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This document contains a list of accomplishments for the National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project (NIWAP) including publications, speaking engagements, trainings, testimony, law reform, and consultations. All publications and training materials are publicly available at NIWAP's web library. The web library is maintained with up-to-date manuals, fact sheets, bench cards, articles, government documents, etc. and includes a directory of legal services providers by state. The publications listed below are all available for download at our searchable web library and free to use. Please contact NIWAP if you have trouble finding a document and staff will be happy to assist you.

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Training

Immigrant Crime Victim Remedies

Timely Tools That Support Pro Bono Work With Immigrant Survivors, Webinar for the Association for Pro Bono Counsel, Chicago, Illinois (October 29, 2025)

Legal Protections and Best Practices That Support Immigrant Survivors of Human Trafficking and Family Violence (MDHTPS), In Person Training, Ocean City, Maryland (October 16, 2025)

Beyond the Border: Misconceptions About Immigration Issues - Protections for Immigrant Victims of Crime and Abuse, Parallel Plenary Institute on Violence, Abuse, and Trauma (IVAT) San Diego, California (August 20, 2025)

Exploring the Effects of Trauma on Asylum-Seekers, Breakout Session Institute on Violence, Abuse, and Trauma (IVAT), In Person Conference San Diego, California, (August 19, 2025)

Domestic and Gender Based Violence Intersections and Unique Considerations for Immigrant Survivors – Remedies and Considerations For Policy Solutions, Webinar for the New York State Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team, Albany, New York (June 12, 2025)

Empowering Voices: Community Engagement for Immigrant Survivors of Abuse, In Person Conference, Baltimore, Maryland (May 30, 2025)

Videos Explaining: Sample Law Enforcement and Prosecution Letters, Pre-Recorded. Charlottesville, Virgina (May 20, 2025)

MNADV - Shelter Director's Meeting - Letters That Promote Compliance With ICE Policies, Annapolis, Maryland (April 15, 2025)

Help Offered by the Mexican Consulates to Immigrant Victims, Victim Advocates Community of Practice, Reno, Nevada (April 8, 2025)

Journey of Migrant Women's Justice in the United States - Plenary - Gender Justice and Intersectional Practice Conference, British National Conference on Migrant Women, Ipswich, UK, (November 29, 2024)

Tracing VAWA's Pathways to Justice and Envisioning the Future. Panel presentation at the Violence Against Women Act's 30th Anniversary convening by the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice. NIWAP's role was tracing the legislative history of VAWA, its implementation by federal agency regulations and the collaborations that led to these developments. Washington, D.C. (September 12, 2024)

How VAWA Changes Technical Assistance and How Technical Assistance Changed VAWA., Panel presentation at a convening of National Technical Assistance providers sponsored by the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice. NIWAP discussed that origins of technical assistance for immigrant survivors, and how training, technical assistance, and survivor's experiences shaped the law and federal government regulations and policies improving protections for immigrant survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, dating violence, child abuse and human trafficking. Washington, D.C. (September 11, 2024)

DHS Changes to the Regulations Governing T Nonimmigrant Status and T-based Adjustment of Status Part II, Victim Advocates Community of Practice, Reno, Nevada (September 10, 2024)

Serving Immigrant Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence, Child Abuse, Human Trafficking, and Stalking: Immigration, Family and Public Benefits Law Remedies Training for legal services providers across the state of New Mexico. Presented at the New Mexico Legal Services Providers Conference hosted by the New Mexico Bar Association, Albuquerque, New Mexico (August 22, 2024)

Enhancing Victim Safety: Immigration and Family Law Protection for Immigrant Domestic and Sexual Violence Survivors Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence Webinar Part 1, First part of a two-part training for victim advocates working at domestic violence and sexual assault programs throughout Nevada sponsored by the Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence. Reno, Nevada (August 7, 2024)

"Serving Immigrant Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence, Child Abuse, Human Trafficking, and Stalking: Holistic, Trauma Informed Best Practices." Honolulu, Hawaii (May 24, 2024)

DHS Changes to the Regulations Governing T Nonimmigrant Status and T-based Adjustment of Status. Family Law Community of Practice Meeting Reno, Nevada (May 16, 2024).

Legal Protections for Immigrant Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence That Enhance Victim and Community Safety (North Platte - Nebraska Training Rural Grantee). North Platte, Nebraska (April 26, 2024)

Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP (Cynthia Lee Anderson & Rocio Molina) - Guide to U-Visas Cases: Pro-Bono Attorney Training. Chicago, Illinois (March 13, 2024).

Webinar: Strengthening Community and Organizational Responses: Obtaining U and T Visa Certification for Immigrant Victims of Crimes and Trafficking Training for Attorneys and Victim Advocates. Annapolis, Maryland (November 8, 2023).

Strengthening Community and Organization Responses: Serving Immigrant Victims of Intimate Partner Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Training for Advocates and Attorneys. Portland, Oregon (October 5, 2023).

3C. Advanced Immigration Law Issues in Cases Involving Immigrant Survivors. Presented at Strengthening Community and Organizational Responses: Serving Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking OVW Grantee Training. Boston, Massachusetts (August 31, 2023).

4C. U Visa Helpfulness and Certification. Presented at Strengthening Community and Organizational Responses: Serving Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking OVW Grantee Training. Training. Boston, Massachusetts (August 31, 2023).

1B. Protecting Immigrant Survivors and their Children: Identifying the Best Immigration Options for Your Client. Presented at Strengthening Community and Organizational Responses: Serving Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking OVW Grantee Training. Boston, Massachusetts (August 30, 2023)

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U Visa Certifications Statues, Strategy and Advocacy, presentation with ASISTA for an audience of immigration lawyers. Washington, D.C. (May 4, 2023).

Webinar - New USCIS HART Center: Job Opportunities for Applicants with Expertise Serving Immigrant Crime Victims, Refugees and Asylees. National webinar hosted by NIWAP with faculty from USCIS announcing the opening of the HART Service Center and the job announcements for 330 adjudicator positions to be hired. Washington, D.C. (April 17, 2023)

U/T/Immigration Workgroup, City of Minneapolis Minnesota met with twin cities workgroup regarding bringing training to law enforcement and prosecution agencies in Minnesota. Minneapolis, Minnesota (April 13, 2023)

The Violence Against Women Act, Gender and Immigration Panel presented to the Women and the Law Clinic, American University, Washington College of Law. Washington, D.C. (February 22, 2023)

LAV Grantee Orientation: Legal Options for Immigrant Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence: How NIWAP's and ASISTA's Technical Assistance Can Support Your Work LAV Grantee Orientation. Presented to OVW grantees describing the full range of topics that NIWAP can assist with including immigration, family law, public benefits, language access, working with law enforcement, prosecutors and the courts, and best practices for professionals working with immigrant survivors. Reno, NV (December 8, 2022)

Seeking Justice and Safety for Undocumented Victims & Their Families, Workshop at the National District Attorneys Association (NDAA) National Multidisciplinary Conference on Domestic Violence: Breaking the Cycle of Violence San Diego, California (October 25, 2022)

Part 2 - Supporting Non-Citizen Human Trafficking Victims: T Visa and Continued Presence. Roundtable. Reno, NV (October 4, 2022)

Naturalization of VAWA, SIJS, U and T Visa Recipient Survivors: TTA from USCIS and NIWAP, National webinar. Reno, Nevada (September 23, 2022)

Supporting Non-Citizen Human Trafficking Victims: T Visa and Continued Presence. Roundtable. Reno, NV (September 1, 2022)

Recording: Understanding Helpfulness Part 1 & Recording: Understanding Helpfulness Part 2. Recorded national webinar on the U-Visa. Reno, NV (June 23, 2022)

King County - Self Taught Learning Module. Webinar – learning module. Seattle, WA (June 22, 2022)

Lake County District Attorney Training. Local webinar on U-Visa Certification with 24 participants. (June 8, 2022)

The U Visa Process: from Certification to Visa. Roundtable. Reno, NV (May 26, 2022)

Understanding Helpfulness for the U Visa Certification and the Ongoing Assistance Requirement, Webinar co-sponsored by the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), National Judicial Network and the State Justice Institute (SJI). Reno, Nevada (April 13, 2022)

Battered Spouse Waiver: Immigration Relief Available for Abused Immigrant Spouses of U.S. Citizens, Community of practice convening for family law attorneys. This session was a follow-up to NIWAP's webinar on battered spouse waivers. Reno, Nevada (November 30, 2021)

Battered Spouse Waiver: Immigration Relief Available for Abused Immigrant Spouses of U.S. Citizens, National webinar. Reno, Nevada (November 18, 2021)

Office Hours Legal Rights of Immigrant Survivors, Victim Rights Law Center (VRLC) Portland, OR (August 30, 2021)

Serving Immigrant Survivor of Sexual Assault. Training presented in partnership with Victim Rights Law Center on survivor-centered approach and immigrant reliefs available for victims of sexual assault. Portland, OR (August 26, 2021)

Trauma Informed Training for VAWA Unit Vermont Service Center VAWA Self-Petition and U Visa Adjudicators. Training for Vermont Service Center Adjudicators to understand the dynamics of victimization and trauma in different contexts. Vermont (July 29, 2021).

Continuing Conversations: Advocates Role in Supporting Immigrant Survivors Victim Advocates Community of Practice convening (July 29, 2021).

Our Unique Role in Supporting Immigrant Survivors, Victim Advocate Community of Practice Reno, Nevada (May 20, 2022)

Political Possibility: Advocacy to That Resulted in Passage of the Violence Against Women Act's Immigration Protections, Michigan State University College of Law Domestic Violence Class, East Lansing, Michigan. (April 7, 2021)

The U Visa as A Crime-Fighting Tool: How Certification Improves Domestic and Sexual Violence Investigations and Prosecutions, King County Portland Oregon Sheriff's Module (April 5, 2021)

Discussion on Immigration Remedy Screening and Updates in Immigration Policy, for NIWAP's national family lawyers community of practice. Reno, Nevada (February 23, 2021)

Violence Against Women Act and Lawyering Through Provision of Training and Technical Assistance, taught law school class at University of Virginia Law School. Charlottesville, Virginia (February 18, 2021)

Labor Trafficking - Ethical Considerations and Identification of Victims presented for the 1st Annual Human Trafficking Summit sponsored by the Regional Interdisciplinary Collaborative to End Human Trafficking and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Wilmington, Delaware (February 9, 2021)

Federal Protections for Immigrant Victims of Human Trafficking, Domestic Violence, and Other Crimes Under the Trafficking Victims Protection Act and the Violence Against Women Act presented for the Human Trafficking Webinar Series hosted by Wilmington University. Wilmington, Delaware (November 24, 2020)

Immigrant and Refugee Services Roundtable: Questions and Answers on Immigrant Survivors Legal Rights and Options Sponsored by the Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence. Jefferson City, Missouri (October 9, 2020)

Political Possibility: Advocacy to That Resulted in Passage of the Violence Against Women Act's Immigration Protections presentation at the PIPS Faculty Roundtable, Washington College of Law, American University (October 8, 2020)

Immigration, Family Separation and COVID-19. Parallel plenary for IVAT's on-line national conference. San Diego, California (September 1, 2020)

Best Practices for Screening and Serving Immigrant Victims of Crime: A Webinar for Victim Advocates. Training for victim advocates in Charles, Calvert, and St. Mary's Counties in Maryland on immigrant victims legal rights and options under immigration, public benefit, and VAWA confidentiality laws. Hollywood, Maryland (July 30, 2020)

Best Practices for Working with Immigrant Survivors of Sexual Assault: Question and Answer Opportunity. Participated as expert faculty for a technical assistance live learning session Share and Learn hosted by the Victim Rights Law Center attended by legal services attorneys and victim advocates nationally. Portland, Oregon (July 8, 2020)

Legal Protections and Help for Immigrant Survivors of Sexual Assault: The Central Role of Advocates and Attorneys. Webinar for CALCASA and the California Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project for victim advocates across California. Sacramento, California (June 23, 2020)

Discussion with CAST on Human Trafficking and the Intersection With Domestic Violence: Community of practice virtual learning session on trafficking in the United States and legal remedies with the Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking (CAST), an organization that assists persons trafficked and works towards ending all instances of human rights violations. Reno, Nevada (May 19, 2020)

Auto-Petición VAWA: Protección para inmigrantes sobrevivientes de maltrato por parte de sus familiares que son ciudadanos o residentes permanentes: Webinar in Spanish sponsored by the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) that provides attorneys, advocates, and courts with information on the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Self-Petition as well as discusses the requirements, how to screen for eligibility, and the importance of identifying eligible victims in family court. Reno, Nevada (May 7, 2020)

VAWA Self-Petition: Protections for Immigrant Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Abuse by Abusive Spouses and Parent: Webinar sponsored by the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) that provides attorneys, advocates, and courts with information on the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Self-Petition as well as discusses the requirements, how to screen for eligibility, and the importance of identifying eligible victims in family court. Webinar training advertised in NIWAP's newsletter. Reno, Nevada (April 22, 2020)

Helping Victims of Human Trafficking Courts Encounter in Family Court and Protection Order Proceedings: Community of practice virtual learning session on different examples of human trafficking

and how family law attorneys can best communicate with judges hearing family court cases when they represent victims of human trafficking in family court. Reno, Nevada (April 21, 2020)

Continued Discussion on Removal of Conditions for Lawful Permanent Residents based on Divorce or Abuse: Community of practice virtual learning session on the Battered Spouse Waiver, conditional permanent residency and the process of attaining full lawful permanent residency for battered immigrant spouses of U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents. Reno, Nevada (February 4, 2020)

Removal Conditions for Lawful Permanent Residents based on Divorce or Abuse. Discussion of the Battered Spouse Waiver cases with the family law attorney virtual Community of Practice session. Reno, Nevada (December 18, 2019).

Access to Justice for Immigrant Women Victims of Violent Crime in the U.S. at a Time of Increased Immigration Enforcement: Results from National Surveys. Social science research presentation at the 2019 Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology in San Francisco, California (November 13, 2019)

Help for Immigrant Survivors of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking and Human Trafficking. Presentation as one of the Violence Against Women Act original drafters at the 25th Anniversary of the Violence Against Women Act. Panel sponsored by the Yale Alumni Non-Profit Alliance in Washington, D.C. (November 6, 2019)

Information Session for American University, Washington College of Law's Public Interest: Overview of NIWAP's work on behalf of immigrant crime victims and children. Presentation on pro bono opportunities for law students at NIWAP (October 21, 2019)

Training on Best Practices, Legal Rights, and Protections for Immigrant and Limited English Proficient Crime Victims. Training for victim advocates, health care professionals and state government agency staff who work with immigrant survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking and child abuse. Kensington, Maryland (September 27, 2019)

Violence Against Women Act Immigration Protections for Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence, Human Trafficking, Stalking, and Child/Elder Abuse workshop presented at the No More Crimes of Power and Control conference sponsored by the Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence and the Nebraska State Patrol. Lincoln, Nebraska (September 18, 2019)

Legal Protections and Help for Immigrant Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence and Their Children: The Central Role of Advocates and Attorneys at the Missouri Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault's annual conference in Columbia, Missouri (July 15-16, 2019)

Serving Victims of Special Populations Breakout panel presentation at the 2019 Maryland Crime Victims' Rights conference planned by the Governor's Office on Crime Control and Prevention. College Park, Maryland (April 11, 2019)

Family Law Attorneys Advocating for Immigrant Survivors at Community of Practice in Reno, Nevada Understand stalking of immigrant victims, identifying behaviors, workplace stalking, dynamics, lethality risks, and doing stalking harassment and risk profiles for immigrant survivors. (March 7, 2019)

Community of Practice: Identifying and Responding to Stalking Discussion and overview provided by the Stalking Prevention Awareness and Resource Center about the technical assistance they provide, the intersection of stalking with domestic and sexual violence, common technologies used in stalking, and

strategies for holding offenders accountable and increasing victim safety, Reno, Nevada (January 29, 2019)

Leadership Matters Roundtable discussing family separation, immigration relief for victims and children and protections from deportation for the Kellogg Fellowship Leadership Alliance. Denver, Colorado (June 28, 2018).

Building Trust with Immigrant Victims of Human Trafficking presentation to the North Carolina Commission on Human Trafficking presenting results of NIWAP survey on the effects of immigration enforcement on immigrant crime victims with a particular focus on human trafficking victims and proposing that the North Carolina Judicial Ethics opinion preventing judges from signing U visa certifications be revisited. (May 16, 2018).

Best Practices in U Visa Cases for Workplace Sexual Assault Survivors presented at the Gender, Work and Immigration Status: Immigration Relief for Labor-Based Crimes and Human Trafficking at the 3rd Annual Modern-Day American Worker Conference: Over, Under, Through: Women Rising for Justice at Work sponsored by the Legal Aid Foundation of Chicago. Chicago, Illinois (May 11, 2018).

Best Practices: Immigrant Crime Victims, Language Access and the U and T Visas, this training covered immigrant crime victims access to immigration relief, discussing how immigration remedies differ in terms of eligibility ant the extent they lead to public benefits access in Oregon. Portland, Oregon (March 26, 2018).

One Justice and NIWAP Online Training Course on the U Visa. Developed on-line training modules on topics related to preparing U visa applications for an on line learning training courts for pro bono and legal services attorneys and victim advocates working with U visa eligible victims. Los Angeles, CA (February 3, 2018 Training Curricula and April 17, 2018 Recording)

- Introduction to the U visa
- U Visa Requirements
- The U Visa: How to Show Eligibility
- The U Visa: The Application
- Screening for Inadmissibility Factors
- Overview of U Visa Certification
- Nuts and Bolts of the U Visa Certification Form
- Obtaining Certification From a Range of Certifiers

Support Your Work with Immigrant Survivors with NIWAP's Technical Assistance and Training Webinar presented to OVW grantees describing the full range of topics that NIWAP can assist with including immigraiton, family law, public benefits, language access, working with law enforcement, prosecutors and the courts, and best practices for professionals working with immigrant survivors. Reno, Nevada (January 30, 2018)

One Justice and NIWAP Online Training Course on VAWA- Self Petitioning This on line training course is a series of 6 training modules to train pro bono attorneys, legal services attorneys, and victim advocates to prepare and submit VAWA self-petition cases on behalf of battered immigrant spouses and children. Los Angeles, CA (January 3, 2018) The training modules cover:

- Documents for VAWA Self-Petition
- Nuts and Volts of Pre-Screening

- Self-Petition Requirements
- VAWA Confidentiality
- Trauma Informed Approach
- Nuts and Bolts of Forms and Submission Package

Best Practices for Representation of Immigrant Children and Crime Victims in State Family Court Cases Presented a Statewide training for Attorneys on U visa certification by judges and obtaining findings from state court judges for SIJS eligible children. Sponsored by the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada. Las Vegas, Nevada (December 15, 2017)

Legal Protections and Forensic Considerations for Immigrant and Refugee Child Victims Presented a national webinar for International Association of Forensic Nurses on the effect of trauma on children's brain development, the importance of forensic evaluations and the legal rights of immigrant victim children and their parents, Arnold, Maryland (November 8, 2017)

Site Visit with OVW to Saharah Inc. Artesia, California and Los Angeles Foundation for Legal Aid. Los Angeles, California (October 24-26, 2017)

Border Health, Advocacy, Community and Social Mobilization intensive workshop for Kellogg Fellows Leadership Alliance community of practice group. . Denver, CO. (August 15, 2017)

Impact on Communities Advocacy for Immigrants in an Era of Immigration Enforcement Presented a webinar for KFLA community of practice group focused on the impact of immigration enforcement on communities. Denver, CO. (July 18, 2017)

Immigration: Creating a Culture of Social Equity for Immigrant Women and Children. Intensive workshop for Kellogg Fellows Leadership Alliance community of practice on legal rights, immigration protections and opportunities for immigrant women, children and crime survivors focused on identifying victims and helping them access legal services and programs. Denver, CO (June 13, 2017).

Safety Planning and Facilitating Access to Legal Protections for Immigrant Survivors Presented a plenary highlighting best practices for advocating for and supporting immigrant victims of crime at the 2017 National Crime Victim Law Conference. Portland, Oregon. (May 11, 2017)

Advocate and Attorney Training for VAWA and U Visa Cases Co-presented a California Legal Access Project webinar in collaboration with the Law Firms of Crowell and Moring and Morgan Lewis and the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault to offer legal representation to farmworker and rural immigrant survivors of sexual and domestic violence in U and VAWA self-petitioning cases through a new remote lawyering process. Sacramento, California. (March 17, 2017)

Workshop 3B Topic: Advocate's Role in VAWA and U Visa Cases at "Addressing Culture: Systematic Responses to Underserved Immigrant Populations" Office on Violence Against Women grantee conference. New Orleans, Louisiana. (December 13 and 16, 2016)

Workshop 2C Topic: Advanced Immigration: Best Practices for Complex U Visa Representation at "Addressing Culture: Systematic Responses to Underserved Immigrant Populations" Office on Violence Against Women grantee conference. New Orleans, Louisiana. (December 12, and 15, 2016)

Workshop 1B Topic: Anticipating and Protecting Immigrant Survivors' Privacy Interests at "Addressing Culture: Systematic Responses to Underserved Immigrant Populations" Office on Violence Against Women grantee conference. New Orleans, Louisiana. (December 12 and 15, 2016)

Immigrant Litigants in Family Court: Advanced Custody Issues at "Addressing Culture: Systematic Responses to Underserved Immigrant Populations" Office on Violence Against Women grantee conference. New Orleans, Louisiana. (December 12 and 15, 2016)

Addressing Culture: Systematic Responses to Underserved Immigrant Populations Hosted OVW New Orleans 2016 in New Orleans, Louisiana (December 12 and 15, 2016).

Humanitarian Hot Topics: VAWA Unit, U Visa Backlog, Deferred Action for U Visa Victims, Presentation with DHS Officials at USCIS Ombudsman Annual Conference in Washington, DC (December 6, 2016).

