

Immigrant Crime Victims, Language Access, and the U and T Visas: Free Training and Resources

The National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project (NIWAP) is a non-profit, public policy advocacy organization at American University Washington College of Law that promotes the implementation and use of laws, policies, and practices to improve the safety of, and legal rights, services, and assistance to, immigrant victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, human trafficking, and other crimes.

Funded by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), NIWAP provides free technical assistance, resources, and training to law enforcement, prosecutors and other attorneys, judges, advocates, and any professionals whose work affects immigrant women, children, and immigrant crime victims at the Federal, State and local levels. Topics of the NIWAP training include: immigration law (Violence Against Women Act, T and U visas), language access, family law, public benefits law, housing, health care, and legal services.

In collaboration with the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA); Aquitas, the Prosecutors' Resource on Violence Against Women; and other law enforcement experts, NIWAP is pleased to announce its new OVW funded project, U Visa Certification: Strengthening Law Enforcement and Prosecutorial Assistance to Immigrant Victims. The project offers direct, peer-to-peer technical assistance and training (in person and via webinars) to law enforcement and prosecutors.

Currently, law enforcement agencies are being sought to co-host a free, one-day training on best practices that support successful criminal investigations and prosecutions of perpetrators of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, child abuse, elder abuse, human trafficking, and other crimes against immigrant victims. The training is taught by a national team of law enforcement and prosecutor instructors and subject matter experts on the legal rights of immigrant crime victims. It is designed to enhance law enforcement's and prosecutors' roles in protecting and serving immigrant

communities and crime victims through improved language access, U visa certification and T visa endorsements.

NSA encourages Sheriff's Offices to co-host this training for the law enforcement and prosecution agencies in their region. Application information is available at <http://www.niwap.org/request-training>. The number of trainings available nationwide is limited, so apply early! For questions, call 202-274-4457 or email info@niwap.org. ☆



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