-limited-english-proficiency-guidelines-from-the-office-of-justice-programs>
- Translation Requirements for Vital Documents, Intake, and Notice of LEP Assistance for DOJ and HHS Grantees serving Immigrant Crime Victims
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/translation-vital-docs>
- Police Executive Research Forum – Community Policing in Immigrant Neighborhoods: Stories of Success
<https://www.policeforum.org/assets/CommunityPolicingImmigrantNeighborhoods.pdf>
- Steps for Obtaining Interpreters
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/step-for-obtaining-interpreters>
- Code of Conduct for Court Interpreters- Washington State Interpreters Program
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/lang-lawpol-interpconductcode1986/>
- Tips for Working Effectively with Telephone Interpreters
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/imm-qref-workingwithtelephoneinterp>
- Are you Compliant with Title VI Self-Assessment Tool
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/self-assessment-tool-title-vi>
- Federal Register: Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency: Executive Order 13166 (August 11, 2000)
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/lang-gov-exor1316608-11-00>
- DOJ: Executive Order 13166 Limited English Proficiency Resource Document: Tips and Tools from the Field
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/lang-gov-dotips09-21-04>
- Language Access Assessment and Planning Tool for Federally Conducted and Federally Assisted Programs
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/language-assessmet-tool/>
- DOJ Letter to State Chief Justices and State Court Administrators on Access for Limited English Proficient Persons to State Court Proceedings
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/lang-access-doj-courts-letter>
- Judicial Bench Card for Court Interpretation
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/ncsc-bench-card-language-access>
- Serving Limited English Proficient Immigrant Victims (11-24) in Winning Custody Cases for Immigrant Survivors: The Clash of Laws, Cultures, Custody and Parental Rights
https://www.civicresearchinstitute.com/online/article_abstract.php?pid=6&iid=1269&aid=8306; and
<https://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/BTB24-PreCon1E-11.pdf>
- Language Access Materials for Police and Prosecutors (Updated 10/16/2019)
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/language-access-materials-for-police-and-prosecutors>
- Language Access Training Materials (Updated June 18, 2019)
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/language-access-materials>

Language Access Resources for Law Enforcement and Prosecutors from Technical Assistance Providers

- Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence: Language Access <https://www.api-gbv.org/culturally-specific-advocacy/language-access/>*
- VERA Institute of Justice: Translating Justice Program <https://www.vera.org/projects/translating-justice>
*Website
- National Immigrant Women’s Advocacy Project, American University, Washington College of Law: <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/topic/language-access/> **
- National Center for State Courts: Language Access Programs by State <https://www.ncsc.org/Services-and-Experts/Areas-of-expertise/Language-access/Resources-for-Program-Managers/LAP-Map/Map.aspx>
*
- Casa de Esperanza: <https://nationallatinonetwork.org/lep-toolkit-home> *
- National Association of Judiciary Interpreters and Translators (NAJIT): Interpreter and Translator Database <https://najit.org/resources/find-interpreter/>*
- Limited English Proficiency (A Federal Interagency Website): Department of Justice guidance and technical assistance for language access regulations <https://www.lep.gov/> *
- National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center: Language Access <http://www.niwrc.org/resources/state-alaska-task-force-crime-human-trafficking-promoting-prostitution-and-sex-trafficking> *
- National Congress of American Indians: Language Access <http://www.ncai.org/policy-issues/community-and-culture/language> *
- Center for Court Innovations: Tribal Access to Justice Innovation <http://www.tribaljustice.org/> *

NIWAP’s Technical Assistance for Law Enforcement, Prosecutors, and Systems-Based Victim Advocates

- Technical Assistance and Training Flyer - Law Enforcement and Prosecutors (September 27, 2021) <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/ta-flyer-lea>
- Technical Assistance and Training on Legal Rights of Immigrant Crime Victims (September 27, 2021) <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/training-ta-flyer>

Podcasts and U and T Visas

U-Visa Introduction (44 minutes)

An introduction to the U-Visa featuring Tara Patet, a prosecutor in St. Paul, MN, and Investigator Michael LaRiviere from the Salem, MA Police Department, along with Rocio Molina, Deputy Director of NIWAP. This podcast covers the basics and fundamentals about what a U-Visa is, including certification and the concept of “helpfulness.”

- [Spotify: U-Visa Intro Podcast](#)
- [SoundCloud: U-Visa Intro Podcast](#)

T-Visa Introduction (25 minutes)

An introduction to the T-Visa featuring Stacey Ivie, a Detective and Task Force Officer with the City of Alexandria, Va., police department, along with Leslye Orloff, Director of NIWAP.

- [Spotify: T-Visa Podcast](#)
- [SoundCloud: T-Visa Podcast](#)

U-Visa FAQ's (22 minutes)

Frequently asked questions about the U-Visa featuring Stacey Ivie, a Detective, and Task Force Officer with the City of Alexandria, Va., police department. This podcast debunks some commonly-held myths and answers some common questions.

- [Spotify: U-Visa FAQ Podcast](#)

- [SoundCloud: U-Visa FAQ Podcast](#)

Certifying Early (32 minutes)

This podcast emphasizes the importance of certifying early in the U-Visa and T-Visa processes. Featuring Christopher Freeman, a prosecutor from Hennepin County, MN, and Jane Anderson, a former prosecutor who now works at Aequitas, a resource for prosecutors on violence against women.

- [Spotify: Certifying Early Podcast](#)
- [SoundCloud: Certifying Early Podcast](#)

Building Relationships

A two-part episode featuring Sgt. Inspector Tony Flores, San Francisco Police Department, Officer Irene Lee Klein, West Hartford, Connecticut, Police Department, and Sharla Jackson, Prosecuting Attorney's Council of GA.

Part One – Best Practices Working with Immigrant Victims (26 minutes)

Focuses on Best Practices for Working with Immigrant Victims.

- [Spotify: Building Relationships - Part 1](#)
- [SoundCloud: Building Relationships - Part 1](#)

Part Two – Working with NGOs and Applying Trauma-Informed Practices (47 minutes)

Focuses on working with NGOs and Applying Trauma-Informed Practices in work with immigrant survivors.

- [Spotify: Building Relationships - Part 2](#)
- [SoundCloud: Building Relationships - Part 2](#)

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