Careers in Immigration Law: Practice and Policy NIWAP hosted an event at American University Washington College of law with speakers from the Tahirih Justice Center, The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services Office of Policy and Strategy and a former Counsel for Senator Ted Kennedy who is a principal at the Raben Group. Washington, D.C. (October 13, 2016)

Best Practices That Promote Safety and Holistic Assistance for Immigrant and Refugee Survivors. Leslye Orloff presented a key note plenary at the Domestic Violence Symposium in Seattle, WA, a statewide domestic violence conference convened by the King County Prosecutor's Officer with support from the Washington State STOP Administrator's Office. This symposium was attended by judges, attorneys, advocates, and law enforcement. Seattle, Washington (September 11, 2015)

U Visa Consular Processing: How to Get Qualifying Family Members to the U.S. and How to Effectively Use Humanitarian Parole to Reunify Families by Edna Yang, Rocio Molina, and Mercedes Lorduy presented at the national Office of Violence Against Women Grantee Conference: "Community of Responders: A Holistic Approach to Immigrant Survivors of Abuse" New Orleans, Louisiana. (July 30, 2015)

U Visa 101: Nuts and Bolts of the Application and Certification by Rocio Molina, Benish Anver, and Aparna Bhattacharyya presented twice at the national Office of Violence Against Women Grantee Conference: "Community of Responders: A Holistic Approach to Immigrant Survivors of Abuse" New Orleans, Louisiana. (July 29, 2015)

Advocates' Introduction to Gender-Based Asylum Webinar This Office on Violence Against Women sponsored national webinar was presented in partnership with Tahirih Justice Center and American Gateways for advocates and attorneys who are new to gender based asylum screening and filing. Sacramento, California (May 6, 2016)

Panel on Mechanisms Addressing Violence Against Women in the U.S. Presented at a Founders Day event sponsored by the Immigrants' Rights Coalition and Amnesty International at the Washington College of Law. (March 16, 2015)

Building Legal Protections for Immigrant Survivors: Past, Present and Future Presentation for workshop planned by Amnesty International and the Immigrant Rights Coalition, American University, Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C. (February 16, 2015)

History and Goals of VAWA's Immigration Protections for Victims of Gender Based Violence Presentation for the Immigrant Justice Clinic class at the Washington College of Law. Washington, D.C. (February 5, 2015)

Training for the Vermont Service Center Fraud Unit Presented training for the VAWA Fraud Unit at Vermont Service Center to help adjudicators assess applications understanding the dynamics of domestic violence, how traumatization may affect credibility and law enforcement approaches U visa certification. St. Albans, Vermont. (January 16, 2015)

Training on VAWA and U Visas Led training for all Vermont Service Center VAWA Unit Adjudicators for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The training was attended by all adjudicators, supervisors and managers and was a full day training delivered in two separate locations (January 14-15, 2015)

Gender and the Practice of Law: Immigration At a training sponsored by the Women's Law Association and Immigrant Rights Coalition, presented a workshop on VAWA's immigration protections, legal services access for immigrant survivors and providing trauma informed legal assistance to victims. American University. Washington, D.C. (November 6, 2014)

Bipartisanship and VAWA Presented at a lunchtime seminar for students on policy reform, insider views of bipartisanship, and the history of the Violence Against Women Act. Ronald LeGrand, Counsel to the U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security and Investigations. Juria Jones, Associate, Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy, LLP. Ms. Jones previously served as Chief Counsel for Constitutional Law, Courts and Immigration for Senator Arlen Specter (R-PA), Chairman, United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary. American University, Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C. (October 29, 2014)

Intersection of Domestic Violence and Immigration Benish Anver presented at a panel hosted by the Women's Law Association and the Latino/a Law Students Association at WCL. The panel discussed the special obstacles immigrant survivors of abuse must overcome and the impact of immigration status. Washington, DC. (October 23, 2014)

Legislative Approaches to Vulnerable Populations Presentation at NIWAP sponsored event with Tom Jawetz, Democratic Chief Counsel, House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security. Anya McMurray, Deputy General Counsel, Senate Committee on the Judiciary. Amanda Baran, Senior Policy Analyst, Department of Homeland Security American University, Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C. (October 7, 2014)

Gender and Immigration Policy Presentation at NIWAP sponsored event with Ronald LeGrand, Counsel to the U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security and Investigations American University, Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C. (September 4, 2014)

U Visa Certifications from a Range of Certifiers by Rocio Molina, Judge Mary Weir and Maria Jose Fletcher at "Creative Solutions to Strengthen Advocacy Options and Healing for Immigrant Survivors" New Orleans, Louisiana (August 7, 2014)

Beginner Workshop on U Visa Certification (Who qualifies; Range of potential certifiers; What is substantial harm & how to prove it) by Rocio Molina and Mercedes Lorduy at "Creative Solutions to Strengthen Advocacy Options and Healing for Immigrant Survivors" Office on Violence Against Women grantee conference. New Orleans, Louisiana. (August 6, 2014)

Immigration Relief and College Access for Undocumented Students Presentations to guidance counselors, principles, and teachers at 7 high schools. Phoenix, Arizona (July-August 2014)

Training on Immigrant Crime Victims' Legal Options under U.S. Immigration and Family Laws for the Consulate General of Mexico Presented a full day in-person training that was also a broadcast webinar for representatives from all Mexican consular offices across the United States. The in person training was attended by Mexican consular officials and other Countries' Consulates (Japan, France, Germany, Ireland, Guatemala, Peru, Argentina, and Haiti). Hosted by the Consulate General of Mexico in Atlanta, Georgia. (April 4, 2014)

Seeking and Obtaining U Visa Certifications from Judges and Magistrates Presented a national webinar for 430 judges, attorneys and advocates. Sacramento, California (February 20, 2014)

The Reimagine: Opportunity Challenge Served as a coach for a team of grant finalists in a national competition for funding of innovative projects designed to improve services to survivor of human trafficking sponsored by Humanity United, Washington, D.C. (January 15, 2014)

Immigration Relief for Sexual Assault Survivors at Office on Violence Against Women sponsored grantee conference Serving Immigrant Victims of Sexual Assault: Best Practices. Providence, Rhode Island. (June 27, 2013)

Immigration Relief for Sexual Assault Survivors at Office on Violence Against Women sponsored grantee conference Serving Immigrant Victims of Sexual Assault: Best Practices. Providence, Rhode Island. (June 26, 2013)

Analysis of Gender Asylum Comprehensive Immigration Reform Proposals in response to a request from the White House (May 20, 2013)

Understanding and Applying the Violence Against Women Act training for the Board of Immigration Appeals judges and staff that was also webcast for Executive Office of Immigration Review (EOIR) immigration judges Faulty include representatives from the Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. Alexandria, Virginia. (February 21, 2013)

Congressional Briefing: VAWA and Immigrant Victims presented at "Violence Against Women Act Protections for LGBTQ, Ethnic Minority, Native American and Immigrant Women." an event sponsored by The Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI). Leslye Orloff was invited by SPSSI and John Conyers Office to join social science researchers in presenting research data supporting the immigration protections contained in the Violence Against Women Act passed by the Senate in 2013. Washington, D.C. (February 11, 2013)

Improving Immigration and Career Opportunities for Undocumented Immigrant Women In-Home Care Workers Presentation at the Institute for Women's Policy Research's Roundtable on Women and the Economy. This first Roundtable was co-sponsored by Caring Across Generations. The workshop was attended by 50 agencies including representatives from the U.S. Department of Labor, OSI, and a range of women's organizations and workers' organizations and unions. Washington, D.C. (February 11, 2013)

Violence Against Women Act: Past, Present, and What's Next Presentation at event planned by the Women's Law Program, American University, Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C. (January 24, 2013)

U-Visa Certification: Learning from Law Enforcement in the Family Law Track at Protection and Legal Relief for Immigrant Survivors: A Collaborative Response. National OVW Grantee Conference, Atlanta, Georgia (November 15, 2012)

Basic Immigration Relief for Family Lawyers in the Family Law Track at Protection and Legal Relief for Immigrant Survivors: A Collaborative Response. National OVW Grantee Conference, Atlanta, Georgia (November 14, 2012)

Building Legal Protections for Immigrant Survivors: Past, Present and Future This Daynard Public Interest Visiting Fellowship Presentation took place at the Northeastern University School of Law. Boston, Massachusetts. (October 1, 2012)

The Law, Policy and Politics of Protecting Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence This plenary presentation was sponsored by Dickinson Law School, Pennsylvania State University; Center for Immigrant Rights and the Centre Country Women's Resource Center and was attended by 60 attorneys, advocates, students, professors and representatives from the Department of Homeland Security. State College, Pennsylvania. (September 7, 2012)

Safety Planning for Immigrant Survivors and DHS's New Victim Protection Policies This webinar sponsored by the Office on Violence Against Women at the US department of Justice was attended by over 150 participants from urban and rural jurisdictions across the country. Sacramento, California (September 6, 2012)

Advocacy for Immigrant Survivors in an Age of Immigration Enforcement presentation with Jane Doe, Inc. Immigrant and Refugee Working Group Training. Worcester, Massachusetts. (June 28, 2012)

New Department of Homeland Security Policies and Immigrant Victims: From Secure Communities to the DHS Role in Victim Protection presentation with Jane Doe, Inc. Immigrant and Refugee Working Group Training. Worcester, Massachusetts. (June 28, 2012)

Employment Authorization Issues: VAWA, T, & U Visa Victims special training for the Office of Special Counsel, Department of Justice. (June 12, 2012)

Employment Authorization Issues for VAWA, T and U-Visa Victims presented a workshop at the National Conference of the National Organization for Women. Washington, D.C. (June 2012)

The War on Violence Against Women presentation at The War on Women Action Conference planned by the National Organization for Women. Washington, D.C. (June 2012)

Advocacy Strategies Leading to VAWA Immigration Relief presentation at the International Shelter Conference. Washington, DC. (February 28, 2012)

VAWA Immigration History presentation at the International Shelter Conference. Washington, DC. (February 28, 2012)

Remedies for Children

Shift and Share: Digging Deeper , Casey Family Programs' 2025 Immigration & Child Welfare Convening, In Person Training, Sacramento, California (November 6, 2025)

Supporting Stability for Families, Casey Family Programs' 2025 Immigration & Child Welfare Convening, In Person Training, Sacramento, California (November 5, 2025)

Best Practices and Tools for Child Welfare Professionals to Support Immigrant Child Victims, In person Training, Breakout Session Institute on Violence, Abuse, and Trauma (IVAT), San Diego, California (August 19, 2025)

Child Welfare Best Practices That Improve Access to Benefits and Services For Immigrant Children and Children in Immigrant Families, Webinar for Casey Family Programs, Tuscon, Arizona (May 16, 2025)

Child Labor Trafficking in the US: An Overview of Research, Law & Policy, and Opportunities for Action, Webinar for National Judicial Network presented by Katherine Walts a labor trafficking expert from Loyola University Chicago Law School, Reno Nevada (May 6, 2025)

Special Immigrant Juvenile Classification and Adoption of Foreign-Born Children Part 2, NJN Webinar, Reno, Nevada (September 17, 2024)

Special Immigrant Juvenile Classification and Adoption of Foreign-Born Children Part 1, NJN Webinar, Reno, Nevada (September 12, 2024)

NCJFCJ Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Cases: Policy Updates and Considerations for Juvenile and Family Court Judges- Presented With USCIS. Cleveland, Ohio (March 18, 2024).

Training for USCIS Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Adjudicators. NIWAP worked with USCIS policy staff to recruit state court judges (Senior Judge Lora Livingston and Judge Susan Breall) to training USCIS SIJS adjudication unit staff on the judicial determinations state court judges make in cases involving SIJS eligible children. The training included how state court judges apply their state jurisdictional and procedural laws to cases in which they issue SIJS findings of fact and conclusions of law. Lee Summit, Missouri (January, 2023)

Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Updates Open session of the Family Law Community of Practice with national webinar participants invited. Reno, Nevada (June 20, 2022)

New Regulations, Policies, and Court Rulings: The Impact on State Courts Issuing Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) Orders National webinar for judges, family lawyers and immigration lawyers on updates to Special Immigrant Juvenile Status following implementation of USCIS 2022 regulations and recent State Supreme Court decisions. Reno, Nevada (October 4, 2022)

Protecting Immigrant Children: U Visas, SIJS, and Other Legal Options Presentation for all Maryland States Child Abuse Prosecutors, Maryland Department of Social Services Attorneys on a wide range of issues arising in state child abuse investigations and prosecutions. Topics included U visa certification by DSS workers and attorneys and state prosecutors, immigration options for immigrant child victims, and benefits access for immigrant child victims. Presented at the annual Maryland DSS Counsel Conference. Annapolis, Maryland (October 17, 2017)

Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Explained: Obtaining Family Court Orders for Under 21 Year Old Family and Sexual Violence Survivors Presented by Commissioner Loretta Young, Judge Mary Weir, and Leslye Orloff presented at the national Office of Violence Against Women Grantee Conference: "Community of Responders: A Holistic Approach to Immigrant Survivors of Abuse" New Orleans, Louisiana. (July 29, 2015)

Educational Equity Beyond Access: Institutional Support for DACAmented and Undocumented Students Presented a lunchtime webinar for professionals in the higher education field in collaboration with the National Forum on Higher Education and the National Center for Institutional Diversity at the University of Michigan held. Ann Arbor, Michigan. (November 12, 2014)

Vulnerable Populations and Immigration Policy: Government Perspectives Hosted and presented at a lunchtime seminar for Washington College of Law students on DHS immigration enforcement in conjunction with Tom Jawetz (Democratic Chief Counsel, House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary) and Ronald LeGrand (Counsel to the U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on the Judiciary). Washington, D.C. (October 7, 2014)

Shining the Light on Gender Based Violence at Home and Abroad Presented at a panel at a day long symposium hosted by the Penn State Journal of Law and International Affairs (JLIA), Center for Immigration Rights, Family Law Clinic, and the Community Law Clinic. State College, Pennsylvania. (October 3, 2014)

Unaccompanied Immigrant Minors and Crime Victimization National webinar sponsored Kellogg Fellowship Leadership Alliance. Denver, Colorado. (August 8, 2014)

The Effect of Current Immigration Policies on the Hispanic Community Presentation at the Seventeenth Annual Hispanic Law Conference: "The Impact of Immigration Reform on Access to Justice". Washington College of Law Washington, D.C. (April 15, 2014)

Challenges to Leadership in Higher Education: Undocumented Immigrant Students – Admission, Enrollment and Funding Participated and presented at collaborative action workshops on DREAMers and Higher Education at the Kellogg National Leadership Fellowship Conference "Leading Communities in the 21st Century: Building Resilience, Transformation and Transcendence". Detroit, Michigan. (October 12-13, 2012)

VAWA Confidentiality

Navigating the Current Environment in Advocacy, Texas Council on Family Violence, Webinar, Austin Texas, (July 24, 2025)

VAWA Confidentiality Protection for Immigrant Victims Consistent with 2025 ICE Policies, Victim Advocates Community of Practice, Reno, Nevada (June 10, 2025)

Understanding Immigration Law, VAWA Protections and Impacts of Current Policies on Survivors of Gender-Based Violence Webinar for the Missouri Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence Immigrant and Refugee Services Roundtable Meeting, Jefferson City, Missouri (May 9, 2025)

VAWA Confidentiality: Understanding Protections Under the Violence Against Women Act for All Victims, Family Law Community of Practice, Reno, Nevada (April 22, 2025)

Understanding Immigration Law, VAWA Protections and Impacts of Current Policies on Survivors of Gender-Based Violence, Board Training for the Ohio Domestic Violence Network Columbus, Ohio (April 22, 2025)

Understanding Immigration Law, VAWA Protections and Impacts of Current Policies on Survivors of Gender-Based Violence, Staff Training for the Ohio Domestic Violence Network Columbus, Ohio (April 22, 2025)

Exploring VAWA Confidentiality and Legal Rights for Immigrant Victims: What You Need to Know, In Person workshop at annual Maryland state victim advocacy convening. Baltimore, Maryland (April 9, 2025)

VAWA Confidentiality Protections and U Visa Certification for Immigrant Survivors, Training for D.C. victim advocates and attorneys sponsored by Volare. Washington D.C. (April 4, 2025)

VAWA Confidentiality Question and Answer Session, Victim Advocates Community of Practice, Reno, Nevada (March 11, 2025)

VAWA Confidentiality Question and Answer Session, Family Law Community of Practice, Reno, Nevada (February 25, 2025)

How Consulates Can Help in Cases Involving Immigrant Victims, Victim Advocates Community of Practice, Reno, Nevada (November 13, 2024)National Judicial Network Peer-to-Peer Session VAWA Confidentiality and Family Court Discovery. Reno, Nevada (November 12, 2024)

National Judicial Network Peer-to-Peer Session VAWA Confidentiality and Criminal Case Discovery. Reno, Nevada (October 1, 2024)

3B. VAWA Confidentiality's Impact on Discovery in Family and Criminal Court Cases. Strengthening Community and Organizational Responses: Serving Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking OVW Grantee Training. Boston, Massachusetts (August 31, 2023)

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Enhancing Victim Safety: Immigration and Family Law Protection for Immigrant Domestic and Sexual Violence Survivors Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence Webinar Part 1, A two-part training for victim advocates working at domestic violence and sexual assault programs throughout Nevada sponsored by the Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence. Reno, Nevada (August 7, 2024)Case Law on VAWA Confidentiality. Family law attorney Community of Practice. Virtual discussion on the VAWA confidentiality and its limitations on discovery in family court cases reviewing case law from family, civil and criminal cases. Reno, Nevada (October 30, 2022)

What Judges, Attorneys, and Prosecutors Need to Know About How VAWA Confidentiality Impacts Discovery in Cases Involving Immigrant Survivors OVW and SJI funded webinar for judges, prosecutors, victims' family and civil lawyers, victim advocates, and OVW grantees. Reno, Nevada (October 14, 2022)

Protections for Immigrant Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence Under Violence Against Women Act Confidentiality Protections webinar for Casa de Esperanza Webinar #2 discussing the full range of protections available for immigrant victims including bars on relying upon perpetrator provided information, deportation protections, locational protections and non-disclosure requirements. Minneapolis, Minnesota (October 22, 2018).

VAWA Confidentiality and Protections for Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence Webinar for attorneys and advocates working in rural communities sponsored by Praxis International. Duluth, Minnesota (June 27, 2018)

Navigating through VAWA Confidentiality Protections to Enhance Safety for Immigrant Survivors. Statewide training for victim advocates working with sexual assault survivors and Rape Crisis centers in California. Sponsored by the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault. Sacramento, California (May 29, 2018).

Violence Against Women Act Confidentiality Limits Discovery in Civil and Criminal Court Cases presented for NIWAP's family law and immigrant victims Community of Practice Reno, Nevada (April 24, 2018)

Safe Spaces and Immigrant Crime Victims, presentation at Harvard Law School on VAWA confidentiality protections, ICE courthouse enforcement policies and the importance of screening and early filing of immigrant victim's cases. Cambridge, Massachusetts (March 2, 2018)

Building a Safety Net for Immigrant Crime Victims: Public Benefits, Confidentiality and More Presented a training for the Hawaii Immigrant Justice Center at Legal Aid of Hawaii that focused on immigration relief eligibility, VAWA confidentiality protections, and public benefits available to immigrant survivors. Honolulu, Hawaii. (March 15, 2017)

Early Identification of Victims and VAWA Confidentiality Hosted the nineteenth community of practice call to discuss early victim screening and protection and enforcement under VAWA Confidentiality. Reno, Nevada. (February 28, 2017)

VAWA Confidentiality and Ensuring the Protection of Survivors' Immigration Case Hosted the sixteenth community of practice conference call to discuss strategies that anticipate and prepare for response when opposing parties seek VAWA confidentiality protected information and highlight the types of motions, arguments, evidence you can introduce to prevent disclosure. Reno, Nevada (August 16, 2016)

Civil Protection Orders, Timing, Safety and Effectiveness for Immigrant Clients. Hosted the tenth community of practice conference call to focus on the factors that lead immigrant survivors to seek civil protection orders, DHS VAWA confidentiality computer system and victim protection policies, and the impact of safety planning on CPO cases. Reno, Nevada (February 16, 2016)

Right to Privacy: Understanding Immigrant Survivors' Protections Under VAWA Confidentiality Laws by Judge Mary Weir, Commissioner Loretta Young, and Leslye Orloff presented at the national Office of Violence Against Women Grantee Conference: "Community of Responders: A Holistic Approach to Immigrant Survivors of Abuse" New Orleans, Louisiana. (July 30, 2015)

VAWA Confidentiality: Understanding the Three Safeguards and Discovery Limitations that Apply in Cases of Immigrant Survivors in Family and Criminal State Courts Presented a 90-minute Office on Violence Against Women funded national webinar for 272 advocates, attorneys, and organizations. Sacramento, California (February 5, 2015)

Custody Part 2: VAWA Confidentiality and Family Courts Workshop at the "Creative Solutions to Strengthen Advocacy Options and Healing for Immigrant Survivors" Office on Violence Against Women grantee conference. New Orleans, Louisiana. (August 7, 2014)

Plenary II Topic: VAWA Confidentiality - A Key to Safety Planning Plenary at the Creative Solutions to Strengthen Advocacy Options and Healing for Immigrant Survivors at "Creative Solutions to Strengthen Advocacy Options and Healing for Immigrant Survivors" Office on Violence Against Women grantee conference. New Orleans, Louisiana. (August 6, 2014)

VAWA Confidentiality in the Family Law Track at Protection and Legal Relief for Immigrant Survivors: A Collaborative Response. National OVW Grantee Conference, Atlanta, Georgia (November 15, 2012)

Police, Prosecutors, and Criminal Justice

U visa Policies, Law Enforcement and Prosecutor Roundtable, Reno Nevada (November 7, 2025)

Best Practices for Responding to, Investigating, and Prosecuting Cases Involving Immigrant Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence, In Person Training, St. Mary's, Maryland (October 27, 2025)

Investigating and Prosecuting Stalking Cases Involving Immigrant Victims, Law Enforcement and Prosecutor Roundtable, Reno Nevada (September 29, 2025)

Best Practices for Responding to, Investigating, and Prosecuting Cases Involving Immigrant Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence, In Person Training with Baltimore County State Attorney's Office, (September 5, 2025)

U Visa Certification: What Am I Certifying? Law Enforcement and Prosecutor Roundtable, Reno Nevada (August 28, 2025)

Best Practices for Responding to, Investigating, and Prosecuting Cases Involving Immigrant Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence, In Person Training, Frederick, Maryland (August 26, 2025)

Best Practices for Responding to, Investigating, and Prosecuting Cases Involving Immigrant Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence, In Person Training, Prince George County, Maryland (August 8, 2025)

Prosecuting Domestic Violence, Stalking, Sexual Assault, and Human Trafficking Cases involving Immigrant Victims, Webinar for Maryland Prosecutors (August 5, 2025)

Videos Explaining: Sample Law Enforcement and Prosecution Letters, Pre-Recorded. Charlottesville, Virgina (May 20, 2025)

Immigration Relief For Victims of Human Trafficking: Importance of Early Identification, In Person Training Presented at The Cape & Islands District Attorney's Office for their From Awareness to Action: A Human Trafficking Conference, Hyannis, Massachusetts (April 11, 2025)

Understanding Helpfulness for the U Visa Certification and the Ongoing Assistance Requirement, Law Enforcement and Prosecutor Roundtable, Reno Nevada (March 20, 2025)

A Leadership Approach to Domestic Violence Response with a Focus on Immigrant Victims, In Person ½ day training for Law Enforcement and Prosecution agency leadership and training staff for Salt Lake County, Salt Lake City, Utah (March 6, 2025)

Trauma-Informed, Victim-Centered Responses to Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Human Trafficking: For Law Enforcement, Prosecutors, and Systems-Based Victim Advocates, In Person Training, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (February 27, 2025)

Coercive Love: The Intersection of Intimate Partner Violence and Human Trafficking, Law Enforcement and Prosecutors Roundtable, Reno, Nevada (November 19, 2024)

Best Practices: Responding to Investigating and Prosecuting Cases of Domestic and Sexual Violence Involving Immigrant Crime Victims and Survivors, Full day training at the New Hampshire Police Academy, Concord, New Hampshire (October 31, 2024)

U and T Visa Certification: Lessons from Hennepin County, Law Enforcement and Prosecutors Roundtable, Reno, Nevada (October 8, 2024)

Best Practices for Responding to, Investigating, and Prosecuting Cases Involving Immigrant Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence, In Person full day training for law enforcement and prosecutor and victim witness staff, Dallas, Oregon (October 4, 2024)

Best Practices for Responding to Investigating and prosecuting Cases Involving Immigrant Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence, In Person full day training for law enforcement, prosecutors and government victim witness staff, Salt Lake City Utah, (September 18, 2024)

Investigating and Prosecuting Cases of Intimate Partner Violence Involving Immigrant Crime Victims and Leveraging U and T Visa Programs, Full day training for law enforcement and victim advocates for the Law Enforcement Training and Technical Assistance Center (LETTAC). Dallas, Texas (September 5, 2024)

What happens when we get it wrong? Predominant Aggressor Determination in Cases Involving Immigrant and non-English Speaking Victims workshop presentation at the Partnering for a Future Without Violence Conference sponsored by the New Hampshire Attorney General's Office. Manchester, New Hampshire (September 4, 2024)

What Qualifies as "Qualified Criminal Activity" for U Visas Peer to Peer Roundtable attended by law enforcement and prosecution agency staff. Reno, Nevada (August 28, 2024)

Avoiding Liability: Building Stronger Partnerships to Increase Community Trust and Hold Offenders Accountable Presented two ½ day in-person trainings for law enforcement officers and campus police hosted by the Amherst Police Department and the Law Enforcement Training and Technical Assistance Center (LETTAC). Amherst, Massachusetts (July 30 and 31, 2024)

Law Enforcement and Prosecutor Roundtable: Responding to Requests for U Visa Certifications and T Visa Declarations for Historical Cases. Reno, Nevada (June 13, 2024).

"Trauma-Informed, Victim-Centered Responses to Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Human Trafficking:" Training hosted by the Honolulu Prosecutor's Office for prosecutors, law enforcement and victim witness staff in Honolulu, Hawaii (May 23, 2024)

LEATTC: Consortium Connect Quarterly Call. Tallahassee, Florida (March 26, 2024)

Webinar: 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. Training for law enforcement and prosecution agencies in Maryland. Annapolis, Maryland (December 13, 2023).

Law Enforcement and Prosecutor Roundtable - Offender Focus Prosecution and Investigations Question and Answer. Reno, Nevada (December 8, 2023).

Webinar: Offender Focused Prosecutions and Criminal Investigation In Domestic and Sexual Violence Cases. Reno, Nevada (December 8, 2023).

Strengthening Community and Organization Responses: Serving Immigrant Victims of Intimate Partner Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Training for Law Enforcement and Prosecutors and Systems Based Victim Witness Staff. Portland, Oregon (October 4, 2023).

Webinar: Hennepin County District Attorney's Office Advanced Training for Prosecutors on strategies for cases involving immigrant domestic and sexual violence victims. Minneapolis, Minnesota (September 15, 2023)

Plenary III- Improving Safety for Communities, Officers and Immigrant Survivors: Focusing on Primary Aggressor Determinations. Presentation at Strengthening Community and Organizational Responses: Serving Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking OVW Grantee Training. Boston, Massachusetts (August 31, 2023)

4B. Electronic Evidence in Domestic Violence Criminal Investigations and Prosecutions and in Family Court Domestic Violence Cases. Presented at Strengthening Community and Organizational Responses: Serving Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking OVW Grantee Training. Boston, Massachusetts (August 31, 2023)

Plenary IV- The Why and How of Relationship Building Among Law Enforcement, Prosecutors, Courts, and Immigrant Victim's Advocates. Presented at Strengthening Community and Organizational Responses: Serving Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking OVW Grantee Training. Boston, Massachusetts (August 31, 2023)

Plenary I- Investigating and Prosecuting Stalking Cases Involving Immigrant Victims. Presented at Strengthening Community and Organizational Responses: Serving Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking OVW Grantee Training. Boston, Massachusetts (August 30, 2023)

1A. Police Officers as Witnesses in Domestic Violence Prosecutions and Family Court Litigation. Presented at Strengthening Community and Organizational Responses: Serving Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking OVW Grantee Training. Boston, Massachusetts (August 30, 2023)

2A. Offender-Focused Prosecutions and Criminal Investigations in Cases of Immigrant Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence. Presented at Strengthening Community and Organizational Responses: Serving Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking OVW Grantee Training. Boston, Massachusetts (August 30, 2023).

Plenary III- Improving Safety for Communities, Officers and Immigrant Survivors: Focusing on Primary Aggressor Determinations. Presented at Strengthening Community and Organizational Responses: Serving Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking OVW Grantee Training. Boston, Massachusetts (August 29, 2023).

4B. Electronic Evidence in Domestic Violence Criminal Investigations and Prosecutions and in Family Court Domestic Violence Cases. Presented at Strengthening Community and Organizational Responses: Serving Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking OVW Grantee Training. Boston, Massachusetts (August 29, 2023)

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Best Practices: Responding to, Investigating, and Prosecuting Cases of Domestic and Sexual Violence Involving Immigrant Crime Victims, training for law enforcement and prosecutors in the Minneapolis and Saint Paul metropolitan region. Minneapolis, Minnesota (July 17, 2023)

Seeking Justice and Safety for Undocumented Immigrant Families and Their Children, Presentation at the Conference on Crimes Against Women for law enforcement, prosecutors and their agency's victim witness staff. Dallas, Texas (May 24, 2023)

The U Visa & Language Access: Tools to Increase Immigrant Victim Participation in the Justice System, for law enforcement, prosecutors and their agency's victim witness staff developed and presented for LETTAC the Law Enforcement Training and Technical Assistance Collaborative. Dallas, Texas (May 23, 2023)

All Things U Visa and T Visa Related Roundtable, Roundtable for law enforcement and prosecution agency staff. Reno, Nevada (April 4, 2023)

U Visa Training for Hidalgo County Prosecutors and Law Enforcement Partners, assistance with materials, faculty, and preparation for a training presented by ASISTA. Hidalgo, Texas (February 27, 2023)

Immigration Relief across the Life Span: Supporting Victims and Survivors of Elder Abuse, Roundtable for law enforcement and prosecution agency staff. Reno, Nevada (February 13, 2023)

ICJR - How NIWAP's Training and Technical Assistance Can Support Your Work with Immigrant Crime Victim Survivors. Presented to ICJR grantees describing the full range of topics that NIWAP can assist with including immigration, family law, public benefits, language access, working with law enforcement, prosecutors and the courts, and best practices for professionals working with immigrant survivors. Reno, Nevada (December 7, 2022)

Part 2- Supporting Non-Citizen Human Trafficking Victims: T Visa And Continued Presence : Collaboration With Partners. Roundtable for law enforcement and prosecution agency staff Reno, NV (October 4, 2022)

Lebanon Police Department Law Enforcement Best Practices: Responding to, Investigating and Prosecuting Cases of Noncitizen Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence. Webinar on U Visa, T Visa, and Language Access. Lebanon, NH (September 27, 2022)

Domestic Violence Awareness Month Video Recording for LETTAC discussing the importance of best practices for serving immigrant victims. (September 23, 2022)

Supporting Non-Citizen Human Trafficking Victims: T Visa and Continued Presence Roundtable for law enforcement and prosecution agency staff (September 1, 2022)

OVW Community Responder/Vo-Responder Models. Roundtable on law enforcement response. NY (July 12, 2022)

The U Visa Process: from Certification to Visa Roundtable for law enforcement and prosecution agency staff (May 26, 2022)

Ulster County Sheriff In-Service Training – Law Enforcement Best Practices: Responding to, Investigating and Prosecuting Cases of Noncitizen Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence. This training was carried out in partnership with the Ulster County Inter-Agency Council of Domestic Violence & Human Trafficking. Ulster County, New York This training was carried out in partnership with the Ulster County Inter-Agency Council of Domestic Violence & Human Trafficking. (May 2, 2022)

Webinar Series Part I: Best Practices to Support Immigrant Victims and Increase Participation in the Criminal Justice System, Middlesex County, NJ (March 31, 2022)

Demystifying the U Visa: A Conversation about Myths and Realities (Continued), Law Enforcement and Prosecutor Roundtable. Reno, Nevada (March 3, 2022)

Support Your Work with Immigrant Crime Survivors with NIWAP's Technical Assistance, Tools and Materials, Office on Violence Against Women Grantee Orientation for Improving Criminal Justice Response Grantees. Reno, Nevada (December 14, 2021)

Demystifying the U Visa: A Conversation on the Myths and Realities, Law Enforcement and Prosecutor Roundtable. Reno, Nevada (December 9, 2021)

LETTAC Grant Reporting Process, Office on Violence Against Women's (OVW) Law Enforcement Training and Technical Assistance Consortium (LETTAC) (November 9, 2021)

Collegial Conversation to Improve LETTAC, Improving technical assistance for underserved immigrant, Native American, and disabled victims. Office on Violence Against Women's (OVW) Law Enforcement Training and Technical Assistance Consortium (LETTAC) (October 14, 2021)

U visa a Tool to Support Victims and Increase Participation in the Criminal Justice System, National Center for Victims of Crime, National Training Institute. Atlanta, Georgia (October 8, 2021)

Site Administration Review, Office on Violence Against Women's (OVW) Law Enforcement Training and Technical Assistance Consortium (LETTAC) (September 28, 2021)

Setting the Stage for Success: Jury Selection for Cases involving Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking. National webinar discussion among prosecutors from across the country on best practices for jury selection in cases of immigrant victims. Reno, Nevada (September 10, 2021)

National Stakeholder Partner Member Convening, NIWAP's Director, Leslye Orloff was appointed to serve on the Office on Violence Against Women's (OVW) Law Enforcement Training and Technical Assistance Consortium (LETTAC). Kick-off first meeting. Tallahassee, Florida (August 31, 2021).

Follow Up from USCIS Question and Answer Session with NIWAP's Expert Panel. Roundtable discussion with law enforcement and prosecution officials. Reno, Nevada (August 26, 2021)

Question & Answer Session with USCIS U Visa Policy Experts. Law enforcement and prosecutor's roundtable discussion with law enforcement and prosecutors with USCIS U Visa Policy Experts. Reno, Nevada (July 27, 2021).

Best Practices to Support Immigrant Victims, and Increase Participation in the Criminal Justice System. Part 1 of a Webinar Series is open to local, state, campus, and tribal law enforcement on U Visa and detail the requirements of any application for immigration relief through the U Visa program. Otsego, NY (July 20, 2021)

The U Visa: A Tool to Support Victims, Communities, and Increase Participation in the Criminal Justice System. Webinar for the New Mexico's Twelfth Judicial District Attorney's Office. Alamogordo, New Mexico (July 19, 2021)

Making the Call: Navigating a U Visa Certification Request, Roundtable discussion for law enforcement and prosecutors. Reno, Nevada (June 29, 2021)

IACP: The U and T Visa: A Tool to Support Victims, Communities, and Increase Participation in the Criminal Justice System Alexandria, Virginia (June 17, 2021)

Legal Rights of Immigrant Survivors: Public Benefits, Housing, & Victim Services, Louisiana District Attorney's Association, training for prosecutors and victim witness staff. Baton Rouge, Louisiana (May 27, 2021)

Legal Protections for Immigrant Children and Their Families, Louisiana District Attorney's Association, training for prosecutors and victim witness staff. Baton Rouge, Louisiana (May 13, 2021)

The U Visa: Tool to Support Victims, Communities, and Law Enforcement Webcast for the Conference on Violence Against Women for an audience of law enforcement, prosecution, and their victim advocates. Dallas, Texas (April 30, 2021)

The U Visa: A Tool to Support Victims, Communities, and Increase Participation in the Criminal Justice System. Part 1 of a 3-part webinar series recording for the Louisiana District Attorneys Association on the U Visa. Baton Rouge, Louisiana (April 22, 2021)

Building, Sustaining, and Rebuilding Relationships Impacted by COVID-19. Roundtable discussion with law enforcement and prosecution officials. Reno, Nevada (March 25, 2021)

Trafficking Issues in the Justice Sector. Director Leslye Orloff hosted a meeting on human trafficking and domestic violence for Hubert Humphrey Fellows at AU WCL (Madonna Gay Escio, who is a public prosecutor from the Philippines, Diana O'Brien, who is a prosecutor of trafficking cases in Guyana, and Tuchee Gaona Gordillo who worked in the prevention of trafficking in persons in Mexico) (March 23, 2021).

Domestic and Sexual Violence Victims and the U Visa: Law Enforcement Best Practices Technical Assistance Overview. Webinar for Office of Violence Against Women Improving Criminal Justice Response grantees. Minneapolis, Minnesota (December 14, 2020)

Support Your Work with Immigrant Victims with NIWAP's Technical Assistance and Projects. Webinar for Assistant United States Attorneys at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia. Washington, District of Columbia (December 9, 2020)

U Visa as a Matter of Law: Difference Between Certification Helpfulness Requirement and Post-Filing Ongoing Assistance Requirement. Roundtable discussion with law enforcement and prosecution officials. Reno, Nevada (November 12, 2020)

The U Visa as a Crime Fighting Tool: How Certification Improves Domestic and Sexual Violence Investigations and Prosecutions. Statewide training for the Prosecuting Attorney's Council of Georgia. Morrow, Georgia (October 20, 2020)

Roundtable: Using Experts to Educate- Improving Outcomes in Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Cases Involving Immigrant Victims. A training for prosecutors and staff from prosecutors' and law enforcement agencies. Reno, Nevada (October 6, 2020)

Challenges with Immigration Issues for Victims of Domestic Violence. Training conducted by Deputy District Attorney Shannon Archer with NIWAP assistance for the National District Attorneys Association. Des Moines, Iowa (October 5, 2020)

Building Trust: Case Stories of Law Enforcement and Prosecutors Who Used the U Visa to Improve Victim Participation in the Criminal Justice System, Roundtable discussion with law enforcement and prosecution officials. Reno, Nevada (August 26, 2020)

Best Practices for Working with Immigrant Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence. Webcast for the Conference on Violence Against Women for an audience of law enforcement and prosecution based victim advocates and prosecutors. Dallas, Texas (July 21, 2020)

Voir Dire: A Roundtable for Prosecutors. A discussion among prosecutors from across the country on best practices for jury selection in cases of immigrant victims. Reno, Nevada. (June 11, 2020)

Criminal Justice System Response to COVID-19 & How NIWAP Can Support You: National roundtable sponsored by the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) for law enforcement officers and law enforcement agency staff on the challenges faced by these groups due to COVID-19, strategies to work with immigrant crime victims, and the ways in which NIWAP can provide technical assistance. Reno, Nevada (April 16, 2020)

The U Visa as a Crime-Fighting Tool: How Certification Improves Domestic and Sexual Violence Investigations and Prosecutions: Webinar sponsored by the Missouri Office on Prosecution Services with POST continuing education credit for law enforcement officials on U visa certification as a crime fighting tool and the ways in which combatting domestic and sexual violence can enhance victim, community, and officer safety. Jefferson City, Missouri (February 27, 2020)

The U Visa as a Crime-Fighting Tool: How Certification Improves Domestic and Sexual Violence Investigations and Prosecutions: Webinar sponsored by the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) aimed at training law enforcement and prosecutors on identifying victims who qualify for the U Visa and

the ways in which combatting domestic and sexual violence can enhance victim, community, and officer safety. Reno, Nevada (February 20, 2020)

Benefits for Law Enforcement of Working with Qualified Interpreters and How to Increase the Number of Qualified Interpreters for Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Cases Overtime Discussion: Language Access Compliance and Effective Strategies to Remove Barriers for Limited English Proficient Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking. Law Enforcement and Prosecution Virtual Roundtable. Reno, Nevada (January 30, 2020)

Language Access Compliance and Effective Strategies to Remove Barriers for Limited English Proficient Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking – Part I Law Enforcement and Prosecution Virtual Roundtable. Reno, Nevada (December 18, 2019)

Domestic and Sexual Violence Victims and the U Visa: Law Enforcement & Prosecution Best Practices Technical Assistance Overview. Training at the 2019 Improving Criminal Justice Responses Program Orientation by the Battered Women's Justice Project. New Orleans, Louisiana (November 19, 2019)

Best Practices for Building Language Access to Reach and Respond to Immigrant and Refugee Communities virtual discussion and webinar with a national group of law enforcement leadership sponsored by the Police Executive Research Forum. Washington, D.C. (October 17, 2019)

Multi-Disciplinary Best Practices: Immigrant Domestic & Sexual Violence Victims, Language Access and the U and T Visas. Training for law enforcement, prosecutors, adult protective services, legal aid, and victim advocacy organizations convened by the Missouri Columbia, Missouri Office of Prosecution Services. (October 3, 2019)

Multi-Disciplinary Best Practices: Immigrant Domestic & Sexual Violence Victims, Language Access and the U and T Visas. Training for law enforcement, prosecutors, FBI, US Attorney's Office, Department of Homeland Security victim witness staff, child protective services, legal aid, and victim advocacy organizations convened by the Missouri Columbia, Missouri Office of Prosecution Services. Kansas City, Missouri (October 2, 2019)

Using Effective Crime Fighting Tools in Investigation and Prosecution of Criminal Cases Involving Immigrant Crime Victims. Presented two workshops for law enforcement and prosecutors for the Nebraska State Patrol's No More Crimes of Power and Control conference. Lincoln, Nebraska (September 19, 2019)

Building Multidisciplinary Collaborations that Promote Access to Justice and Enhance Safety for Immigrant Survivors of Family Violence and Sexual Assault, opening plenary at the No More Crimes of Power and Control conference hosted by the Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence and the Nebraska State Patrol. Lincoln, Nebraska (September 18, 2019)

Immigration Consequences for Witnesses & Victims: U Visas, T Visas, And VAWA Self-Petitions, Ethics, Timing, Discovery & Confidentiality. Workshop presentation for the Virginia Association of Commonwealth Attorneys' summer training program for elected prosecutors and their staff. Virginia Beach, Virginia (August 3, 2019)

Immigrant Victim and Witnesses: U-Visas, T-Visa, VAWA Self-Petitions -- Ethics, Timing, Discovery, and Confidentiality. Workshop presentation for the Virginia Association of Commonwealth Attorneys' summer training program for elected prosecutors and their staff. Virginia Beach, Virginia (August 3, 2019)

Recognizing and Responding to Domestic Violence Strangulation. This virtual Roundtable provided peer-to-peer training for law enforcement officer and prosecutors with a focus on battered immigrants. National webinar. Reno, Nevada (July 30, 2019)

Prosecution Best Practices: Immigration Domestic and Sexual Violence Victims, Language Access, and the U and T Visa presented a half-day training for law enforcement officials working for the St. Paul Police Department and jurisdictions in the St. Paul region. St. Paul, Minnesota (June 24, 2019)

Law Enforcement Best Practices: Immigration Domestic and Sexual Violence Victims, Language Access, and the U and T Visa presented a half-day training for Minneapolis, St. Paul, and other state and local prosecution officials. Planned by the St. Paul City Attorney's Office. St. Paul, Minnesota (June 24, 2019)

Recognizing and Responding to Stalking with a Focus on Immigrant Victims. This virtual Roundtable offered peer-to-peer training for law enforcement and prosecutor's offices. Reno, Nevada (May 29, 2019)

Law Enforcement and Prosecution Best Practices: Immigrant Domestic and Sexual Violence Victims, Language Access, and the U and T Visa for the Hartford Police Department in Hartford, Connecticut (April 26, 2019)

Best Practices for Working with Immigrant Crime Victims Workshop presented at the national conference of End Violence Against Women International (EVAWI). San Diego, California (April 24, 2019)
Continued Discussion on Electronic Evidence in Domestic Violence Criminal Investigations and Prosecutions Involving Immigrant Victims (February 28, 2019)

Language Barriers and Law Enforcement: Adhering to the Requirements of Title VI at National Sherriff's Association Winter Conference in Washington, DC (February 10, 2019)

U Visa: Prosecutors Best Practices for Serving Immigrant Domestic and Sexual Violence Victims at the Improving Criminal Justice Response Program Grantee Orientation with the Battered Women's Justice Project. Orlando, Florida (January 30, 2019)

Immigrant Crime Victims and the U Visa: Law Enforcement Best Practices: Technical Assistance Overview at the Improving Criminal Justice Responses Program Grantee Orientation with the Battered Women's Justice Project. Orlando, Florida (January 30, 2019)

Best Practices for Working with Immigrant Crime Victims workshop presented by Rocio Molina and Michael LaRiviere at the National Center for Victims of Crime's 2018 National Training Institute in Orlando, Florida (September 5, 2018)

Everything Law Enforcement Needs to Know About Forms of Immigration Relief workshop session at Iowa Victim Justice Symposium in Des Moines, Iowa (September 11, 2018)

Best Practices for Working with Immigrant Crime Victims. Plenary presented at the Iowa Victim Justice Symposium in Des Moines, Iowa (September 11, 2018)

Best Practices when Working with Immigrant Crime Victims at National Center for Victims of Crime 2018 National Training Institute with the National Center for Victims of Crime. Orlando, Florida (September 5, 2018)

Law Enforcement and Prosecution Best Practices: Immigrant Crime Victims, Language Access and the U Visa presented two ½ day trainings for prosecutors and victim witness staff at the Denver District Attorney. Denver, Colorado (August 29 and 30, 2018)

Law Enforcement and Prosecutors Best Practices: Immigrant Crime victims, Language Access, and the U Visa session at 2018 Advancing Strategies for a Safe & Healthy Community Conference in Biloxi, Mississippi (August 15, 2018)

Law Enforcement and Prosecution Best Practices: Immigrant Crime Victims, Language Access, and the U and T Visa. Recruited new law enforcement officer and prosecutor trainers to join NIWAP's national faculty. This train the trainer event was delivered to build skills of NIWAP's new faculty. Georgia. Morrow. (August 6-8, 2018)

Law Enforcement and Prosecution Best Practices: Immigrant Crime Victims, Language Access, and the U and T Visa. Statewide training co-sponsored by the Prosecuting Attorneys Council of Georgia. Morrow. (August 6, 2018)

Law Enforcement And Prosecution Best Practices: Immigrant Crime Victims, Language Access And The U And T Visa by NIWAP and the National Sheriffs' Association, AEquitas, and Asian Pacific Institute on Gender Based Violence and was co-sponsored by the Minneapolis Police Department. Minneapolis, Minnesota (August 3, 2018)

Law Enforcement and Prosecution Best Practices: Immigrant Crime Victims, Language Access and the U Visa Regional training for law enforcement and prosecutors sponsored by the Portland Police Department for police and prosecution officers and victim witness staff working in western Oregon. Portland, Oregon (March 27, 2018)

Law Enforcement Working in Rural Communities: U Visa Certifications Webinar training for Kansas Law Enforcement Officers in collaboration with the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence and the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center U Visa certification by law enforcement officers particularly those working in rural communities. Topeka, Kansas (February 26, 2018)

Certify Early: It Won't Ruin Your Case AEquitas the Prosecutors Resource Center on Violence Against Women presented with NIWAP a national webinar for prosecutors, law enforcement, victim witness staff in prosecutors' offices, victim advocates and attorneys on trial strategies for prosecutors in cases involving U visa victims including the advantages for prosecutors for certifying early. Reno, Nevada (November 27, 2017)

Best Practices for Serving Immigrant Crime Victims: Law Enforcement, Prosecution, and Protection Orders Training on best practices for working with immigrant crime victims for law enforcement officials, prosecutors, and their victim witness staff. U visa and VAWA self-petitions, VAWA confidentiality protections for immigrant victims, human trafficking and issues that arise in protection order case involving immigrant victims. Peoria, Illinois (November 2, 2017)

Montgomery County State Attorney's Office Training Presented to State prosecutors and victim-witness specialists on U visa certification in cases of immigrant survivors. How certifying early protects immigrant victims from retaliation and deportation. Co-presented this workshop with AEquitas, the Prosecutors Resource Center of Domestic and Sexual Violence. Rockville, Maryland (October 4, 2017)

U-Visa Certifications: Helpful Tool for Prosecuting Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Cases Presented to the U.S. Attorney's Office training leadership on U visa certification by prosecutors and

VAWA confidentiality and criminal court discovery. Co-presented this workshop with AEquitas, the Prosecutors Resource Center of Domestic and Sexual Violence. DC. Washington, DC (October 4, 2017)

Certifying Early: When Should You Sign a U or T Visa Certification for a Victim? Virtual Roundtable #8 for Prosecutors and law enforcement discussing successful case strategies in criminal cases involving immigrant crime victims – U visa certification, discovery and case strategy. Reno, Nevada (September 21, 2017)

Law Enforcement and Prosecution Best Practices: Immigrant Crime Victims, Language Access and the U Visa Office on Violence Against Women sponsored training for law enforcement and prosecutors presented in collaboration with National Sheriff's Association and AEquitas. Sponsored by the Metropolitan Police Department Domestic Violence Division. Nashville, TN. (August 14, 2017)

Law Enforcement and Prosecution Best Practices: Immigrant Crime Victims, Language Access and the U Visa Office on Violence Against Women sponsored training for law enforcement and prosecutors presented in collaboration with National Sheriff's Association and AEquitas. Sponsored by the Dane County Sheriff's Office. Madison, WI. (July 10, 2017)

Discussion with USCIS about U Visa Certifications This Virtual Roundtable #6 for law enforcement and prosecutors featured a discussion with a USCIS official regarding the recently updated U Visa Certification forms. Reno, Nevada (April 23, 2017)

U Visa Certifications: Helpful Tool for Prosecuting Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Cases Presented a workshop at the New Mexico District Attorney's Association Conference. Albuquerque, New Mexico (April 11, 2017)

Promoting Immigrant Victims and Detective Safety through Best Practices: Language Access and Crime Victims Visas Presented a workshop together with Officers Antonio Flores and Michael LaRiviere at the 2017 Advocacy in Action conference. Albuquerque, New Mexico (April 3, 2017)

Law Enforcement and Prosecution Best Practices: Immigrant Crime Victims, Language Access and the U Visa Prosecutor and Law Enforcement training sponsored by the Honolulu Prosecutor's Office. Honolulu, Hawaii (March 17, 2017)

Workshop 3C Topic: Road Map to Safer Communities: The Importance of Law Enforcement and Victim Advocate Relationships at "Addressing Culture: Systematic Responses to Underserved Immigrant Populations" Office on Violence Against Women grantee conference. New Orleans, Louisiana. (December 13 and 15, 2016)

Workshop 4B Topic: Demystifying the Supplement I-918b: Certifier's Guide to U Visa Certification Form at "Addressing Culture: Systematic Responses to Underserved Immigrant Populations" Office on Violence Against Women grantee conference. New Orleans, Louisiana. (December 13 and 15, 2016)
Plenary: Justice System Responses to Immigration Status, Gender, and Culture at "Addressing Culture: Systematic Responses to Underserved Immigrant Populations" Office on Violence Against Women grantee conference. New Orleans, Louisiana. (December 12 and 15 2016)

Immigration and Law Enforcement Tools for Working with Immigrant Survivors of Human Trafficking and Other Crimes Presented a workshop together with representative from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services Beau Thurnauer East Hartford Police Department-Deputy Chief, Chair IACP Crime Prevention Committee and at the International Association of Chiefs of Police annual conference San Diego, California (October 16, 2016)

Proposal for International Association of Chiefs of Police Adoption of U and T Visa Model Policy Presentation to the Crime Prevention Sub-Committee of the International Association of Chiefs of Police urging passage of a resolution in 2017 and adoption of a model policy and U and T visa certifications. San Diego, California (October 15, 2016)

Law Enforcement and Prosecution Best Practices: Immigrant Crime Victims, Language Access and the U Visa Office on Violence Against Women sponsored training for law enforcement and prosecutors. Sponsored by the Nampa Police Department and the Canyon Country Sheriff. Nampa, Idaho (September 29, 2016)

Open Forum Discussion on All Things U Visa This Virtual Roundtable #4 for law enforcement and prosecutors discussed U visa certifications, language access and the unique situations that arise when working with immigrant victims of crime. Reno, Nevada (August 25, 2016)

Law Enforcement and Prosecution Best Practices: Immigrant Crime Victims, Language Access and the U Visa Office on Violence Against Women sponsored training for law enforcement and prosecutors held at the Crater Criminal Justice Training Academy Disputanta, Virginia (August 22, 2016)

Law Enforcement and Prosecution Best Practices: Immigrant Crime Victims, Language Access and the U Visa Office on Violence Against Women sponsored training for law enforcement and prosecutors. Sponsored by the New Mexico Department of Public Safety Training Academy and the STOP Administrator, Crime Victim's Reparations Commission Santa Fe, New Mexico (July 14, 2016)

Streamlining Your Agency's U Visa Policy and Practice Virtual Roundtable #3 for law enforcement and prosecution covered the elements of an effective U visa certification policy and the benefits of adopting such policies to law enforcement agencies. Reno, Nevada (June 29, 2016)

National Sheriffs Association Annual Summer Conference: Nuts and Bolts of U Visa for Undocumented Victims of Crime: A Case Study Presented a training for law enforcement officers on dealing with cases related to immigrant victims of crime and U visas. Minneapolis, Minnesota. (June 25, 2016)

Proposal for International Association of Chiefs of Police Adoption of U and T Visa Model Policy Presentation to the Crime Victim's Services Committee of the International Association of Chiefs of Police urging passage of a resolution in 2017 and adoption of a model policy and U and T visa certifications. Minneapolis, Minnesota (May 21, 2016)

Determining Helpfulness in the U Visa Certification Process This Virtual Roundtable #2 for law enforcement and prosecution covered the helpfulness requirement of the U visa certification process. Reno, Nevada (April 28, 2016)

The U-Visa as a Crime Fighting Tool This is the first session in a monthly virtual roundtable series for law enforcement and prosecutors that is aimed at discussing best practices and addressing questions surrounding U visa certification and language access. The monthly series is offered in partnership with the Office on Violence Against Women. This Virtual Roundtable #1 focused on introducing the U visa as a crime fighting tool. Reno, Nevada (March 24, 2016)

Law Enforcement and Prosecution Best Practices: Immigrant Crime Victims, Language Access and the U Visa Office on Violence Against Women sponsored training for law enforcement and prosecutors. Hosted by the Lafourche Parish Sheriff. Lafourche Parish, Louisiana (September 28, 2015)

Best Practices for Law Enforcement: Immigrant Crime Victims, Language Access and the U Visa Leslye Orloff presented this workshop together with Officer Michael LaRiviere (Salem Police Department) at the Domestic Violence Symposium in Seattle, WA, a statewide domestic violence conference convened by the King County Prosecutor's Office with support from the Washington State STOP Administrator's Office. Attended by judges, attorneys, advocates, and law enforcement officers. Seattle, Washington (September 10, 2015)

Law Enforcement and Prosecution Best Practices: Immigrant Crime Victims, Language Access and the U Visa Workshop presentation at the National Center for Victims of Crime annual conference. Anaheim, California (September 9, 2015)

Law Enforcement and Prosecution Best Practices: Immigrant Crime Victims, Language Access and the U Visa Office on Violence Against Women sponsored training for law enforcement and prosecutors hosted by the Huntersville Police Department. Huntersville, North Carolina (August 17, 2015)

Plenary IV- Bridging the Gap Building Partnerships: How Law Enforcement and Advocates Can Work Together on U Visa Certifications by Michael LaRiviere, Rocio Molina, and Aparna Bhattacharyya presented at the national Office of Violence Against Women Grantee Conference: "Community of Responders: A Holistic Approach to Immigrant Survivors of Abuse" New Orleans, Louisiana (July 29, 2015)

Promoting Immigrant Involvement in Criminal Investigations: Hidden Key to Law Enforcement Safety presentation and the National Sherriff's Association National Conference, Baltimore, Maryland, (June 28, 2015)

Assessing Helpfulness for Immigrant Crime Victims Presented a 90-minute webinar that provided detailed information and examples on how to determine whether immigrant victims were "helpful" in the detection, investigation, prosecution or sentencing of a qualifying criminal activity when assessing whether he or she was helpful for purposes of signing U visa certification requests. Minneapolis, Minnesota (May 26, 2015)

Best Practices: Immigrant Crime Victims, Language Access, and the U and T Visas Office on Violence Against Women sponsored training for law enforcement hosted by the Wayne County Sheriff's Office. Lyons, New York (May 20, 2015)

Assessing Helpfulness for Immigrant Crime Victims National Webinar presented in collaboration with the Battered Women's Justice Project for law enforcement officials and prosecutors. Minneapolis, Minnesota (April 10, 2015)

The Use of the T Visa and U Visa to Improve Law Enforcement's Work with Immigrant Victims Presented a workshop at the Police and Correctional Training Commissions to over 35 law enforcement officials and corrections officers from the state of Maryland. Sykesville, Maryland. (March 24, 2015)

BWJP Webinar: Immigrant Crime Visas: Law Enforcement's Tool to Strengthen Community Policing Presented a webinar hosted by the Battered Women's Justice Project. Minneapolis, Minnesota (February 18, 2015)

Train the Trainers: Law Enforcement and Prosecution Best Practices: Immigrant Crime Victims, Language Access, and the U Visa Presented to a team of 10 law enforcement and subject matter experts on U visa and T visa in order to train them to serve as faculty for nationwide law enforcement and prosecutor trainings. Miami, Florida. (February 11-12, 2015)

Law Enforcement and Prosecution Best Practices: Immigrant Crime Victims, Language Access, and the U Visa Presented to over 50 law enforcement officials and prosecutors attending from the southern half of the state of Florida. Miami, Florida. (February 10, 2015)

How to Improve Law Enforcement's Response to Domestic Violence by Overcoming Language Barriers Domestic Violence Committee Meeting Presentation at the National Sheriff's Association 2015 Winter Conference. Washington, D.C. (January 23, 2015)

Immigrant Crime Visas: Law Enforcement's Tool to Strengthen Community Policing Crime Victim Service Committee Meeting. Presentation at the National Sheriff's Association 2015 Winter Conference. Washington, D.C. (January 22, 2015)

Training for Law Enforcement conducted by Inspector Antonio Flores, one of our grant partners. Sacramento, California. (December 10, 2014)

Understanding the Civil and Criminal Justice System Webinar presented in partnership with Women Of Color Network (WOCN) FVPSA Expanding Leadership Opportunities For Underrepresented Groups Project. Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. (November 20, 2014)

Train the Trainers: Promoting Accurate and Effective Communication with Limited English Proficient Persons: Law Enforcement and Community Safety Benefits Presented a train the trainer even to train Police Academy trainers from the Albuquerque Police Department and victim advocates from Enlace Comunitario, Albuquerque Police Department, the Albuquerque Mayor's Taskforce on Domestic Violence, and the New Mexico Asian Family Center. Albuquerque, New Mexico. (October 23, 2014)

The Use of the U-visa and Language Access to Improve Law Enforcement's Work with Immigrant Victims: Law Enforcement and Community Safety Benefits Featured as a keynote speaker at the Rural Coordinated Community Response Institute. Bloomington, Minnesota. (October 22, 2014)

National Sheriffs Association Annual Summer Conference: Identifying Human Trafficking in Your Community Presented a training for 30 law enforcement officers on dealing with cases related to human trafficking. Fort Worth, Texas. (June 21, 2014)

Law Enforcement Help for Immigrant Victims of Human Trafficking: U Visa Certifications and T Visa Declarations, Presented at a statewide training for the Pennsylvania Human Trafficking Taskforce convened by Delaware Women Against Rape for 90 law enforcement officials and 30 advocates and attorneys working with victims of human trafficking. Media, Pennsylvania. (February 28, 2014)

The U Visa Improves Safety for Victims, Officers and Communities Delivered two presentations at the national conference of the National Sheriff's Association before the Crime Victims Committee and the Domestic Violence Committee. Washington, D.C. (January 22-23, 2014)

The Use of the U-Visa to Improve Law Enforcement's Work with Immigrant Victims Presented workshops attended by 20 participants at the national conference for police and prosecution grantees sponsored by the Battered Women's Justice Project. Jacksonville, Florida. (November 19-20, 2013)

Building Capacity to Serve Immigrant Crime Victims Training for law enforcement officers, U visa certifiers and advocates from the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence held at the Connecticut State Police Training Academy. Meriden, Connecticut. (October 2, 2013)

U Visa Certification and T Visa Endorsement: In Service National Training Video for Law Enforcement Convened a meeting attended by two national law enforcement training experts and 6 issue experts from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) to design, review film footage for and develop a 30 minute POST approvable training for law enforcement to become a training tool that law enforcement officers across the country can take to earn required in-services training credits. This meeting was sponsored by the Bureau of Justice Assistance, the Office on Violence Against Women, DHS and FLETC. Washington, D.C. (September 26, 2013)

Overcoming Criminal Justice System Challenges for Immigrant Survivors of Sexual Assault at Office on Violence Against Women sponsored grantee conference Serving Immigrant Victims of Sexual Assault: Best Practices. Providence, Rhode Island. (June 27, 2013)

Police Officials and Chiefs and Leadership Convening on U Visa Certification Convened the first national meeting of police chiefs and police department leadership on U visa certification. This meeting was attended by police chiefs/leadership from 9 jurisdictions and by U visa and immigrant crime victim experts from the White House and the Department of Homeland Security. Washington, D.C. (June 13-14, 2013)

Building Law Enforcement Capacity to Serve Immigrant Victims Law enforcement training planned by the Delaware County Women Against Rape for 75 police officers and prosecutors from western Pennsylvania on U-Visa Certification. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. (June 3, 2013)

The Use of the U-visa to Improve Law Enforcement's Work with Immigrant Victims This training was attended by 30 law enforcement officers in Riverside, California. (April 22, 2013)

Civil and Criminal Justice System Trained advocates on protection orders and creative strategies for survivors, how advocates can work with law enforcement in domestic violence cases, and safety planning for survivors who access the civil and criminal justice system. National conference call convened by the Women of Color Network Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. (March 7th, 2013).

The Use of the U-visa to Improve Law Enforcement's Work with Immigrant Victims Two-day statewide training in Atlanta aimed at showing how law enforcement can use the U-visa to help immigrant victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Atlanta, Georgia. (March 14-15, 2013).

Lessons Learned from Law Enforcement: How Collaborations That Result in U Visa Certifications Support Safer Communities This webinar drew 216 attendees, both advocates and law enforcement officials, from 41 states. Sacramento, California (February 15, 2013).

The Use of the U-visa to Improve Law Enforcement's Work with Immigrant Victims Massachusetts statewide training for law enforcement officials. Salem, Massachusetts. (February 19, 2013).

Federal Law Enforcement Training Center and the Department of Homeland Security Completed the initial script draft for, identified law enforcement U-visa expert to participate in and provided on the set expert assistance for development of two roll call training videos for state and local law enforcement on U and T visa certifications. (Brunswick, Georgia, November 16, 2012 and Washington D.C. January 10, 2013).

Police Response to Violence Against Women Statewide Training: Building Law Enforcement Capacity to Service Immigrant Victims This was a training for 60 police officers with representatives from each police jurisdiction and island in Hawaii. Sponsored and funded by the STOP Grant Administrator, Grants

& Planning Branch, Crime Prevention & Justice Assistance Division of the Department of the Attorney General for the State of Hawaii. Kapolei, Hawaii. (October 19, 2012)

How To Effectively Use U-Visa Toolkit For Training Others in Law Enforcement Collaboration Track at Protection and Legal Relief for Immigrant Survivors: A Collaborative Response. National OVW Grantee Conference, Atlanta, Georgia (November 15, 2012).

Keeping Communities Safe: Ensuring Immigrant Survivors Of Crime Have Access To VAWA/ U- T Visa Law Enforcement Collaboration Track at Protection and Legal Relief for Immigrant Survivors: A Collaborative Response. National OVW Grantee Conference, Atlanta, Georgia (November 14-15, 2012).

Road Map to Building Relationships with Law Enforcement in Your Community in Law Enforcement Collaboration Track at Protection and Legal Relief for Immigrant Survivors: A Collaborative Response. National OVW Grantee Conference, Atlanta, Georgia (November 14, 2012)

Breaking Down Walls To Build Bridges: Addressing Key Challenges For U Visa Certification in Law Enforcement Collaboration Track at Protection and Legal Relief for Immigrant Survivors: A Collaborative Response. National OVW Grantee Conference, Atlanta, Georgia (November 14, 2012)

Keeping Communities Safe: Ensuring Immigrant Survivors Of Crime Have Access To VAWA/ U- T Visa Law Enforcement Collaboration Track at Protection and Legal Relief for Immigrant Survivors: A Collaborative Response. National OVW Grantee Conference, Atlanta, Georgia (November 14-15, 2012)

Building Law Enforcement Capacity to Serve Immigrant Victims. This training was attended by 40 representatives from police, sheriffs and prosecution offices in Louisiana, as well as by representatives from the FBI and Immigration and Customs Enforcement. New Orleans, Louisiana. (September 21, 2012)

Promising Partnership Practices between Law Enforcement and Immigrant Victims of Crime presentation at the National Center for Victims of Crime 2012 Conference. New Orleans, Louisiana. (September 20, 2012)

Conference Call to Collect Examples of How the U-Visa Works for Law Enforcement Led national conference call for law enforcement officials and prosecutors on U-visa certification. Washington, D.C. (August 27, 2012)

Building Law Enforcement Capacity to Serve Immigrant Victims This was a statewide training for law enforcement officers in Kentucky. Louisville, Kentucky. (April 20, 2012)

Judges and the Courts

Child Welfare Best Practices & Toolkit, Peer to Peer Session, National Judicial Network, Reno, Nevada (November 4, 2025)

National Judicial Network Steering Committee Meeting. Reno, Nevada (October 14, 2025)

U-Visa Certifications: Ethical Considerations for Judicial Officers, Peer-to-Peer Session for the National Judicial Network, Reno, Nevada (October 7, 2025)

In The Best Interests of Children: Special Immigrant Juvenile Status and Safety Net Services in Wisconsin, In Person Training, Dells, Wisconsin (September 25, 2025)

Screening For & Responding to Child Labor Trafficking, Webinar, National Judicial Network, Reno, Nevada (September 22, 2025)

Ethical Considerations in U Visa Certification, NCJFCJ's 88th Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois (July 21, 2025)

The Judge's Role: Best Practices for Ensuring Immigrant Children Receive the Benefits and Services for Which They Are Eligible, Peer-to-Peer Session for the National Judicial Network, Reno, Nevada (June 11, 2025)

National Judicial Network Steering Committee Meeting Washington D.C. (June 10, 2025)

Videos Explaining: Sample Courts Letters Reminding ICE About Current ICE Policies (Online Module) (Online Module), Pre-Recorded. Charlottesville, Virginia (May 19, 2025)

Improving Access to Justice for Immigrant Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence, In Person training for Philadelphia Judges, Philadelphia, PA (May 6, 2025)

National Judicial Network Peer-to-Peer Session – Minimizing Impact of Courthouse Enforcement Consistent with 2025 ICE Policies Part 2, Peer-to-Peer Session for the National Judicial Network, Reno, Nevada (April 28, 2025)

National Judicial Network Peer-to-Peer Session – Minimizing Impact of Courthouse Enforcement Consistent with 2025 ICE Policies, Peer-to-Peer Session for the National Judicial Network, Reno, Nevada (April 1, 2025)

When Federal Immigration Laws and State Laws Intersect: Promoting Just and Equitable Outcomes for Immigrant Survivors and Children, In Person Training for Utah Bench and Bar, Logan, Utah (March 5, 2025)

State Protection Orders: A Civil Remedy for Victims of Human Trafficking, National Judicial Network Peer-to-Peer Session, Washington D.C. (March 4, 2025)

VAWA Confidentiality Protections for Immigrant Survivors: Myths, Facts, About Courthouse Protections, Peer-to-Peer Session for the National Judicial Network, Reno, Nevada (February 4, 2025)

Improving Access to Justice for Immigrant Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence, In Person plenary training session for Virginia State Court Judges sponsored by the Virginia Supreme Court, Virginia Beach, Virginia (November 21, 2024)

When Federal Immigration Laws and State Family Laws Intersect: Promoting Just and Equitable Outcomes for Immigrant Survivors and Children, In person plenary presentation at Statewide mandatory judicial training convened by the Office of the State Court Administrator, Bend, Oregon (October 8, 2024)

National Judicial Network Steering Committee, Washington, D.C. (October 8, 2024)

Issues Surrounding Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) Petitions Presented at the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges Annual Conference. Phoenix, Arizona (July 23, 2024)

Recognizing and Responding to Issues Related to Immigration in Intimate Partner Violence in State Court Cases. This workshop provided an overview of the new national curriculum developed by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and NIWAP on the legal rights of immigrant domestic violence victims for state court judges. Presented at the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges National Conference. Phoenix, Arizona (July 22, 2024)

Trafficking of Native Youth, Children, and Adults: Promising Practices and Response Strategies National Judicial Network webinar, Reno, Nevada (July 16, 2024)

National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence, Enhanced Judicial Studies - U Visa Certification Ethical Considerations for Judicial Officers. Pre-Conference Judicial Institute training for the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, Louisville, Kentucky (June 18, 2024).

DHS Issues New T Visa Regulations – What This Means for State Court Judges, National Judicial Network Peer-to-Peer Session. Reno, Nevada (June 11, 2024)

National Judicial Network Steering Committee Meeting. Washington, D.C., (June 4, 2024)

National Judicial Network Steering Committee Meeting. Washington, D.C. (May 14, 2024)

National Judicial Network Peer-to-Peer Session - What Non-Trafficking Courts Can Do. Reno, Nevada (May 7, 2024).

National Judicial Network Steering Committee Meeting. Washington, D.C. (April 9, 2024)

National Judicial Network Steering Committee. Washington, D.C. (March 12, 2024).

National Judicial Network Peer-to-Peer Session – You Don't Know What You Don't Know: Surprising Information Every Family Court Judge Needs to Know About Immigration Law. Reno, Nevada (March 5, 2024).

National Judicial Network Peer-to-Peer Session – Ensuring Judicial Safety: Strategies to Protect Judges and Court Staff". Reno, Nevada (February 6, 2024)

Webinar: Getting it Right: Adoptions and Immigration Relief for Foreign-Born Children. Training by United States Citizenship and Immigration Services and U.S. State Department staff for judges and family lawyers. Reno, Nevada (January 23, 2024).

Webinar: Immigration Issues in Family Court. For the Judiciary of Hawaii and Center for Justice Innovation Honolulu, Hawaii (January 12, 2024).

National Judicial Network Steering Committee. Washington, D.C. (December 12, 2023).

Immigration Protections for Children: Special Immigrant Juvenile Status and Help for Trafficking Victims Statewide Judicial Webinar for the Pennsylvania Administrative Office of the Courts Harrisburg, Pennsylvania (December 7, 2023).

National Judicial Network Steering Committee. Washington, D.C. (November 14, 2023).

National Judicial Network Peer-to-Peer Session: Encountering Immigrant Child Trafficking Victims in Court: The Court's Role & Tips, Tools, and Steps Courts Can Take. Reno, Nevada (November 7, 2023).

Special Immigration Issues in Family Court Office of the State Court Administrator Florida - Advanced Judicial Studies. Training for the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, Sanibel, Florida (October 27, 2023).

National Judicial Network Steering Committee. Convened meeting of the steering committee. Sanibel, Florida (October 26, 2023)

When Federal Immigration Laws and State Family Laws Intersect: What State Family Court Judges Need to Know. Portland, Oregon (October 3, 2023).

NOVO Foundation Partner Meeting. National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. Reno, Nevada (September 19, 2023)

National Judicial Network, Peer to Peer Session, Using Public Benefits Map & Charts to Improve State Court Orders in Crime Victim Cases Reno, Nevada (September 12, 2023).

When Federal Immigration Laws and State Family Laws Intersect: What State Family Court Judges Need to Know. Training for the Center for Justice Innovation - Hawaii Family Courts. Kapolei, Hawaii (September 6, 2023)

Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children: Child Trafficking Victims, Partners Meeting. National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and the NOVO Foundation. Reno, Nevada (June 20, 2023).

National Judicial Network Steering Committee Meeting. Convened meeting of the steering committee. Washington, D.C. (June 13, 2023)

Recognizing and Responding to Issues Related to Immigration in Intimate Partner Violence in State Court Cases presentation and pilot launch of a new state court judicial curriculum that NIWAP authored on immigrant survivors of domestic violence and their children for the National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence for the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. Valencia, California (June 8 – 9, 2023)

What Judges Need to Know: A Discussion on the Hague Adoption Convention presentation with the DHS experts on adoption of foreign-born children and steps state court judges can take to ensure that adoptions are valid for immigration purposes. Los Angeles, California (June 6, 2023)

Maryland U Visa Protocol presentation by National Judicial Network Steering Committee members to leadership judges in Maryland State answering questions about U visa certification by state court judge issuing orders in civil protection order cases. Annapolis, Maryland (April 13, 2023)

National Judicial Network Steering Committee Meeting. Convened meeting of the steering committee. Reno, Nevada (April 11, 2023)

Let's Put Science First: Assessing Predatory Helpfulness and Coercive Control to More Accurately Understand Domestic Abuse and Sex Trafficking presentation to the National Judicial Network by Chitra Raghavan, Ph.D Professor of Psychology John Jay College Of Criminal Justice. Washington, DC (April 4, 2023)

Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children: Child Trafficking Victims, Partners Meeting. National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and the NOVO Foundation. Reno, Nevada (March 31, 2023).

Readily Identifying & Effectively Responding To Stalking In Family Court: A Resource For Judicial Officers National webinar on stalking, family courts, and best practices for court orders. Reno, Nevada (March 7, 2023)

National Judicial Network Steering Committee Meeting. Convened meeting of the steering committee. Reno, Nevada (February 14, 2023)

Peer-to-Peer Session: End of the Year Update: Federal Laws & Policies and Latest Data Important for Courts Hearing Cases Involving Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Child Abuse and Human Trafficking. National Judicial Network on Human Trafficking and Immigration in State Courts Peer-to-Peer Session. Reno, Nevada (February 7, 2023)

Protecting Against Vicarious Trauma: Tools and Strategies for Providers Working with Survivors of Domestic Violence, Sexual Abuse, and Trafficking National webinar for judges, attorneys and victim advocates working with immigrant survivors. Reno, Nevada (January 31, 2023)

National Judicial Network Steering Committee Meeting. Convened meeting of the steering committee. Reno, Nevada (January 10, 2023)

Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children: Child Trafficking Victims, Partners Meeting. National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and the NOVO Foundation. Reno, Nevada (January 4, 2023).

National Judicial Network Steering Committee Meeting. Convened meeting of the steering committee. Reno, Nevada (December 13, 2022)

Peer-to-Peer Session: End of the Year Update: Federal Laws & Policies and Latest Data Important for Courts Hearing Cases Involving Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Child Abuse and Human Trafficking. National Judicial Network on Human Trafficking and Immigration in State Courts Peer-to-Peer Session. Reno, Nevada (December 8, 2022)

Special Issues in Family/Children's Court for Cases Involving Immigrants. Presented to the New Mexico Domestic Violence Commissioner and Hearing Officers about the intersection between immigration and family law, signing U and T visa certifications, and findings for SIJS. Albuquerque, New Mexico (November 4, 2022)

Peer-to-Peer Session: Trauma-Responsive Advocacy for CSEC Youth, the Model Rules, and Better Dependency Outcomes. National Judicial Network on Human Trafficking and Immigration in State Courts Peer-to-Peer Session. Reno, Nevada (November 1, 2022)

National Judicial Network Steering Committee Meeting. Convened meeting of the steering committee. Reno, Nevada (October 11, 2022)

Webinar: New Regulation Policies and Court Rulings' Impact on State Courts Issuing Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) Orders. National Webinar sponsored by NIWAP and the National Judicial Network for judges, attorneys and victim advocates. Reno, Nevada (October 4, 2022)

National Judicial Network Steering Committee Meeting. Convened meeting of the steering committee. Reno, Nevada (September 13, 2022)

Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children: Child Trafficking Victims, Partners Meeting. National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and the NOVO Foundation. Reno, Nevada (August 16, 2022).

When Federal Immigration Law and State Family Laws Intersect: The Impact of Immigration Laws on State Family Court Proceedings. In-person training for the Maryland Judicial College. Annapolis, Maryland (August 16, 2022)

NCJFCJ 85th Annual Conference 2022. In-person training where NIWAP staff and experts presented on the topic of "Afghan Refugees Experiencing Domestic and Sexual Violence: What Courts Need to Know and Judicial Leadership Opportunities." Reno, Nevada (July 19, 2022)

Webinar: We are Not Invisible: Improving Awareness of Human Trafficking Issues in Indigenous Communities. National Webinar sponsored by NIWAP and the National Judicial Network for judges, attorneys and victim advocates. Reno, Nevada (July 5, 2022)

National Judicial Network Steering Committee Meeting. Convened meeting of the steering committee. Reno, Nevada (June 28, 2022)

Domestic Violence and Immigration, recording of on-line introductory version of the new immigration curriculum for the National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence developed for the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (June 16, 2022)

Webinar: Familial Sex Trafficking: What Research Tells Us About Risk and Opportunity. National Webinar sponsored by NIWAP and the National Judicial Network for judges, attorneys and victim advocates. Reno, Nevada (June 6, 2022)

National Judicial Network Steering Committee Meeting. Convened meeting of the steering committee. Reno, Nevada (May 10, 2022)

Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children: Child Trafficking Victims, Partners Meeting. National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and the NOVO Foundation. Reno, Nevada (May 6, 2022).

Peer-to-Peer Session: Child Labor Trafficking in the U.S. An Overview of Research, Policies, and Opportunities to Advance Protections for All Child Survivors of Human Trafficking, National Judicial Network on Human Trafficking and Immigration in State Courts Peer-to-Peer Session Reno, Nevada (May 3, 2022)

Peer-to-Peer Session: Commercial Sex Trafficking of Young Males (And Boys Too), National Judicial Network on Human Trafficking and Immigration in State Courts Peer-to-Peer Session Reno, Nevada (April 5, 2022)

NCJFCJ Conference - Immigrant Victims of Human Trafficking: Identification and Immigration Relief The Court's Role, NIWAP training presentation at the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges Conference 2022. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (March 14, 2022)

National Judicial Network Steering Committee Meeting. Convened meeting of the steering committee (March 8, 2022)

Peer-to-Peer Session: Family Law for the American Muslim Community, National Judicial Network on Human Trafficking and Immigration in State Courts Peer-to-Peer Session Reno, Nevada (March 1, 2022)

National Judicial Network Steering Committee Meeting. Convened meeting of the steering committee (February 22, 2022)

Peer-to-Peer Session: New DHS Immigration and Victim Protection Policies, National Judicial Network on Human Trafficking and Immigration in State Courts Peer-to-Peer Session Reno, Nevada (February 1, 2022)

National Judicial Network Steering Committee Meeting. Convened meeting of the steering committee (January 20, 2022)

Webinar: Criminal Justice Responses to Asian Women Caught in the Cross-Hairs of Exploitation and Human Trafficking, National Webinar sponsored by NIWAP and the National Judicial Network for judges, attorneys and victim advocates. Reno, Nevada (January 11, 2022)

Child Custody and Immigration Related Abuse: Myths and Best Practices. National Webinar sponsored by NIWAP and the National Judicial Network for judges, attorneys and victim advocates. Reno, Nevada (December 13, 2021)

Legal Rights of Immigrant Child Commercial Sex Trafficking Survivors: Public Benefits, Housing, & Victim Services, National webinar Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children: Child Trafficking Victims. National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and the NOVO Foundation. Reno, Nevada (December 9, 2021).

Peer-to-Peer Session: DC Court's STAR Assessment Tool Training, Screening and assessment tool for child sex trafficking cases. National Judicial Network on Human Trafficking and Immigration in State Courts Peer-to-Peer Session Reno, Nevada (December 7, 2021)

Legal Protections for Immigrant Children Who Are Victims of Human Trafficking. National webinar Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children: Child Trafficking Victims. National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and the NOVO Foundation. Reno, Nevada (December 2, 2021)

National Judicial Network Steering Committee Meeting. Convened meeting of the steering committee (November 9, 2021).

Immigration Options for Survivors and Court's Role, National webinar discussing U and T visa certification, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Findings and VAWA self-petitions. Reno, Nevada (November 4, 2021)

Peer-to-Peer Session: USCIS Answers Judges' Questions on SIJS, U Visa & T Visa, National Judicial Network on Human Trafficking and Immigration in State Courts Peer-to-Peer Session Reno, Nevada (November 2, 2021)

Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children: Child Trafficking Victims, Partners Meeting. National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and the NOVO Foundation. Reno, Nevada (October 19, 2021).

National Judicial Network Steering Committee Meeting. Convened meeting of the steering committee (October 12, 2021).

Peer-to-Peer Session: Online Trafficking and Recruitment Trends for Child Sex Trafficking, National Judicial Network on Human Trafficking and Immigration in State Courts Peer-to-Peer Session Reno, Nevada (October 5, 2021)

Immigration Today: SIJS, VAWA, T Visas and U Visas, Maryland Judicial College In-person training for state court judges. Annapolis, Maryland (Maryland Governor's Council on Family Violence October 5, 2021)

Identifying and Promoting Promising Practices in Juvenile and Family Courts to Address Child Sex Trafficking, participated as a project partner bringing immigrant survivor expertise to the roundtable discussions. National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and the NOVO Foundation. Reno, Nevada (September 30, 2021)

Discussion on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Implicit Bias in Courts' Work with Immigrant and Human Trafficking Survivors, National Judicial Network on Human Trafficking and Immigration in State Courts Peer-to-Peer Session. Reno, Nevada (September 14, 2021)

National Judicial Network Steering Committee Meeting. Convened meeting of the steering committee (August 31, 2021).

Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children: Child Trafficking Victims, Partners Meeting. National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and the NOVO Foundation. Reno, Nevada (August 17, 2021).

Judicial Responses to Labor Trafficking: Presented a webinar for judges and court staff hosted by the National Judicial Network with faculty from the Equal Opportunity Employment Commission, AEquitas, and NIWAP, Reno, Nevada (July 6, 2021)

Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children: Child Trafficking Victims, Partners Meeting. National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and the NOVO Foundation. Reno, Nevada (June 18, 2021).

Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children: Child Trafficking Victims, Planning Meeting for National Roundtable. National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and the NOVO Foundation. Reno, Nevada (June 10, 2021).

National Judicial Network, Steering Committee Meeting, Reno, Nevada. (June 3, 2021)

Immigration Options for Survivors and Court's Role, Peer to Peer Session: National Judicial Network on Human Trafficking in State Courts, Reno, Nevada (June 1, 2021)

Domestic Violence: From the Survivor's Perspective ((Immigration Judge Training - Session 2) Presented a national training for immigration judges together with a team of state court judges at a training for the Immigration Judges Association delivered by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. Los Angeles, California (May 20, 2021)

Domestic Violence: Recognizing the Offenders Abusive Tactics (Immigration Judge Training - Session 1), Presented a national training for immigration judges together with a team of state court judges at a training for the Immigration Judges Association delivered by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. Los Angeles, California (May 13, 2021)

National Judicial Network, Steering Committee Meeting, Reno, Nevada. (May 11, 2021)

Human Trafficking – Identification and Red Flags, Peer to Peer Session: National Judicial Network on Human Trafficking in State Courts, Reno, Nevada (May 4, 2021)

A Break From the Bench: Discussion About U Visa Certification by Judges, discussion with NIWAP staff and judges about U visa certification at an event sponsored by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. Reno, Nevada (April 27, 2021)

Achieving Equal Justice for Immigrants and Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence in Family Courts NIWAP recorded a webinar for the Michigan Judicial Institute for their statewide Judicial Conference for judges and court staff. Lansing, Michigan (April 19, 2021)

National Judicial Network, Steering Committee Meeting, Reno, Nevada. (April 13, 2021)

Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children: Child Trafficking Victims, Partners Meeting. National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and the NOVO Foundation. Reno, Nevada (April 13, 2021).

Trauma for Judges: Where do you see it? How do you identify it? What do you do about it? Peer to Peer Session: National Judicial Network on Human Trafficking in State Courts, Reno, Nevada (April 6, 2021)

NCJFJC: Expanding the Toolbox for Children in Immigrant Families: Tips and Tools for Child Welfare and Children's Courts. Webinar workshop for the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges Juvenile Justice Conference, Reno, Nevada (March 23, 2021)

National Judicial Network, Steering Committee Meeting, Reno, Nevada. (March 9, 2021)

Opening Convening, Peer to Peer Session: National Judicial Network on Human Trafficking in State Courts, Reno, Nevada (March 3, 2021)

Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children: Child Trafficking Victims, Partners Meeting. National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and the NOVO Foundation. Reno, Nevada (February 9, 2021).

National Judicial Network, Steering Committee Meeting, Reno, Nevada. (February 2, 2021)

National Judicial Network, Steering Committee Meeting, Reno, Nevada. (January 12, 2021)

National Judicial Network, Steering Committee Meeting, Reno, Nevada. (January 11, 2021)

National Judicial Network, Steering Committee Meeting, Reno, Nevada. (January 6, 2021)

National Judicial Network, Steering Committee Meeting, Reno, Nevada. (January 1, 2021)

Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children: Child Trafficking Victims, Partners Meeting. National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and the NOVO Foundation. Reno, Nevada (December 8, 2020).

National Judicial Network, Steering Committee Second Convening, Washington, D.C. (December 7, 2020)

National Judicial Network, Steering Committee Opening Convening, Washington, D.C. (December 1, 2020)

Helping Victims of Human Trafficking That Courts Encounter in Juvenile Dependency, Child Welfare and Other Family Court Proceedings. Webinar workshop for the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges Juvenile Justice Conference, Reno, Nevada (November 9, 2020)

Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children: Child Trafficking Victims, Opening Partners Meeting. National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and the NOVO Foundation. Reno, Nevada (October 27, 2020).

Un momento para inspirarnos: Access to Justice for Immigrant Women Interview of Leslye Orloff by the New Mexico Judiciary Administrative Office of the Courts about the importance of language access in the advocacy for immigrant victims of crime (September 8, 2020).

What Family and Child Welfare Judges Need to Know: Legal Options for Immigrant Adult, Teen and Child Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence? Presentation for judges and court staff at the Annual Virtual Conference of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. Reno, Nevada (July 21, 2020)

Consultation Regarding Best Practices for Training Family Court Judges in the United States on Issues that Arise in Cases of Immigrant Crime Victims, consultation referred by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges preparing a U.S. representative to attend a summit in Latin America. Washington, D.C. (February 27, 2020)

Special Immigrant Juvenile Status: Latest Tips, Tools, Bench Book and Best Practices for Judges This webinar was presented for New Mexico State Court Judges at a webinar series sponsored by the New Mexico School of Law Institute on Public Law. Albuquerque, New Mexico (November 26, 2019)

U-Visa Certification By Judges: Legislative and Regulatory History and Judicial Ethics Presentation for and virtual discussion with the Crime Victim Certification Steering Committee of Washington State responsible for implementation of Washington State's 2019 U visa certification law. Seattle, Washington (November 11, 2019)

Immigrant Crime Victims and Immigrant Children Keynote presentation on legal rights, access to justice and the role of judges at the 59th annual American Judges Association Annual Educational Conference. Chicago, Illinois (September 16, 2019)

Immigration Issues in Family Court Cases was presented at the 2019 Florida Conference of Circuit Court Judges Annual Education Program sponsored by the Office of the State Court Administrator for the State of Florida. Naples, Florida (August 7, 2019)

State Court Cases Involving Immigrant Crime Victims and Immigrant Children: Custody, Discovery, and U Visa Certification by Judges at the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges 82nd Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida (July 30, 2019)

Detained Immigrant Children and Parents: What Courts Want to Know? What Role Can Courts Play? National webinar presented in partnership with the National Council of Family and Juvenile Court Judges. Reno, Nevada (July 9, 2019)

Legal Protections When Child Victims are Immigrants: The Judge's Role. Webinar presented in collaboration with the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. Reno, Nevada (June 20, 2019)

Special Immigrant Juvenile Status – Best Practices of Drafting Findings Webinar presented in collaboration with the National Council of Family and Juvenile Court Judges. Reno, Nevada (May 14, 2019)

Immigration Protections for Immigrant Victims of Child Abuse, Family and Sexual Violence: Role of State Court Judges Workshop/Seminar at Mississippi Trial and Appellate Judges Spring Conference in Biloxi, Mississippi (April 25, 2019)

Public Benefits and Services Legally Available to Immigrant Children and Victims – What Courts Need to Know? Webinar presented in collaboration with the National Council of Family and Juvenile Court Judges. Reno, Nevada (April 6, 2019)

Access to Justice for Immigrant and LEP Victims- Access Exercise at the Judicial Training Network- Multi-State Training in New Orleans, Louisiana (April 6, 2019)

Access to Public Benefits and Publicly Funded Services for Immigrant Victims and Immigrant Children at the Judicial Training Network- Multi-State Training in New Orleans, Louisiana (April 6, 2019)

Affidavits of Support and Divorce Cases at the Judicial Training Network- Multi-State Training in New Orleans, Louisiana (April 6, 2019)

Negative Consequences of Not Providing Language Access at the Judicial Training Network- Multi-State Training in New Orleans, Louisiana (April 6, 2019)

Judicial Leadership, State Teams, and Next Steps at the Judicial Training Network- Multi-State Training in New Orleans, Louisiana (April 6, 2019)

Evaluation and Closing at the Judicial Training Network- Multi-State Training in New Orleans, Louisiana (April 6, 2019)

Opening, Introduction, and Evaluation at the Judicial Training Network- Multi-State Training in New Orleans, Louisiana (April 5, 2019)

U Visa Certification by Judges at the Judicial Training Network- Multi-State Training in New Orleans, Louisiana (April 5, 2019)

Special Immigrant Juvenile Status- Best Practices Court Findings at the Judicial Training Network- Multi-State Training in New Orleans, Louisiana (April 5, 2019)

VAWA Confidentiality and Courthouse Immigration Enforcement at the Judicial Training Network- Multi-State Training in New Orleans, Louisiana (April 5, 2019)

Jeopardy! - Getting to Know NIWAP Training Materials at the Judicial Training Network- Multi-State Training in New Orleans, Louisiana (April 5, 2019)

Custody and Immigrant Victims- Focus on Custody Evaluations at the Judicial Training Network- Multi-State Training in New Orleans, Louisiana (April 5, 2019)

Civil Protection Orders and Immigrant Victims at the Judicial Training Network- Multi-State Training in New Orleans, Louisiana (April 5, 2019)

VAWA Confidentiality and State Court Discovery at the Judicial Training Network- Multi-State Training in New Orleans, Louisiana (April 5, 2019)

At Risk Youth Caught in the Vortex: The Intersection between Human Trafficking, Immigration Policies, and Trauma Informed Services for Commercially Sexually Exploited Children NCJFCJ National Conference on Juvenile Justice Las Vegas, Nevada (March 19, 2016)

Special Immigrant Juvenile Status: Newest Tips, Tools, Bench Book, and Best Practices for Judges at the NCJFCJ National Conference on Juvenile Justice in Las Vegas, Nevada (March 18, 2019)

Judicial Training Network Overview of Project and State Team Expectations at Florida Judicial Training Network in Orlando, Florida (March 15, 2019)

Impact of Immigration on Families: Intersection with Family Law at Florida Judicial Training Network in Orlando, Florida (March 15, 2019)

Immigration Relief for Crime Victims at Florida Judicial Training Network in Orlando, Florida (March 15, 2019)

State Court Role in Issuing Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Findings at Florida Judicial Training Network in Orlando, Florida (March 15, 2019)

Violence Against Women Act Confidentiality and Courthouse Enforcement at Florida Judicial Training Network in Orlando, Florida (March 15, 2019)

U and T Visa Certifications and Immigrant Victims in Civil Court Cases at Florida Judicial Training Network in Orlando, Florida (March 15, 2019)

Protection Orders and Immigrant Victims at Florida Judicial Training Network in Orlando, Florida (March 15, 2019)

Economic Relief and Public Benefits at Florida Judicial Training Network in Orlando, Florida (March 15, 2019)

Friend of the Court Seminar: Michigan Judicial Institute (January 24, 2019)

How Your Court Can Protect Immigrant Crime Victims and Children at the 2019 City, Family, and Juvenile Judges Seminar. New Orleans, Louisiana (January 18, 2019).

U Visa Certifications and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status -The Judge's Role. National webinar developed for the National Judicial College (November 30, 2018).

U Visa and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Impact on Civil Cases presentation at National Association of Women Judges District Four Conference in Arlington, Virginia (October 20, 2018).

Webinar Series hosted by Casa de Esperanza: Immigrant Domestic and Sexual Assault Survivors Webinar discussing Judges Role in Cases of Immigrant Domestic and Sexual Violence Survivors. Minneapolis, Minnesota (October 15, 2018).

Immigration Matters Related to Abused or Neglected Children, Domestic Violence & Human Trafficking presentation at for the Office of the State Court Administrator at the Fall Judicial College Conference. St Louis, Missouri (October 24, 2018).

Immigration - Domestic Violence Effects on Victims and Perpetrators training at Family Court of D.C. Superior Court 16th Annual Interdisciplinary Conference in Washington, D.C. (October 12, 2018).

VAWA Confidentiality & the Courts: Protections Against Immigration Enforcement session at Family Division Summit for the Michigan Judicial Institute. Plymouth, Michigan (October 4, 2018).

Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) session at Family Division Summit for the Michigan Judicial Institute. Plymouth, Michigan (October 4, 2018).

Immigrant Victims & Children in Civil Court Cases: U & T Visa Certification session at Family Division Summit for the Michigan Judicial Institute. Plymouth, Michigan (October 4, 2018).

Economic Relief & Public Benefits Under VAWA session at Family Division Summit for the Michigan Judicial Institute. Plymouth, Michigan (October 4, 2018).

Child Dependency, Delinquency, & Guardianship Proceedings Involving Separated Immigrant Children session at Family Division Summit for the Michigan Judicial Institute. Plymouth, Michigan (October 4, 2018).

Intersection of Federal Immigration and State Family Law presentation at Family Division Summit in Plymouth, Michigan (October 4, 2018).

Impact of Immigration on Families- Intersection with Family Law session at Judicial Training Network Training in New Orleans, Louisiana (September 21, 2018).

Economic Relief and Public Benefits session at Judicial Training Network Training in New Orleans, Louisiana (September 21, 2018).

Understanding the Immigration Process for Family-based, Employment-based, and Humanitarian Based Immigration session at Family Division Summit for the Michigan Judicial Institute. Plymouth, Michigan (October 4, 2018).

Impact of DHS Enforcement Priorities on Courts: VAWA Confidentiality and Custody at the New Mexico Justice for Families Grant Training. Albuquerque, New Mexico (August 21, 2018).

Immigration Matters Related to Abused or Neglected Children, Domestic Violence & Human Trafficking presentation for the Office of the State Court Administrator at the Summer Judicial College Conference. Lake Ozark, Missouri (August 16, 2018).

Protecting Immigrant Children: U visas, SJIS, and Other Legal Options. National Webinar for state court judges and court staff hosted by Zero to Three for court personnel. Des Moines, Iowa (August 2, 2018).

Best Practices for State Court Cases: Special Immigrant Juvenile Status and Violence Against Women Act Confidentiality training for Delaware State Court Judges and Commissioners and family law attorneys, sponsored by the Delaware State Bar Association at the 2018 Bench and Bar Conference. Wilmington, Delaware (June 15, 2018)

The Impact of Federal Immigration Policies on Access to Justice in State and Local Courts panel presentation at the national conference "Equal Justice for All- A Work in Progress of the National Consortium on Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Courts of the National Center for State Courts. Presented by Professor David Thronson and Judge Rosemary Collins. Minneapolis, Minnesota (June 13, 2018)

Intersection of Immigration Law and Family Law in State Court Cases Involving Immigrant Parties and their Children. Training for state court judges covering custody, divorce, child support, family court discovery, and immigration enforcement at courthouses in cases involving immigrant crime victims and children. Albuquerque, New Mexico (June 7, 2018)

State Court Judicial Role in Issuing Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Findings and U Visa Certifications Training for state court judges in New Mexico. Albuquerque, New Mexico (June 7, 2018).

What State Courts Need to Know About Immigraiton and Why: Human Trafficking and Family Violence presentation at Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes Joint Meeting co the Louisiana Judicial College and the Louisiana State Bar Association Destin, Florida (June 5, 2018)

Judicial Training Network: First Annual Multi-State Training first cross state training for the Judicial Training Network attended by teams of judges from New Mexico, Missouri, Michigan and Mississippi. Albuquerque, New Mexico (April 20-21, 2018)

Economic Relief and Public Benefits presented at the Judicial Training Network: First Annual Multi-State Training First cross state training for the Judicial Training Network attended by teams of judges from New Mexico, Missouri, Michigan and Mississippi. Albuquerque, New Mexico (April 20, 2018)

VAWA Confidentiality and the Courts Part I: Protections against Immigration Enforcement presented at the Judicial Training Network: First Annual Multi-State Training First cross state training for the Judicial Training Network attended by teams of judges from New Mexico, Missouri, Michigan and Mississippi. Albuquerque, New Mexico (April 21, 2018)

VAWA Confidentiality and the Courts Part II: Criminal and Civil Discovery presented at Judicial Training Network: First Annual Multi-State Training First cross state training for the Judicial Training Network attended by teams of judges from New Mexico, Missouri, Michigan and Mississippi. Albuquerque, New Mexico (April 21, 2018)

Introduction to Immigration Law for State Court Judges, presented by Professor David Thronson for the Judicial Training Network's Webinar #1. Reno, Nevada (March 9, 2018)

Convening to Develop the Culture, Race and Ethnicity Module to be piloted at the Judicial Training Network's Multi-State Training in Albuquerque, New Mexico in April 2018. Austin, Texas (March 8, 2018)

Overview of U.S. Immigration Law and Family Sponsored Immigration. Webinar presented to the Judicial Training Network in collaboration with the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. Reno, Nevada (March 8, 2018).

Promoting Just Outcomes When Immigration Issues Arise in State Court Proceedings at "Give me your tired and poor: The Impact of Immigration Law in State Courts." The presentation was for the National Judges Conference convened by National Consortium on Ethnic and Racial Fairness in the Courts, National Center for State Courts. Miami, Florida (January 12, 2018)

Expert Guidance on Responding to U-Visa and T-Visa Certification Request at Beyond the Bench - U and T Visa Certification Course Training. Statewide training for California state court judges on U visa certification by judges. Sponsored by the Center for Judicial Education, Judicial Council of California, San Diego, California (December 18, 2017)

Protection of Immigrant Crime Victims and Children State Court's Role Presented training on Special Immigrant Juvenile Status cases and judicial U visa certification for family court judges hearing dependency, guardianship, protection order, custody and divorce cases. Las Vegas Family Court. The training was attended by state court judges, court staff and judges law clerks. This was training presented the new curriculum for judges on SIJS that has been developed with support from the State Justice Institute. Las Vegas, Nevada (December 15, 2017)

Myths, Misconceptions, and Barriers Regarding Custody and Family Matters for Immigrant Litigants at Identifying Barriers -Implementing Solutions. Workshop discussing issues that arise in family court in cases involving immigrant children and immigrant victims. JFF Domestic Violence Training for judges and court staff sponsored by the New Mexico Judicial Education Center and the University of New Mexico Law School. Albuquerque, New Mexico (December 1, 2017)

The Congressionally Created Role for state Court Judges: U Visa and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status at Identifying Barriers -Implementing Solutions. JFF Domestic Violence Training for judges and court staff sponsored by the New Mexico Judicial Education Center and the University of New Mexico Law School. Albuquerque, New Mexico (December 1, 2017).

Opening Plenary: Domestic Violence Dynamics and Legal Options in Cases Involving Immigrant Litigants at Identifying Barriers – Discussing dynamics of crime victimization, identifying victims eligible for immigration relief, protections from deportation and benefits access for immigrant victims. JFF Domestic Violence Training for judges and court staff sponsored by the New Mexico Judicial Education Center and the University of New Mexico Law School. Albuquerque, New Mexico (November 30, 2017)

Civil Case Types in Which Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence Appear in State Courts at Identifying Barriers – Implementing Solutions. This workshop identified the kinds of civil court cases outside of family law issues where immigrant survivors come to court for help, including housing (landlord/tenant), small claims, defaults on mortgaging, and bankruptcy cases, where facts relating to the domestic violence experience were part of the civil court case. JFF Domestic Violence Training for judges and court staff sponsored by the New Mexico Judicial Education Center and the University of New Mexico Law School. Albuquerque, New Mexico (November 30, 2017)

Protection of Immigrant Crime Victims State Court's Role – Pilot training on NIWAP's State Justice Institute curriculum on Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, U visa certification by judges and issues that arise in family court cases involving immigrant victims. The training was attended by state court judges and court staff. Rockford, Illinois (November 3, 2017)

Protection of Immigrant Crime Victims State Court's Role Civil Protection Order Judges Annual Meeting, presentation on U visa certification and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status. Two judges hearing protection order, custody divorce, and family law cases. 2017. Peoria, Illinois (November 2, 2017)

Judicial Leadership and Partner Convening Convened lead training judges nationally for a new Kellogg funded project and discussed how we will be providing training, technical assistance, and legal research materials to enhance the ability of judicial courts to apply immigration law correctly to cases. Discussed how to recruit judges and how to bring an NGO partnership into the justice system. Focused on six funded states for online and in person training, discussing issues such as family law cases and immigration options and enforcement. Wilmington, Delaware (November 2, 2017).

NCJFCJ VAWA Confidentiality and Protections for Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence Presented a national webinar co-sponsored by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges for judges, court staff, attorneys and advocates on VAWA confidentiality protections designed to deter deportation of immigrant crime victims, including enforcement at courthouses. Reno, Nevada (October 31, 2017)

Judicial Training Network: Kick Off Meeting Convened the official launch of six state judicial leaders for a project funded by the Kellogg foundation. The meeting brought together judges and experts in each of the six states to orient project partners, provide basic training and develop plans and timelines for state judge leadership team recruitment and the launch of training and technical assistance by leadership judges at the state level. East Lansing, MI (October 13, 2017)

Unaccompanied Minors and Immigration. Presented a workshop on Special Immigrant Juvenile Status findings in state family court cases based on the State Justice Institute funded curriculum being piloted this year. This workshop was presented at the 80th Annual National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges Conference. Washington, D.C. (July 17, 2017)

Protections for Immigrant Crime Victims and Children. Training for the DC Superior Court addressing immigration options, family law protections, VAWA confidentiality and public benefits access for immigrant crime victims and immigrant children who come before family court judges. Washington, D.C. (April 28, 2017)

Protection for Immigrant Children: Special Immigrant Juvenile Status and Beyond Presented a workshop regarding the role of state court judges in cases involving immigrant children at the 2017 National Council of Juvenile Family Court Judges Conference. New York City, NY. (February 14, 2017)

State Courts and the Protection of Immigrant Crime Victims and Children Presented a plenary session at the Annual Idaho Judicial Conference sponsored by the Idaho Supreme Court (September 27, 2016)

The Role of the State Court Judge in Special Immigrant Juvenile (SIJ) Status Cases Workshop presentation for state-wide judicial conference planned by the Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts (February 25, 2016)

Judges Meeting on Special Immigrant Juvenile Status. Convening of judges from 6 jurisdictions, expert immigration attorneys on SIJS and on family law and representatives from the Department of Homeland Security to discuss NIWAP's 2016 State Justice Institute grant to produce a bench book on this issue for state court nationally. Washington, DC. (January 7-8, 2016)

Justice in Cases Involving Immigrant Families and Immigrant Crime Victims Presented two back to back workshops for the Minnesota Judicial Branch at the 2015 state-wide judicial conference for Minnesota judges. Bloomington, Minnesota (December 2, 2015)

State Court Findings for Abused Youth Seeking Special Immigrant Juvenile Status. Updated version of previously offered webinar altered to exclude government content which could not be recorded and posted for public viewing. Reno, Nevada (September 29, 2015)

State Court Findings for Abused Youth Seeking Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Statewide webinar for the Juvenile & Family Court Programs Division Oregon Judicial Department. Salem, Oregon Leslye Orloff and Commissioner Loretta Young worked with Oregon judicial training staff to deliver a state-wide webinar for Oregon judges on SIJS. This training was requested as a follow up to the in person training in Oregon held in May sponsored by NIWAP's SJI grant. This webinar was an adaptation and expansion of the previous SIJS webinar presented by NIWAP staff and Commissioner Young together

with faculty from the Department of Homeland Security. The taping of this webinar will be included in the web-publication on YouTube of the national webinar. The webinar discussed the elements required for successful SIJS applications to be included in state court finding issued in cases involving SIJS eligible children. (September 29, 2015)

Next Steps: Addressing Issues that Arise in Family and Criminal Court Cases Involving Immigrant Survivors. Leslye E. Orloff and Judge Lora Livingston co-presented this workshop for judges, lawyers and advocates at Domestic Violence Symposium in Seattle, WA, a statewide domestic violence conference convened by the King County Prosecutor's Office with support from the Washington State STOP Administrator's Office. This symposium was attended by judges, attorneys, advocates, and law enforcement. (September 11, 2015)

Improving Access to Justice for Immigrant Survivors in Custody and Protection Order Cases: Up to Date Information About U.S. Immigration Law Protections, Public Benefits Access and U Visa Certification. Workshop presented at the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges National Conference, Austin, Texas. (July 27, 2015)

State Court Findings for Abused Youth Seeking Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Office on Violence Against Women sponsored webinar discussing the elements required for successful SIJS applications to be included in state court finding issued in cases involving SIJS eligible children. Presenters included faculty from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Sacramento, California (July 13, 2015)

State Courts and the Protection of Immigrant Crime Victims and Children. Presented a half day training for Indiana state court judges and commissioners working in family and criminal courts at Indiana's 2015 annual judicial conference. This training was funded by the State Justice Institute. NIWAP worked in collaboration with National Immigrant Justice Center and the Center for Public Policy Studies and Immigration and the State Courts Initiative. The training was hosted by the Indiana Supreme Court. Indianapolis, Indiana. (May 1, 2015)

State Courts and the Protection of Immigrant Crime Victims and Children. Presented two consecutive workshops to a state-wide audience of New Jersey judges and commissioners at their annual judicial training. This training was hosted by the Administrative Office of the Courts of New Jersey. NIWAP worked in collaboration with the Center for Public Policy Studies and Immigration and the State Courts Initiative. Galloway, New Jersey. (April 21, 2015)

State Courts and the Protection of Immigrant Crime Victims and Children Half day state-wide training for Oregon state court judges at their annual judicial training. Portland, Oregon. (April 17, 2015)

State Courts and Protection of Immigrant Crime Victims and Children Workshop presentation for child abuse and neglect court staff and citizen review board members at statewide conference hosted by Oregon Judicial Department. NIWAP worked in collaboration with the Center for Public Policy Studies and Immigration and the State Courts Initiative. Salem, Oregon. (April 16, 2015)

Judicial Training on the Intersections of Immigration Law, Civil Law, and Criminal Law, Presented full day training for all Delaware State Commissioners hosted by the Family Court of the State of Delaware. NIWAP worked in collaboration with the Center for Public Policy Studies and Immigration and the State Courts Initiative. Rehoboth Beach, DE. (December 4, 2014)

Expert Advice for Judges: How to Handle U Visa Certification Requests. Presented a 90-minute webinar for judges, court staff, attorneys, and advocates sponsored by the State Justice Institute. Sacramento, California (December 1, 2014)

Judicial Training on the Intersections of Immigration Law, Civil Law, and Criminal Law Presented a full day training for judges, commissioners, probation officers, and court staff presented in collaboration with the State of Utah Administrative Office of the Courts. Salt Lake City, Utah. (November 20, 2014)

Understanding the Intersection of Immigration Law in State Court Proceedings. Presented a webinar hosted by the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence for judges, law clerks, and court staff. Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. (November 5, 2014)

Judicial Training on the Intersections of Immigration Law, Civil Law, and Criminal Law. Presented a plenary session and a workshop at the statewide mandatory training for magistrate judges in the state of Alaska hosted by the Administrative Office of the Courts for the State of Alaska. Anchorage, Alaska. (October 9, 2014)

State Courts and the Protection of Immigrant Crime Victims and Children Presented at a training sponsored by the State Justice Institute and hosted by the Fairfax County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court. Fairfax, Virginia. (July 29, 2014)

Training for State Court Judges on Issues that Arise for Immigrant Victims in Family Court and Cases Involving Immigrant Children and Immigrant Crime Victims. Presented for D.C., Maryland, Virginia, and Delaware state court judges, attorneys, service providers and other court personnel. NIWAP worked with the Center for Public Policy Studies, Immigration and the State Courts Initiative, and Human Trafficking and the State Courts. This session was sponsored by the State Justice Institute and was webcast and is being promoted and viewed nationally. Washington, D.C. (January 31, 2014)

Opportunities to Make SIJS Findings in State Court Cases. Served as faculty with officials from the Department of Homeland Security and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for a training for family court judges at D.C. Superior Court. Washington, D.C. (December 5, 2013)

State Courts and the Protection of Immigrant Crime Victims and Children. Conducted the second training for state court judges on issues that arise in state courts for immigrant crime victims hosted by Office of Judicial Education – Wisconsin Courts. This workshop was offered in collaboration with John Martin of the Center for Public Policy Services Immigration and the State Courts Initiative. Wisconsin Dells, WI. (November 8, 2013)

State Courts and the Protection of Immigrant Crime Victims and Children. Conducted the first training for state court judges on issues that arise in state courts for immigrant crime victims. This training pilot tested what will be 7 trainings that we will hold on grants from the State Justice Institute. The training was hosted by the Chief Judge of the Travis County Courts, Judge Lora Livingston, who will serve as one of our national judicial trainers under this grant. Austin, Texas. (October 17, 2013)

Understanding and Applying the Violence Against Women Act training for the Board of Immigration Appeals judges and staff that was also webcast for Executive Office of Immigration Review (EOIR) immigration judges Faulty include representatives from the Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. Alexandria, Virginia. (February 21, 2013)

Children and Immigration Issues: The Intersection in Judicial Proceedings training at the National Association of Women Judges Mid-Year Meeting. Cambridge, Massachusetts (March 10, 2012)

Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, & Stalking, Dynamics, Trauma-Informed Care, and Culture

Immigrant Victim's and Benefits Committee Report, Maryland Governor's Council on Family Violence Council Meeting, Webinar, Maryland (October 8, 2025)

Understanding VAWA Protections, Immigration Law, and Current Best Practices For Assisting Immigrant Domestic and Sexual Violence (CCDV), In Person Training, San Antonio, Texas (October 3, 2025)

Best Practices That Support Immigrant Survivors of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Child Abuse, Human Trafficking and Stalking: Immigration Legal Remedies, Family Law and Public Benefits in Maryland, In Person Training, Eastern Shore Maryland (September 30, 2025)

Legal Protections and Best Practices That Support Immigrant Survivors of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Human Trafficking, Southern Maryland Human Trafficking Collaborative, In Person, (August 28th, 2025)

Political Actions and Silent Victims of Trauma, Violence, and Abuse, Keynote Panel Institute on Violence, Abuse, and Trauma (IVAT), San Diego, California (August 18, 2025)

Best Practices That Support Immigrant Survivors of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Human Trafficking, Webinar, Turn Around Inc Brunch and Learn, Maryland (August 27, 2025)

Legal Protections and Best Practices That Support Immigrant Survivors of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Human Trafficking, In Person Training for Maryland Human Trafficking Taskforce, Greenbelt, Maryland (June 25, 2025)

Serving Immigrant Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence, Child Abuse, Human Trafficking, and Stalking: Holistic and Trauma-Informed Best Practices For Attorneys, System-Based Victim Advocates and Community-Based Victim Advocates, In Person Training, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (February 28, 2025)

Best Practices for Serving Immigrant Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence in Rural Communities, Rural Grantee Training Sponsored by the Office on Violence Against Women, Reno, Nevada (January 23, 2025)

Question and Answer In Spanish on Safety Planning and Legal Protections for Immigrant Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence, for VALOR, Pasadena, California (January 7, 2025)

Electronic Evidence in Domestic Violence Cases: Applications in Criminal Investigations, Prosecutions, and Family Law Cases, National Webinar, Reno Nevada, (December 16, 2024)

How Consulates Can Help in Cases Involving Immigrant Victims, Victim Advocates Community of Practice, Reno, Nevada (November 13, 2024)

Online Abuse Project SPARC: Lived Experience Council and Culturally Specific SMEs, Washington D.C., (November 1, 2024)

Online Abuse Listening Session on Stalking (SPARC) Washington, D.C. (February 27, 2024)

Best Practices for Serving Immigrant Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence in Rural Communities Office on Violence Against Women New Grantee Orientation Rural Program. Louisville, Kentucky (January 29, 2024).

Webinar: Let's Put Science First: Assessing Predatory Helpfulness and Coercive Control to More Accurately Understand Domestic Abuse and Sex Trafficking. Reno, Nevada (December 8, 2023).

Stalking and Domestic Violence for the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and Futures Against Violence Podcast. Reno, Nevada (October 23, 2023)

Family Violence Council: Immigration Committee Meeting Benefits for Immigrant Survivors. Annapolis, Maryland (September 28, 2023)

Self-Care and Mindfulness Meditation Family Law Community of Practice and Victim Advocate Community of Practice- Joint COP Session. Reno, Nevada (September 26, 2023)

4A. Interviewing Survivors: Trauma-Informed Techniques. Strengthening Community and Organizational Responses: Serving Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking OVW Grantee Training. Boston, Massachusetts (August 31, 2023)

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Meeting of the Maryland Governor's Family Violence Council. Leslye Orloff participated as an appointed member of the Council. Annapolis, Maryland (July 5, 2023)

NIWAP's TA and Conference, STOP Administrator's TA Clinic, Chicago, Illinois (June 12, 2023)

OVW All Technical Assistance Provider Meeting participated in national meeting. Bethesda, Maryland (April 25-27, 2023)

Meeting of the Maryland Governor's Family Violence Council. Leslye Orloff participated as an appointed member of the Council. Annapolis, Maryland (April 12, 2022)

Access to Benefits for Immigrant Survivors Committee for the Maryland Family Violence Council. Leslye Orloff led the meeting as the appointed chair of the committee for the Council. Annapolis, Maryland (March 30, 2023)

Women's History White House East Wing Tour NIWAP staff and board members invited to attend. Washington, D.C. (March 25, 2023)

Clinica Legal Latina at Ayuda filmed interview regarding the founding of the domestic violence program at Ayuda in Washington D.C. (March 23, 2023)

National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project (NIWAP) & Technical Assistance Provided to Rural Grantees Rural Grantee Orientation National webinar convened by OVW for rural grantees. Reno, Nevada (January 18, 2023)

Access to Benefits for Immigrant Survivors Committee for the Maryland Family Violence Council. Leslye Orloff led the meeting as the appointed chair of the committee for the Council. Annapolis, Maryland (January 12, 2023)

Meeting of the Maryland Governor's Family Violence Council. Leslye Orloff participated as an appointed member of the Council. Annapolis, Maryland (January 11, 2023)

Technical Assistance Clinic. Presented to the STOP Technical Assistance to Administrators Resource Project describing the full range of topics that NIWAP can assist with including immigration, family law, public benefits, language access, working with law enforcement, prosecutors and the courts, and best practices for professionals working with immigrant survivors. Chicago, IL (December 12, 2022)

Stalking Committee for the Maryland Family Violence Council Leslye Orloff participated as a Council member Annapolis, Maryland (December 12, 2022)

Meeting of the Maryland Governor's Family Violence Council. Leslye Orloff participated as an appointed member of the Council. Annapolis, Maryland (October 12, 2022)

Access to Benefits for Immigrant Survivors Committee for the Maryland Family Violence Council. Leslye Orloff led the meeting as the appointed chair of the committee for the Council. Annapolis, Maryland (October 6, 2022)

Meeting of the Maryland Governor's Family Violence Council. Leslye Orloff participated as an appointed member of the Council. Annapolis, Maryland (April 13, 2022)

Meeting of the Maryland Governor's Family Violence Council. Leslye Orloff participated as an appointed member of the Council. Annapolis, Maryland (January 5, 2022)

Meeting of the Maryland Governor's Family Violence Council. Annapolis, Maryland (October 5, 2022)

Addressing Domestic Violence: Trauma-Informed Practice in a Remote Service Context. NIWAP presented at the Practicing Law Institute's event titled "Addressing Domestic Violence 2021: Remote Family and Immigration Law Practice During Pandemic or Disaster" (February 5, 2021).

All TA Provider Meeting: Acknowledging our Footprints, Continuing the Journey Bethesda, Maryland. NIWAP attended and participated in this convening sponsored by the Office of Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice (November 28, 2018).

Immigration Options and Trauma Informed Approach to Helping Immigrant Victims of Sexual Assault Presentation at a national webinar on trauma-informed advocacy for victims of sexual assault sponsored by Times Up Legal Defense Fund for their national network of attorneys helping workplace sexual assault victims. Washington, D.C. (October 23, 2018).

Voices from the Margins: Effective Advocacy for Immigrant Survivors presented this workshop and participated as faculty in a day and a half 2018 National Institute for STOP State Grant Administrators and State and Territorial Coalition Directors. New Orleans, Louisiana (May 14-15, 2018)

Safety and Protection: Focus on Immigrant Crime Victims. This session was presented to the Georgia Legal Assistance Network On-Site Technical Assistance and Training Program on Holistic Legal Services. This session will discuss best practices for working with immigrant victims and how filing a victim's immigration case early promotes victim safety, access to justice system relief and economic security. Atlanta, Georgia (February 20, 2018)

Supporting Your Work with Immigrant Survivors: Building Legal Capacity to Combat Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Against Immigrants Presented joint plenary session at OVW 2017 Grantee Orientation for the Rural Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking Assistance

Grant Program and the Legal Assistance for Victims Grant Program, Washington, D.C. (January 17, 2018)

Barriers for Muslim Survivors to Help From U.S. Family Courts This Community of Practice for family lawyers discussed strategies for countering Anti-Shariah issues that arise in family court cases, strategies for responding when perpetrators raise religious beliefs as a defense for their violence, and how religious needs affect Muslim victims in family court cases. Reno, Nevada (October 24, 2017)

Enhancing Safety for Immigrant Survivors: Legal Rights to Immigration, Public Benefits and Family Law Protections presented a national webinar for state STOP grant administrators sponsored by the Women of Color Network. Harrisburg, Pennsylvania (September 27, 2017)

Enhanced Safety Planning for Immigrant Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence Collaborated with ASISTA and Tahirih Justice Center to conduct a webinar that focused on immigrant survivors' rights and special immigration remedies, how to prepare enhanced safety plans for immigrant survivors that take into account immigration enforcement and recent immigration policy developments and new enforcement measures. (February 24, 2017)

Workshop 2A Topic: Exploring Social, Cultural and Faith Communities as Allies and Barriers for Sexual Assault Survivors at "Addressing Culture: Systematic Responses to Underserved Immigrant Populations" Office on Violence Against Women grantee conference. New Orleans, Louisiana. (December 13 and 16, 2016)

Plenary II Topic: Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, and Stalking on Campus: When Foreign-born Victims Become Targets at "Addressing Culture: Systematic Responses to Underserved Immigrant Populations" Office on Violence Against Women grantee conference. New Orleans, Louisiana. (December 13 and 16, 2016)

Plenary I Topic: How to Use Culture, Religion and the Law for Survivor Safety and Justice at "Addressing Culture: Systematic Responses to Underserved Immigrant Populations" Office on Violence Against Women grantee conference. New Orleans, Louisiana. (December 12 and 15, 2016)

Be the Light at the End of the Tunnel: How to Effectively Serve Immigrant Survivors Released from Family Detention Presented at Legal Assistance for Victims Grantee Conference in Washington, DC (October, 25 2016)

Building a Community of Practice: Creating a Culture of Social Equity for Immigrant Women and Children Full day intensive workshop facilitated and served as faculty at the 2016 Forum of the Kellogg Fellowship Leadership Alliance's Conference focusing on enhancing futures for children. Denver, Colorado (October 7, 2016)

Issues of Risk Assessment and Identification of Adult Victimization- Immigrant Victims. Presented a concurrent plenary at the 21st International Summit on Violence, Abuse and Trauma annual conference sponsored by The Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma (IVAT). San Diego, California. (August 29, 2016)

Hope, Help, and Healing: A Catholic Response to Domestic Violence and Abuse. Collaborated with the Catholic Legal Immigration Network and ASISTA to present a training for Catholic Church funded legal and social service providers at a National Domestic Abuse Symposium sponsored by Catholic University. NIWAP's training covered: DHS victim protection policies, creative use of protection orders in cases of immigrant victims, obtaining custody for immigrant victims, and access to health care, shelter,

transitional housing and other government funded services necessary to protect life and safety. Washington, D.C. (July 8, 2016)

Immigration and Public Benefits Protections for Immigrant Victims of Sexual Assault Guest lecturer for Sexual Assault law school class at Lewis and Clark Law School, Portland, Oregon (March 28, 2016)

Best Practices and Collaborations That Promote Safety for Immigrant Crime Victims Keynote address at state-wide Advocacy in Action Conference sponsored by the New Mexico State STOP Administrator's Office. Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico (March 17, 2016)

Hon. Connie Morella My Political and Personal Journey In Heals NIWAP sponsored event at American University, Washington College of Law (February 8, 2016)

Political Possibility: Advocacy to That Resulted in Passage of the Violence Against Women Act's Immigration Protections Guest lecturer at Representative Connie Morella's Government Class 282, American University (February 7, 2016)

NIWAP's Technical Assistance to Legal Assistance for Victims Grantees Presentation at an Office on Violence Against Women Webinar for Legal Assistance for Victims Grantees by National Technical Assistance Providers (January 20, 2016)

Best Practices That Promote Safety and Holistic Assistance for Immigrant and Refugee Survivors Keynote address at Cultural Considerations and Domestic Violence conference convened by Illinois Family Violence Coordinating Council 18th Judicial Circuit, DuPage County, Wheaton, Illinois (October 30, 2015)

Trauma- Informed Responses to Immigrant Survivors Workshop for social workers, lawyers, and advocates at the Domestic Violence Symposium in Seattle, WA, a statewide domestic violence conference convened by the King County Prosecutor's Office with support from the Washington State STOP Administrator's Office Seattle, Washington (September 11, 2015)

Community of Responders: A Holistic Approach to Immigrant Survivors of Abuse. Convened a national training for 120 advocates, attorneys, social workers, and law enforcement officials from across the country on collaborating with other professionals working within the immigrant community to provide comprehensive services to clients and share best practices and techniques for working with immigrant survivors of abuse. Training topics included language access, family law, trauma-informed care, immigration relief, and dynamics of workplace abuse. New Orleans, Louisiana. (July 29-30, 2015)

Opening Plenary- Best Practices for Working with Immigrant Survivors in Rural Communities by Olga Trujillo and Leslye Orloff presented at the national Office of Violence Against Women Grantee Conference: "Community of Responders: A Holistic Approach to Immigrant Survivors of Abuse" New Orleans, Louisiana. (July 29, 2015)

SEE Fellowship: Takeaways and Application to Work in the U.S. Presentation and webcast for the Eurasia Foundation Washington, D.C. (May 29, 2015)

Helping Immigrant Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault: Options and Challenges in Seeking Relief. Training for D.C. Victim Advocates. Washington, D.C. (May 26, 2015)

Effective Communication on Violence Against Women Issues Between Government Officials and Victim Advocates in the U.S. Presentation at the Conference on: Gender Communication in State and Municipal

Management Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration. Moscow, Russia (May 6, 2015)

Fellowship Exchange with Russian Women's Groups Working on Violence Against Women Issues NIWAP's Director, Leslye E. Orloff, traveled to Russia to meet with violence against women groups in Moscow, Pskov and St Petersburg, Russia. The trip included consultations with Russian violence against women leaders working on Russia's first Violence Against Women Act (May 4-25, 2015)

Hosted Russian SEE Fellow Anastasia Amirkhanian at NIWAP Washington College of Law for the Eurasia Foundation studying health care for survivors with HIV and U.S. based women's rights advocacy (February and March, 2016)

Launch Meeting: Social Expertise Exchange Fellowship: Eurasia Foundation NIWAP's Director Leslye E. Orloff was the recipient of one of the Eurasia Foundation's SEE Fellowships for 2015. Participated in Fellowship meeting between U.S. based and Russian Fellows. Fellowship focused on providing consultations with Russian Women's Groups working on anti-domestic violence work in Russia. Washington, D.C. (February 18-21, 2015)

Rural TA Grantees Webinar. Presented on the OVW-funded TA that is available to OVW rural grantees and how NIWAP can work with rural grantees in their efforts to provide services to immigrant crime victims in their jurisdictions in a more effective manner. Washington, D.C. (February 17, 2015)

Holistic Representation of Immigrant Survivors of Sexual and Domestic Violence: Understanding Immigration Relief and Trauma Informed Care, training for Washington, D.C. area service providers that work with immigrant victims of domestic violence and sexual assault sponsored by Collaborative Solutions for Communities. Washington, D.C. (October 30, 2014)

Effective Advocacy for Immigrant Survivors: Immigration Protections, Benefits Access, and Trauma Informed Services, presented at a training sponsored by the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence (MNADV). Lanham, Maryland. (September 24, 2014)

Founding and Work of Ayuda: Help For Immigrant Women and Children. Presentation for Ayuda's Annual Event. Washington, D.C. (September 23, 2014)

Best Practices for Supporting Refugee Victims of Intimate Partner Violence. Presentation at the 2014 North American Refugee Highway Roundtable. Phoenix, Arizona (July 2014)

Providing Culturally Competent Services to Immigrant and Refugee Survivors of Domestic Violence, Rocio Molina and Ho-Thanh Nguyen presented a webinar on the dynamics of domestic violence experienced by immigrant survivors, language access and best practices for culturally competent assistance to immigrant survivors. For the Women of Color Network. Harrisburg, PA (April 10, 2014)

Trauma-Informed Care, Part 2: The Nuts and Bolts of Immigration Story Writing Intervention National Office on Violence Against Women sponsored webinar. Sacramento, California (March 19, 2014)

Trauma Informed Help for Immigrant Survivors of Domestic Violence Sexual Assault and Human Trafficking: How to Work with Victims in Crisis. Presented a training for law firm pro bono attorneys from Morgan, Lewis and Bockius and Steptoe and Johnson as well as attorneys and advocates from local programs that serve immigrant victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking. Washington D.C. (February 24, 2014)

Researcher/Practitioner Collaboration: Strategies for Successful Implementation Participated as faculty in a national webinar sponsored by the Muskie Institute and the Battered Women's Justice Project. Portland, Maine (November 15, 2013)

Trauma-Informed Care: Promoting Healing While Strengthening Survivors' Immigration Cases. Presented a national webinar for 406 participants. Sacramento, California (October 30, 2013)

Holistic Representation and Advocacy Services for Immigrant Survivors of Sexual and Domestic Violence. Training for 50 advocate and attorneys from programs across the state of Kansas, planned by the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence. Wichita, Kansas. (August 20, 2013)

VAWA Immigration Protections, Immigration Enforcement and Language Access. Training presented to 15 members of the leadership and board committees of the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence. Lanham, Maryland. (August 16, 2013)

Taking it Home: Implementing the Tools That You Have Gained Here and Questions and Answers at Office on Violence Against Women sponsored grantee conference Serving Immigrant Victims of Sexual Assault: Best Practices. Providence, Rhode Island. (June 27, 2013)

Justice is More than Jail: Why (& How) Lawyers and Advocates Can Use Existing Civil Laws to Meet Immigrant Sexual Assault Survivors' Most Critical Needs at Office on Violence Against Women sponsored grantee conference Serving Immigrant Victims of Sexual Assault: Best Practices. Providence, Rhode Island. (June 26, 2013)

Serving Sexual Assault Survivors: Conducting a Holistic Intake & Integrating Sexual Assault into Your Core Services at Office on Violence Against Women sponsored grantee conference Serving Immigrant Victims of Sexual Assault: Best Practices. Providence, Rhode Island. (June 26, 2013)

Serving Immigrant Victims of Sexual Assault: Best Practices. Convened a nationwide training for Office on Violence Against Women, DOJ grantees on the legal rights and culturally and linguistically competent representation of immigrant survivors of sexual assault. This training was attended by 91 attorneys, advocate, law enforcement, DOJ and state government officials from across the country. Providence, Rhode Island. (June 25-27, 2013)

Leadership Planning Meeting: Expanding Leadership Opportunities for Underrepresented Groups Project. Participated as the national immigrant victims' expert partner for the Women of Color Network's Family Violence Prevention and Services Act-funded leadership training. This training was attended by 50 advocates in the domestic violence movement who serve women of color, immigrant, LGBTQ and other underserved communities. Washington, D.C. (June 19-21, 2013)

Community Based Advocacy: Policy Reform and System Advocacy. Workshop was presented for the Women of Color Network. Baltimore, Maryland. (April 4, 2013)

Protection and Legal Relief for Immigrant Survivors: A Collaborative Response. National OVW Grantee Conference, Atlanta, Georgia (November 2012)

Building a Spirit of Collaboration and Cooperation Plenary at Protection and Legal Relief for Immigrant Survivors: A Collaborative Response. National OVW Grantee Conference, Atlanta, Georgia (November 15, 2012)

We All Hold A Piece Of The Puzzle When Working With Survivors Plenary at Protection and Legal Relief for Immigrant Survivors: A Collaborative Response. National OVW Grantee Conference, Atlanta, Georgia (November 14, 2012)

Identifying and Assisting Immigrant Crime Victims and Witnesses presentation at the national Immigration and Customs Enforcement: Public Advocate Training. Washington, D.C. (October 26, 2012)

Women of Color Network: Providing Culturally Competent Assistance for Immigrant Survivors webinar webcast to advocates and domestic violence program staff nationally. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. (September 21, 2012)

Issues, Rights & Danger Assessment for Immigrant Intimate Partner Violence Survivors participated in a workshop presentation at the 17th International Conference planned by the Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma at Alliant University. San Diego, California. (September 11, 2012)

Domestic Violence in the Latino Community: Help Available for Victims participated in a workshop presentation at the 17th International Conference planned by the Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma at Alliant University. San Diego, California. (September 10, 2012)

Helping Immigrant Survivors: Options and Challenges in an Age of Immigration Enforcement local training to Colorado advocates explaining the options for immigrant survivors. Denver, Colorado. (July 31, 2012)

Proactive Strategies for Survivors in Light of Immigration Enforcement and DHS' New Policies and Taking Action: Women of Color Panel Discussing Ways that Aspiring White Allies Can Support Women of Color Working in the Violence Against Women Movement - These presentations were for the 2012 National Call to Action Institute and Conference sponsored by the Women of Color Network. Minneapolis, Minnesota. (July 10-11, 2012)

Legal Rights of Immigrant Survivors of Domestic Violence: What Advocates Need to Know. This webinar was presented for the Women of Color Network's HHS grant four separate times for advocates in four partner states Virginia, New Jersey, Vermont and Minnesota. Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. (July 2012)

Providing Culturally Competent Services to Immigrant and Refugee Women. This webinar was presented for the Women of Color Network's HHS grant four separate times for advocates in four partner states Virginia, New Jersey, Vermont and Minnesota. Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. (July 2012)

The Crucial Role of Advocates Countering Bias: Making the Justice System Work for Immigrant Survivors presentation at the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Advocates Alliance Protection Order Conference. Richmond, Virginia. Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. (June 22, 2012)

How the Legal System Works (or Doesn't) for Immigrant Survivors presentation at the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Advocates Alliance Protection Order Conference. Richmond, Virginia. (June 22, 2012)

The War on the Violence Against Women Act at the War on Women Conference. Washington D.C. (June 19, 2012)

Legal Rights of Immigrant Victims webcast and conference call training with the Women of Color Network. (March 8, 2012)

Abuse in Later Life (Elder Abuse)

Best Practices and Tools That Build the Capacity of Adult Protective Services to Serve Immigrant Domestic and Sexual Violence Victims, presented national webinar cosponsored by the National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA), the National Center on Abuse in Later Life (NCALL) and NIWAP for State Adult Protective Services agency leadership and staff from across the country on understanding forms of immigration relief for immigrant victims of elder and vulnerable adult abuse. Jefferson City, Missouri (January 30, 2020)

Mandated Reporting for Adult Abuse Victims of Sexual Assault & Intimate Partner Violence. Participated in a plenary presentation attended by 225 professionals addressing the special issues that arise for immigrant survivors in the context of mandatory reporting. 17th International Conference planned by the Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma at Alliant University. San Diego, California. (September 11, 2012)

Public Benefits, Healthcare, Housing, Legal Services, Safety Net Services and Employment

The Impact That Filing for Legal Immigration Status Has on Access to Benefits and Services for Immigrant Survivors in Pennsylvania, Webinar for the Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania (May 22, 2025)

International Association of Forensic Nurses, OVC Grantee Call with forensic nursing programs serving the Rio Grande Valley, Rio Grande, Texas (February 4, 2025)

Immigrant Victims Family Court Cases - Public Benefits – Tools, Strategies, and TA - Part III, Third part of a statewide webinar series for the Nevada Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence, Reno, Nevada (September 17, 2024)

Enhancing Victim Safety: Access to Public Benefits and Services for Immigrant Victims in Nevada Second part of a two-part training for victim advocates working at domestic violence and sexual assault programs throughout Nevada sponsored by the Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence. Reno, Nevada (August 28, 2024)

Medical Forensic Exams Payments for Immigrant Survivors of Sexual Assault national webinar presentation sponsored by the International Association of Forensic Nurses for forensic nurses, sexual assault rape examiners and health care providers on immigrant survivor's ability to access Medical Forensic Examinations and where immigrant sexual assault survivors can receive post-assault healthcare. Elkin, Maryland (August 6, 2024)

Victim Services for Immigrant Survivors Survey Report to the Maryland Family Violence Council, Presentation at the Maryland Baltimore Immigration Summit. Baltimore, Maryland (May 31, 2024)

International Association of Forensic Nurses Exam Payment TA Project Partner Meeting. Elkin, Maryland (May 1, 2024).

Improving Access to the Public Benefits Safety Net for Immigrant Survivors, MD Family Violence Council Presentation. Annapolis, Maryland (April 24, 2024).

Training And Technical Assistance Offered By NIWAP For Professionals Working With Immigrant Survivors, 2024 MD Crime Victims Rights Conference. Annapolis, Maryland (April 23, 2024)

Family Violence Council Access to Benefits for Immigrant Survivors Workgroup Meeting. Annapolis, Maryland. (April 3, 2024)

Family Violence Council Access to Benefits for Immigrant Survivors Workgroup Meeting. Annapolis, Maryland. (March 6, 2024)

Family Violence Council Governor's Council Meeting. Annapolis, Maryland (January 24, 2024)

Best Practices for Nurses Working With Immigrant Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence, International Association of Forensic Nurses Exam Payment Partner Meeting. Elkridge, Maryland (November 1, 2023)

Webinar: Identifying Human Trafficking in Domestic Violence Relationships: How OTIP Letters and Certifications Can Enhance Access to Public Benefits and Services for Survivors and Their Children. Reno, Nevada (October 10, 2023).

2B.Improving Access to the Public Benefits Safety Net and Victims of Crime Act Compensation for Immigrant Survivors. Presented at Strengthening Community and Organizational Responses: Serving Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence. Sexual Assault and Stalking OVW Grantee Training. Boston, Massachusetts (August 31, 2023)

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Best Practices for Nurses Working With Immigrant Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence, Texas A & M University TA Event for the International Association of Forensic Nurses. Austin, Texas (August 9, 2023)

International Association of Forensic Nurses Exam Payment Partner Meeting. Elkridge, Maryland (August 2, 2023)

Best Practices for Nurses Working With Immigrant Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence, Tides of Change TA Event for the International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN). Tillamook, Oregon (July 18, 2023).

Responding to Immigrant Sexual and Domestic Violence Survivors Part I: Legal Rights to Access Health Care, Public Benefits, and Family Law Protections, for the International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN) Reno, Nevada (July 20, 2023)

Best Practices for Nurses Working With Immigrant Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence, presentation to Office of Victims of Crime funded SANE forensic examiners for the International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN). Owensboro, Kentucky (July 11, 2023)

HHS' Office on Trafficking in Persons (OTIP) Answers Questions on Identifying and Reporting Child Trafficking Victims presentation to the National Judicial Network by HHS OTIP staff discussing the important role state court judges can play in ensuring that immigrant child trafficking victims are referred for OTIP benefits and services. (May 2, 2023)

Best Practices for Serving Immigrant Victims: Access to Public Benefits and Services in Virginia, presentation for the staff of Northern Virginia Family Services. Arlington, Virginia (May 11, 2023)

Best Practices for Nurses Working With Immigrant Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence, presentation to Office of Victims of Crime funded SANE forensic examiners for the International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN). Tulsa, Oklahoma (May 2, 2023)

Best Practices for Serving Immigrant Victims: Enhancing Safety Planning, Access to Public Benefits and Services, presentation at the 2023 Maryland Crime Victims' Rights Conference. Annapolis, Maryland (April 27, 2023)

Tips and Guidance for Helping Unaccompanied Immigrant Youth Access Publicly Funded Benefits and Services presented a national training for victim advocates and attorneys who represent and work with unaccompanied children sponsored by the American Bar Association Children's Immigration Law Academy (April 18, 2023)

Best Practices for Nurses Working With Immigrant Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence, presentation to Office of Victims of Crime funded SANE forensic examiners for the International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN). Indianapolis, Indiana (April 17, 2023)

2022 Expanding Access to Sexual Assault Forensic Exams Partner Meeting for the International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN) (March 22, 2023)

Best Practices for Nurses Working With Immigrant Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence, presentation to Office of Victims of Crime funded SANE forensic examiners for the International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN). Austin, Texas (March 20, 2023)

Lideres Meeting #2 Abogacía: Tema violencia contra la mujer. State-wide webinar with 53 participants. Los Angeles, CA (September 27, 2022)

NCADV: Safety Net Benefits for Immigrant Survivors. In-person national training with 60 attendees on the topic of public benefits. (August 30, 2022)

National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) Office Hours. National TA Session on the topic of public benefits. Austin, TX (August 17, 2022)

Serving Immigrant Survivors Best Practices: Part III Tips and Tools for Helping Immigrant Survivors Access Public Benefits They are Legally Eligible to Receive. National webinar for the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV). Reno, Nevada (August 11, 2022)

Lideres Campesinas: Como protege la ley a la mujer y cuales son esas leyes? Los Angeles, CA (August 9, 2022)

National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) Office Hours. National TA Session. Austin, TX (June 15, 2022)

Lideres Campesinas: Como afecta la salud emocional a la familia (Enfoque-Salud Mental) (How emotional health affects immigrant survivors)" NIWAP provided live technical assistance during this event. Los Angeles, California (June 14, 2022)

Serving Immigrant Survivors Best Practices: Part II – Immigration Relief and Implications for Access to Public and Assisted Housing. National webinar for the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) Webinar. Reno, NV (May 26, 2022)

Afghan Women Know Your Rights Questions & Answer, this event is a follow up to the Know Your Rights Webinar which took place on March 29th. Co-sponsored with Tahirih Justice Center, Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid, and Catholic Charities. Reno, Nevada (May 6, 2022)

Webinar Series Part II: Legal Rights of Immigrant Survivors: Immigration Relief and Public Benefits, Middlesex County, NJ (April 28, 2022)

National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) Office Hours. National TA Session. Austin, TX (April 6, 2022)

Webinar: Serving Immigrant Survivors Best Practices: Part I Transitional Housing and Other Services Necessary to Protect Life and Safety, this series is developed by the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) in collaboration with NIWAP. Reno, Nevada (March 31, 2022)

Afghan Women Know Your Rights Webinar, co-sponsored with Tahirih Justice Center, Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid, and Catholic Charities. Reno, Nevada (March 29, 2022)

Representing Workers at the Intersection of Immigration and Sexual Harassment. Training for the Times-Up Legal Defense Fund sponsored by the National Women's Law Center (January 10, 2022).

Housing for Immigrant Survivors, statewide training for Pennsylvania on access to shelter, transitional housing, public and assisted housing and public benefits at a webinar co-sponsored by the Pennsylvania Immigrant Rights Coalition and the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence. York, Pennsylvania (December 6, 2021).

Enhancing Safety Planning and Immigrant Survivors' Access to Immigration Relief and Public Benefits and Services in West Virginia Victim advocates and attorneys play a crucial role in helping immigrant domestic violence, child/elder abuse. Part one of a webinar series hosted by West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Martinsburg, West Virginia (November 10, 2021)

Housing Rights for Immigrant Survivors Summer Learning Series for Housing Advocates. Training in partnership with National Housing Law Program for the Texas Council on Family Violence (TCFV). Reno, Nevada (September 23, 2021)

Legal Rights of Immigrants: Immigration Relief, Eligibility for Public Benefits, Housing and More. Webinar presented for the Brooklyn Community Bail Fund on Public benefits available for immigrants in NY, NJ, VA, and other states. New York City, NY (September 01, 2021).

Legal Rights of Immigrant Survivors: Immigration Relief and Public Benefits, and Part 2 of a Webinar Series is open to local, state, campus, and tribal law enforcement on U Visa and detail the requirements of any application for immigration relief through the U Visa program. Otsego, NY (August 24, 2021).

Legal Rights of Domestic and Sexual Violence Survivors: Victim Services, Public Benefits, and Housing Webcast for the Conference on Violence Against Women on publicly funded victim and social services programs, legal assistance, and the wide range of services and assistance that are legally available to immigrant victims. Dallas, Texas. (April 27, 2021)

Public Benefits and Support Services Legally Available to Immigrant Survivors: What Attorneys and Courts Need to Know? NIWAP's national family lawyers community of practice. Reno, Nevada (March 31, 2021)

Discussion on Safe Housing for Immigrant Survivors Including COVID-19 Era Protections, for national family lawyers community of practice. Reno, Nevada (December 10, 2020)

Refugees and Migrants: Remedies for Immigrant Victims in the U.S. During the COVID-19 Pandemic presentation at International Virtual Summit: Domestic and Family Violence in the COVID-19 Era hosted by the United Nations Working Group on COVID -10 and Domestic/Family Violence. New York, New York (November 19, 2020)

Enhancing Safety Planning and Immigrant Survivor's Access to Public Benefits and Services in Prince Georges County Through a Trauma Informed Approach A training for victim advocates, attorneys and shelter staff. Hyattsville, Maryland (October 29, 2020)

Enhancing Safety Planning and Immigrant Survivors' Access to Public Benefits a training for victim advocates, attorneys and victim witness staff in the District of Columbia who serve immigrant crime victims and children in their work. Washington, D.C. (September 16, 2020)

Legal Rights of Domestic and Sexual Violence Survivors: Victim Services, Public Benefits, and Housing. Training for the National Center for Victims of Crime National Virtual Training Institute. Atlanta, Georgia (August 5, 2020).

COVID-19 Special Topic Series_ Immigrant Survivors and COVID Technical assistance and question and answer session convened as a session for the National Alliance for Safe Housing (NASH) - Special Topic Series planned by the Domestic Violence and Housing Technical Assistance Consortium (DVHTAC). San Francisco, California. (July 9, 2020)

CILAP Public Benefit Training with Lideres Campesinas: Presented training for monolingual, Spanish-speaking victim advocates in collaboration with the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault on immigrant victims' access to public benefits and how victim advocates can assist them in applying. Oxnard, California (February 21, 2020)

Legal Rights of Domestic and Sexual Violence Survivors: Public Benefits, Housing, and Victim Services workshop presented at the No More Crimes of Power and Control conference sponsored by the Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence and the Nebraska State Patrol. Lincoln, Nebraska (September 18, 2019)

Economic Relief and Public Benefits session at Judicial Training Network Training in New Orleans, Louisiana (September 21, 2018).

Immigrant Survivors Legal Rights, Protections, Options and Opportunities Under Immigration, Family and Public Benefits Laws presentation at 2018 Advancing Strategies for a Safe & Healthy Community in Biloxi, Mississippi (August 15, 2018).

Working with Immigrant and Refugee Survivors workshop at the Transitional Housing Conference with the National Network to End Domestic Violence in San Diego, California (August 10, 2018).

Legal Assistance, Language Access, Emergency Housing, and Public Benefits training at the National Network to End Domestic Violence's Working with Immigrant and Refugee Survivors Conference in San Diego, California (August 9, 2018).

Immigrant Access to Federally Funded Housing Presented a workshop at an annual training for California Rural Legal Assistance in collaboration with the National Housing Law Project that focused on an

overview of the rights of immigrant crime victims to access, emergency shelters, transitional housing, and for VAWA self-petitioners and human trafficking victims to access public and assisted housing funded by HUD and USDA Rural Development. Sacramento, California. (July 24, 2017)

Housing for Immigrant Crime Victims: Shelter, Transitional Housing and Public and Assisted Housing Presented as part of a workshop entitled "A Shifting Landscape: Undocumented and Documented Immigrants" discussing access to emergency shelter and transitional housing without regard to immigration status for immigrant crime victims and the new system for accessing public and assisted housing in cases of VAWA self-petitioners. National Alliance to End Homelessness Conference. Washington, D.C. (July 18, 2017)

Enhancing Safety for Immigrant Survivors: Legal Rights to Immigration, Public Benefits and Family Law Protections Leslye Orloff presented a training sponsored by the Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Providence, RI. (June 22, 2017)

Enhancing Safety for Immigrant Survivors: Legal Rights to Immigration, Public Benefits and Family Law Protections Leslye Orloff presented a workshop at Safety Within Systems: Advocating for Immigrant and Underserved Survivors sponsored by the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence. Dodge City, KS. (June 20, 2017)

Building a Safety Net for Immigrant Crime Victims: Public Benefits, Confidentiality and More Presented a training for the Hawaii Immigrant Justice Center at Legal Aid of Hawaii that focused on immigration relief eligibility, VAWA confidentiality protections, and public benefits available to immigrant survivors. Honolulu, Hawaii. (March 15, 2017)

Immigrant Access to Federally Funded Housing Presented a webinar in collaboration with the National Housing Law Project that focused on an overview of the rights of immigrants to access federally funded housing programs under HUD and USDA Rural Development. Sacramento, California. (February 22, 2017)

Workshop 4C Topic: Secure Housing for Immigrant Survivors: 2016 Policies Improve Housing Access and Options at "Addressing Culture: Systematic Responses to Underserved Immigrant Populations" Office on Violence Against Women grantee conference. New Orleans, Louisiana. (December 13 and 16, 2016)

Workshop 1C Topic: Identifying the Best Immigration Options for Your Client: Safety, Benefits, and Economic Security at "Addressing Culture: Systematic Responses to Underserved Immigrant Populations" Office on Violence Against Women grantee conference. New Orleans, Louisiana. (December 12 and 15, 2016)

Helping Sexual Assault and Human Trafficking Victims: Holding their Abusers Accountable. Presented this keynote address, a general overview of immigration relief and access to public benefits, to advocates and LSC funded attorneys at Youngstown State University. Youngstown, Ohio. (March 31, 2016)

Expanding Legal Representation of Immigrant Survivors in Immigration and Family Law. Presented workshop for LSC funded attorneys working with immigrant crime victims. Akron, Ohio. (March 30, 2016)

Immigrant Survivors Legal Rights, Options and Opportunities Under Family and Public Benefits Laws Workshop presentation at state-wide Advocacy in Action Conference sponsored by the New Mexico STOP Administrator. Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico (March 17, 2016)

WOCN Leading UP Academy. NIWAP staff served as faculty for an advanced leadership academy offered for a group of women of color domestic violence victim advocates in collaboration with the Women of Color Network. (January 7, 2016)

Overview of Federal and State Public Benefits: Access for Immigrant Survivors and Their Children. Training for Pennsylvania advocates and attorneys sponsored by the Pennsylvania Immigration Resource Center. York, Pennsylvania. (December 8, 2015)

Immigrant Survivor's Legal Rights to Healthcare Webinar. Presented a 90-minute webinar to inform advocates and attorneys about immigrant crime victim access healthcare purchased through state health care exchanges, when immigrant crime victims and their children are able to receive health care insurance subsidies, and healthcare options for immigrant victims who do not qualify to obtain health care insurance through the exchanges. Sacramento, California (April 16, 2015)

And Legal Services for All: New 2014 Legal Services Corporation Regulations Implementing VAWA 2005's Immigrant Crime Survivors' Access to Legal Services, Presented a webinar for service providers, advocates and attorneys that work with immigrant victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking and other crimes. Sacramento, California. (November 3, 2014)

Nuts and Bolts of Safety Planning for Survivors While the Immigration Case is Pending Using DHS Policies by Rocio Molina, Aparna Bhattacharyya and Mercedes Lorduy at the "Creative Solutions to Strengthen Advocacy Options and Healing for Immigrant Survivors" Office on Violence Against Women grantee conference. New Orleans, Louisiana. (August 6, 2014)

Overview of Federal and State Benefits Workshop at the "Creative Solutions to Strengthen Advocacy Options and Healing for Immigrant Survivors" Office on Violence Against Women grantee conference. New Orleans, Louisiana. (August 6, 2014)

Opening Plenary: Improved Access to Public Benefits for All Immigrant Survivors Plenary at the "Creative Solutions to Strengthen Advocacy Options and Healing for Immigrant Survivors" Office on Violence Against Women grantee conference. New Orleans, Louisiana. (August 6, 2014)

Public Benefits: Immigrant Survivors' access to Healthcare under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) Workshop at the "Creative Solutions to Strengthen Advocacy Options and Healing for Immigrant Survivors" Office on Violence Against Women grantee conference. New Orleans, Louisiana. (August 6, 2014)

Training on Legal Rights of Immigrant Crime Victims in the US: Immigration and Public Benefits and Services. Presented a webinar for the Virginia Alliance Against Domestic and Sexual Violence focusing on the public benefits and services available to and the legal rights of immigrant victims of crime (mainly women). Richmond, Virginia. (June 3, 2014)

Battered Immigrants: Safety Planning, Immigration and Family Court Opinions 2013 Update. Served as faculty on national webinar sponsored by Jewish Women International and the National Alliance to End Domestic Violence. Washington, D.C. (April 3, 2014)

Office on Violence Against Women National Technical Assistance Provider Meeting. Presented at this meeting on behalf of the National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project. Washington, D.C. (November 13-15, 2013)

Yes We Can! Public Benefits for Immigrant Survivors. This webinar was sponsored by the Office on Violence Against Women providing an overview of the immigrant survivor's legal rights to access help from state and federally funded programs and discussing how access federal and state public benefits grows as victims file for immigration benefits. Sacramento, California (April 19, 2013)

Access to Legal Representation from Legal Services Corporation Funded Programs. Presentation to the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation on the difficulties immigrant crime victims have despite VAWA 2005 legislation in accessing legal representation from LSC funded agencies. The results of a legal and social science project undertaken by an Immigrant Women Law and Policy student were presented. Washington, D.C. (April 14, 2013)

Interpretation and Translation Best Practices

(See also interpretation and translation trainings for law enforcement and prosecution officials that covered language access to law enforcement services in the trainings for Police and Prosecutors of this document.)

Overcoming Language Barriers in Policing: Grants and Resources that Support Language Access Programs in Law Enforcement and Prosecution Agencies, National Webinar coordinated by NIWAP presented by Department of Justice expert faculty from the Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice. Reno, Nevada (September 25, 2024)

Webinar: Speaking Justice: Providing Victims and Litigants Language Access in the Courts. Presentation with the Chief, Federal Coordination and Compliance Section, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice. Reno, Nevada (April 2, 2024).

Improving Language Access for Immigrant Crime Victims in Maryland. Annapolis, Maryland (December 11, 2023).

Law Enforcement and Prosecution Roundtable - Understanding Your Agencies Language Access Obligations Under Federal Law. Reno, Nevada (November 9, 2023).

3A. Collaborative Approaches and Effective Outreach Strategies for Serving Immigrant and Limited English Proficient (LEP) Victims. Presentation at Strengthening Community and Organizational Responses: Serving Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking OVW Grantee Training. Boston, Massachusetts (August 31, 2023).

Plenary II- Improving Access to Justice Through Language Access for Immigrant Victims. Presented at Strengthening Community and Organizational Responses: Serving Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking OVW Grantee Training. Boston, Massachusetts (August 30, 2023).

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Plenary II- Improving Access to Justice Through Language Access for Immigrant Victims. Presented at Strengthening Community and Organizational Responses: Serving Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking OVW Grantee Training. Boston, Massachusetts (August 28, 2023).

Immigrant Crime Victims Legal Rights and Best Practices for Serving Immigrant Victims, webinar for the Asian Pacific Institute on Gender Based Violence and Office of Victims of Crime Grantees San Francisco, CA (August 24, 2022)

RAINN Lunch and Learn: Language Access, Trauma Informed Equitable Services, and Title VI Compliance. National webinar. Reno, NV (May 17, 2022)

In Accordance with the Law: When Your Victim or Witness Speaks Limited English. Webinar with the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia for law enforcement, prosecutors, and victim witnesses in those offices on how improving language access by using tools can improve investigations and prosecutions as well as enhance victim safety and participation in the criminal justice system. Morrow, Georgia (March 23, 2021)

Part 2: Language Access Advocacy and Remote Interpretation for members who are victim advocates and victim witness staff from law enforcement and prosecution agencies. Reno, Nevada (March 9, 2021)

Community of Practice for Victim Advocates Working with Immigrant Survivors: Improving Language Access Series for members who are victim advocates and victim witness staff from law enforcement and prosecution agencies. Reno, Nevada (February 25, 2021)

In Accordance with the Law: When Your Victim or Witness Speaks Limited English: Webinar sponsored by the by the Missouri Office on Prosecution Services with POST continuing education credit for law enforcement officials on how improving language access by using tools can improve investigations and prosecutions as well as enhance victim safety and participation in the criminal justice system. Jefferson City, Missouri. (February 6, 2020)

Part 2: Benefits for Law Enforcement to Working with Qualified Interpreters and How to Increase the Number of Qualified Interpreters for Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Cases: Roundtable with a continued discussion on the benefits of language access tools, specifically qualified interpreters, on enhancing victim safety and participation in cases involving domestic and sexual violence. Presented as a follow up to a national webinar on language access offered in late 2019. Reno, Nevada (January 30, 2020)

Fundamentals of Remote Interpreting – Part III, for national family lawyers community of practice. Reno, Nevada (January 26, 2021)

Fundamentals of Remote Interpreting – Part II, for nationalfamily law community of practice. Reno, Nevada (November 30, 2020)

Community of Practice: Fundamentals on Remote Interpretation presented in collaboration with the Interpreter resource center at the Asian Pacific Institute on Gender Based Violence. Reno, Nevada (October 27, 2020)

Language Access Requirements and Effective Strategies to Remove Barriers for Limited English Proficient (LEP) Survivors Virtual training and discussion with the Language Access Municipal Network hosted by the City of Boston attended by lead staff responsible for improving language access in cities across the U.S. Boston, Massachusetts (November 22, 2019)

In Accordance with the Law: Working with Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Victims with Limited English Proficiency National webinar for the Office on Violence Against Women presented in collaboration with the Asian Pacific Institute on Gender Based Violence. Reno, Nevada (November 21, 2019)

The Case of Maria Luis: The Importance of Language Access in Child Welfare and Domestic Violence Cases plenary presentation at the No More Crimes of Power and Control conference sponsored by the Nebraska Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence and the Nebraska State Patrol. Lincoln, Nebraska (September 18, 2019)

Access to Justice for All Victims: Language Access and Meaningful Collaborations half-day pre-conference institute hosted by the National Crime Victim Law Institute and presented in collaboration with Casa de Esperanza and the Vera Institute for Justice, Underserved Populations Resource Center supported by the Office for Victims of Crime. Portland, Oregon (June 5, 2019)
Language Access for Law Enforcement Webinar presented with the Asian Pacific Institute on Gender Based Violence on language access best practices for law enforcement officials developed and delivered in collaboration with Casa de Esperanza and the Vera Institute for Justice, Underserved Populations Resource Center supported by the Officer for Victims of Crime. Minneapolis, Minnesota. (June 3, 2019)

Law Enforcement Working in Rural Communities: Language Access Webinar training for Kansas Law Enforcement Officers in collaboration with the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence and the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center on best practices for providing assistance to limited English proficient victims. Topeka, Kansas (March 28, 2018)

Immigrant Crime Victims and Language Access - Community of Practice. Lead a listening session and discussion with family lawyers who represent immigrant crime victims in communities across the country about the challenges they are encountering facilitating language access to the courts and law enforcement assistance. The results of this listening session were submitted to the Vera Institute for Justice for the National Resource Center on Underserved Victims. Family Law Community of Practice. Reno, Nevada (September 26, 2017)

Language Access and Law Enforcement: The Why and How in Improving and Increasing Language Accessible Resources for Law Enforcement at "Addressing Culture: Systematic Responses to Underserved Immigrant Populations" Office on Violence Against Women grantee conference. New Orleans, Louisiana. (December 13 and 15, 2016)

Language Access: Compliance Requirements and Complying with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 at "Addressing Culture: Systematic Responses to Underserved Immigrant Populations" Office on Violence Against Women grantee conference. New Orleans, Louisiana. (December 13 and 15, 2016)

Improving Officer and Survivor Safety by Ensuring Language Access at Crime Scenes Workshop presentation at the National Center for Victims of Crime national conference. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (September 21, 2016)

Improving Officer and Victim Safety through Language Access at Crime Scenes Workshop presentation at the National Sheriff's Association annual meeting. Washington, D.C. (February 7, 2016)

ABC's of Language Access Advocacy: Assess your Practices. Build a Plan. Compliance Advocacy Office on Violence Against Women sponsored national language access webinar. Sacramento, California (November 23, 2015)

Language Access at Crime Scenes: Improve Successful Criminal Investigations and Prosecutions National Webinar presented in collaboration with the Battered Women's Justice Project for law enforcement officials and prosecutors. Minneapolis, Minnesota (September 29, 2015)

Language Access for Sexual Assault Survivors and Working Effectively with Interpreters at Office on Violence Against Women sponsored grantee conference Serving Immigrant Victims of Sexual Assault: Best Practices. Providence, Rhode Island. (June 27, 2013)

Law Enforcement Curriculum: Promoting Accurate and Effective Communication with Limited English Proficient Persons: Law Enforcement and Community Safety Benefits Led development of curriculum and training materials for what is to be the first in-service training for law enforcement on language access issues. This included the power point presentation and instructor guide, and training materials which included: Laws Governing Language Access; Why Using an Interpreter is Beneficial to Law Enforcement, Questions Police Can Use to Identify Individuals Who Are Limited English Proficient; Steps to Obtain Interpreter, and Tips for Working Effectively with Telephonic Interpreters for the Albuquerque Police Department, Albuquerque, New Mexico. (June 4, 2013)

Promoting Accurate and Effective Communication with Limited English Proficient Persons: Law Enforcement and Community Safety Benefits Participated in a planning meeting with the Albuquerque Police Department and the Mayor's Taskforce on Domestic Violence to draft the nation's first in-service training for police on providing language access to limited English proficient crime victims, witnesses, and community members. Albuquerque, New Mexico (May 20-21, 2013).

Family Law

Building our Family Law COP Community: Introductions Q&A, Family Law Community of Practice, Reno, Nevada (September 16, 2025)

Updates on Federal Changes Affecting Unaccompanied Children and Their Families, Family Law Community of Practice, Reno, Nevada (August 26, 2025)

VAWA Confidentiality Protection for Immigrant Victims Consistent with 2025 ICE Policies, Family Law Community of Practice, Reno, Nevada (June 10, 2025)

Civil Protections Order for Victims of Human Trafficking, Family Law Community of Practice, Reno, Nevada (May 27, 2025)

What Every Family Lawyer Needs to Know When Representing Immigrant Survivors, Webinar for the Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania (May 22, 2025)

VAWA Confidentiality, Family Law Community of Practice, Reno, Nevada (April 22, 2025)

International Service of Process, Family Law Community of Practice, Reno, Nevada (March 25, 2025)

OSHA's U and T Visa Certification Program and Labor Rights of Immigrant Survivors, Family Law Community of Practice, Reno, Nevada (December 10, 2024)

Financial Issues Affecting Immigrant Families in the US, Family Law Community of Practice, Reno, Nevada (October 15, 2024)

Immigration Issues that Arise in Family Court Cases: Tools, Strategies, and TA Part III, Family Law Community of Practice, Reno, Nevada (September 17, 2024)

Immigration Issues That Arise in Family Court Cases Part II session for the Family Law Community of Practice, Reno, Nevada (August 15, 2024)

Improving Access to Justice for Immigrant Survivors of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Human Trafficking Webinar for grantees of the Justice for Families Program including court staff, victim advocates, attorneys and judges sponsored by the Center for Court Innovation. (August 8, 2024)

Immigration Issues That Arise in Family Court Cases Part I session for the Family Law Community of Practice, Reno, Nevada (July 18, 2024)

Leveraging Immigrant Affidavits of Support in a Divorce Action. Family Law Community of Practice, Reno, Nevada (June 11, 2024)

New T-Visa Regulations and What It Means for Family Law Cases, Family Law Community of Practice, Reno, Nevada (May 16, 2024)

Preparing Immigrant Survivors to Co - Parent with the Other Parent – Part 2 Family Law Community of Practice. Reno, Nevada (October 23, 2023).

1C. Representing Immigrant and LEP Litigants in Custody Cases: Advanced Custody. Presented at Strengthening Community and Organizational Responses: Serving Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking OVW Grantee Training. Boston, Massachusetts (August 30, 2023).

2C. Identifying, Safety Planning, and Litigating Stalking in Family Law Cases. Presented at Strengthening Community and Organizational Responses: Serving Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking OVW Grantee Training. Boston, Massachusetts (August 30, 2023).

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Webinar: Effective Protection Orders For Immigrant Survivors. Reno, Nevada (August 17, 2023).

American Bar Association Presents Resources from Commission on Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence, Family Law Community of Practice. Reno, Nevada (July 17, 2023)

Preparing Immigrant Survivors to Co - Parent with the Other Parent. Part-1. NIWAP's Family Law Community of Practice. Reno, Nevada (June 29, 2023)

Working with Prosecutors Handling Cases involving Immigrant Victims of Crime. NIWAP's Family Law Community of Practice. (May 9, 2023)

Case Rounds and Emerging Issues, NIWAP's Family Law Community of Practice. (March 30, 2023)

Victim Advocacy for Survivors in Military Families. NIWAP's Family Law Community of Practice. Reno, Nevada (February 7, 2023)

Collateral Damage: Criminal and Civil Consequences Specific to Military Members and Their Dependents. NIWAP's Family Law Community of Practice. Reno, Nevada (December 13, 2022)

Special Immigration Exceptions For Military Members And Identifying Issues For Survivors In The Military And Their Families. NIWAP's Family Law Community of Practice. Reno, Nevada (November 29, 2022)

Question and Answer Follow-Up on Naturalization of VAWA, SIJS, U and T Visa Recipient Survivors. NIWAP's Family Law Community of Practice. Reno, Nevada (September 27, 2022)

Proving Earning Capacity of Noncitizen Abusers and Survivor Clients in Family Law Cases Involving Support. NIWAP's Family Law Community of Practice. Reno, Nevada (August 31, 2022)

OVW Roundtable Case Selection Criteria for Civil Legal Attorneys. NIWAP participated as expert technical assistance provider. Reno, Nevada (August 10, 2022)

Mid-Year Check-In: Emerging Issues for Family Lawyers Representing Immigrant Victims. NIWAP's Family Law Community of Practice. Reno, Nevada (July 26, 2022)

Compassionate Conversation with Immigrant Survivors NIWAP's Family Law Community of Practice. Reno, Nevada (May 31, 2022)

Domestic Violence & Immigration Issues: Immigrant Survivors and Their Children: Assisting Survivors with Immigration Case Filings and Anticipating Issues in Preparation for Court, WILMU Webinar Series Wilmington, Delaware (April 26, 2022)

Addressing the Needs of Afghan / Muslim Refugees NIWAP's Family Law Community of Practice. Reno, Nevada (March 29, 2022)

Civil Protection Orders for Noncitizen Survivors: What do Judges, Attorneys and Advocates Need to Know NIWAP's Family Law Community of Practice. Reno, Nevada (February 24, 2022)

End of the Year Debriefing, meeting of NIWAP's Family Law Community of practice. Reno, Nevada (December 14, 2021)

Child Custody and Immigration Related Abuse: Myths and Best Practices national webinar for judges, lawyers and victim advocates. Reno, Nevada (December 13, 2021)

Immigrant Survivors and Their Children: Assisting Survivors With Immigration Case Filings and Addressing Issues That Arise in Family Court Cases. Part two of a webinar series hosted by West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Martinsburg, West Virginia (December 8, 2021)

Custody Questions and Answers With a Family Court Judge, Community of Practice for family lawyers. Reno, Nevada (October 19, 2021)

Family Law and Immigration Law: Custody Determinations. Community of Practice for family lawyers. Reno, Nevada (September 21, 2021)

Evidence Collection Helpful for Family and Immigration Case. Community of Practice for national family lawyers. Reno, Nevada (August 24, 2021)

Impact of Divorce on Immigration Status discussion with family lawyers participating in NIWAP's family law peer-to-peer community of practice. Reno, Nevada (July 13, 2021).

Half-Year Check In on Emerging Issues, Family Law Community of Practice convening. Reno, Nevada (June 30, 2021)

Trauma-Informed Approach to Family Law: Judicial Perspectives, Community of Practice session for family lawyers. Reno, Nevada. (May 18, 2021)

Complicated Overlay of Domestic Violence, Immigration Status and Human Trafficking Webinar for the Human Trafficking Awareness Webinars series hosted by Wilmington University. Wilmington, Delaware (December 15, 2020)

Addressing Domestic Violence: Trauma- Informed Practice in a Remote Service Context presented for the United Nations Addressing Domestic Violence 2021: Family and Immigration Law Practice During a Pandemic or Disaster Conference where NIWAP represented the U.S. New York City, New York (November 19, 2020)

Making it Work: Working Remotely and "Social Distancing" When Representing Immigrant Survivors, for national family lawyers community of practice. Reno, Nevada (September 22, 2020)

Addressing Issues that Arise in Family Court Cases Involving Immigrant Survivors and Children: Learning from Judges. Training presented in collaboration with the D.C. Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants for attorneys, judges and court staff in the District of Columbia. Presented together with D.C. Superior Court and National Training Faculty judges. Washington, D.C. (August 25, 2020)

Immigrant Survivors in Family Law and Immigration Cases: A Webinar for Attorneys. Training for legal services and shelter based attorneys in Calvert, St. Mary's and Charles Counties in Maryland. Hollywood, Maryland (July 30, 2020)

Update on COVID-19 Resources for Immigrant Survivors, Advocates, Attorney and Courts. Community of Practice convening for family lawyers (June 25, 2020)

Continued Discussion: Emerging Challenges for Family Law Attorneys due to COVID-19: Continuation of the Community of Practice's discussion on the challenges faced by attorneys in ensuring access to courts and legal aid for victims, among other topics, in the midst of the COVID-19 health crisis. Reno, Nevada (April 13, 2020)

Emerging Challenges for Family Law Attorneys due to COVID-19: Community of practice virtual learning discussion on how to face the new challenges presented by the COVID-19 health crisis and how NIWAP's technical assistance services can offer support. Reno, Nevada (March 30, 2020)

Priorities, Interests, Updates and Next Steps Family law attorneys Community of Practice session planning meeting for upcoming year. Reno, Nevada (September 27, 2019)

Straight Out of Compton: Taking Declarations for Survivors of Violence presentation by community of practice member on best practices for helping immigrant survivors write their declarations to the family law attorneys' presented as a Community of Practice. Reno, Nevada (June 25, 2019)

Affidavits of Support and Divorce Cases. Family law attorneys virtual Community of Practice. Reno, Nevada (April 30, 2019)

Discussion with Judicial Expert on U Visa Certification by Judges and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Findings Discussion with family court Judge Rosemary Collins and NIWAP's family law Community of Practice. Reno, Nevada (March 26, 2019)

Custody for Abused Immigrants: Tips, Tools, and Best Practices webinar presented to NIWAP's Family Law and Immigrant Victims Community of Practice. Reno, Nevada (November 15, 2018).

DHS Enforcement Data and Designing Safer Custody and Visitation Orders Using ICE's Sensitive Locations webinar presented to NIWAP's Family Law and Immigrant Victims Community of Practice. Reno, Nevada (October 29, 2018)

Debrief on 9/8 Tahirih Remedies for Victims of Forced Marriage Webinar by conference call with w NIWAP's Family Law and Immigrant Victims Community of Practice. Reno, Nevada (September 25, 2018).

Emerging Issues for Immigrant Survivors in Family Law webinar presented to NIWAP's Family Law and Immigrant Victims Community of Practice. Reno, Nevada (July 31, 2018).

Detained Parents Directive webinar presented to NIWAP's Family Law and Immigrant Victims Community of Practice. Reno, Nevada (June 26, 2018).

Founding of Clinical Legal Latina at Ayuda, interview with Ayuda's board and staff discussing details of the founding and the first 15 years of Ayuda's program providing assistance in family law, immigration and public benefits access for battered immigrants. Washington, D.C. (March 12, 2018)

Inclusive Legal Services for Immigrant Crime Victims training for victim advocates and attorneys in Colorado on immigrant victims legal options sponsored by the National Crime Victims Legal Institute. Denver, Colorado (December 14, 2017)

U Visas and Custody: Conversation With a Family Court Judge Discussion of U visa certification by judges and issues that arise in custody cases when immigration laws and state family laws intersect. for the Family Law Community of Practice attorneys representing immigrant survivors. Reno, Nevada (November 30, 2017)

Islamic Marriage Contract - Presentation and discussion on Islamic family law, marriage contracts, their intersection with U.S. family laws and best practices for representing Muslim survivors in family law cases. For the Family Law Community of Practice attorneys representing immigrant survivors. Reno, Nevada (November 30, 2017)

Discussion of Barriers for Muslim Survivors - Presentation by Aisha Rahman on dynamics of domestic violence experienced by Muslim women in the United States and its impact on family law practice. For the Family Law Community of Practice attorneys representing immigrant survivors. Reno, Nevada (October 24, 2017))

Mid-Year COP Debriefing 2017 Hosted the twenty-second community of practice of call focusing on a review of past meetings and current developments. Reno, Nevada. (June 27, 2017)

International Parental Kidnapping Hosted the twenty second community of practice of call focusing on cross-border kidnapping and legal actions. Reno, Nevada. (May 30, 2017)

Effective Representation of Immigrant Victims in Family Matters Presented at 'The Family Law University" by the Maryland State Bar Association's Family and Juvenile Law Section Continuing Education Department. Baltimore, Maryland (March 30, 2017)

Obtaining Child Support for Abused Immigrants Hosted the twenty first community of practice call focusing on child support and how to work to help client obtain it. Reno, Nevada. (April 27, 2017)

Updates on Housing for Immigrant Survivors and Identifying Issues in Child Support Hosted the twentieth community of practice conference call. Reno, Nevada. (March 28, 2017)

Electronic Evidence in Custody Proceedings Hosted the eighteenth community of practice conference call to discuss a recent HUD memo confirming that VAWA self-petitioners have access to public and assisted housing under Section 214 of the Housing and Community Development Act. Reno, Nevada. (January 24, 2017)

Creative Remedies: Obtaining Economic Support for Victims in Family Court at "Addressing Culture: Systematic Responses to Underserved Immigrant Populations" Office on Violence Against Women grantee conference. New Orleans, Louisiana. (December 13 and 16, 2016)

Culture in the Courtroom: A Judicial Perspective at "Addressing Culture: Systematic Responses to Underserved Immigrant Populations" Office on Violence Against Women grantee conference. New Orleans, Louisiana. (December 12 and 15, 2016)

Working Together to Get the Best Results Hosted Community of Practice Roundtable in Reno, Nevada. (October 27, 2016).

Intersection of Family and Immigration Laws: Tips, Tools, and Best Practices Presented at the American Bar Association's Family Law Section Conference. Quebec City, QB, Canada (October 22, 2016)

Continuation of VAWA Self-Petitioning Discussion with a Special Focus on Good Faith Marriage, Annulment and Any Credible Evidence Hosted the seventeenth community of practice conference call. Reno, Nevada. (September 20, 2016)

Promoting Safety Through Successful Family Court Outcomes When Family and Immigration Laws Intersect. Presented a concurrent plenary at the 21st International Summit on Violence, Abuse and Trauma annual conference sponsored by The Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma (IVAT). San Diego, California. (August 30, 2016)

Introduction to VAWA Self-Petitioning and Case Discussion on U Visa Certification from Judges Hosted the fifteenth community of practice conference call to discuss VAWA history and purpose, eligibility requirements for VAWA self-petitioning, highlights of key adjudication elements, and a case discussion on U visa certification. Reno, Nevada (July 19, 2016)

Best Practices for Attorneys to Obtain a U Visa Certification from a Judge. Hosted the fourteenth community of practice conference call that featured Commissioner Loretta Young who presented on the topic and answered pressing questions and case strategies on how attorneys can obtain a U visa certification from a judge. Reno, Nevada (June 21, 2016)

Protection Orders and Custody. Hosted the thirteenth community of practice conference call to offer a discussion lead by Judge Ramona Gonzalez and highlight COP members experiences. Reno, Nevada (May 24, 2016)

Continuing the Conversation on Domestic Violence & Mediation. Hosted the twelfth community of practice conference call to offer considerations for mediation for immigrant survivors of abuse and hold a discussion on cultural considerations. Reno, Nevada (April 19, 2016)

Immigration Basics for Attorneys New to Practicing Immigration Law Webinar. Presented in partnership with The Victim Rights Law Center, this webinar was designed for experienced attorneys who are new to practicing immigration law. Topics covered included immigration remedies available to sexual violence survivors, the interplay between an immigration case and concurrent civil legal matters, programs' Title VI obligations, special immigration considerations for minors, and tips for working with limited English proficient clients. Portland, Oregon (April 14, 2016)

Focus on Domestic Violence & Mediation. Hosted the eleventh community of practice conference call to focus on providing a mediation overview and special considerations for mediation for immigrant survivors of abuse. Reno, Nevada. (March 22, 2016)

Advanced Economic Justice for Immigrant Survivors. Hosted the ninth community of practice conference call that focused on the economic consequences of domestic violence and the types of relief available. Reno, Nevada (January 26, 2016)

Feedback and Future Topics. Hosted the eighth community of practice conference call to allow feedback from the family lawyers that are members. It was also used as a brainstorming session to create potential topics for future calls based on participants needs. Reno, Nevada (November 8, 2015)

Obtaining and Enforcing Financial Support for Immigrant Survivors. Hosted the seventh community of practice conference call that focused on obtaining and enforcing child support and affidavits of support. Reno, Nevada (October 20, 2015)

Family Law Attorneys Advocating for Immigrant Survivors: A Community of Practice (COP). Spencer Cantrell, Meaghan Fitzpatrick, Leslye Orloff, & Rocio Molina. The COP is a group of 60 family law attorneys who also work with immigrant survivors. The COP meets monthly for 1.5 hours, using webinar technology to discuss common immigration issues that arise in COP members' family law cases. This month's call continued an ongoing conversation about parental kidnapping. Calls are led by NIWAP staff and COP members, who are able to share their expertise in an interactive manner. NIWAP also uses a group mailing to supplement the monthly conference calls by distributing materials and facilitating communication among COP members. Reno, Nevada (September 22, 2015)

Hague Convention and Continuation of Parental Kidnapping Prevention. Hosted the sixth community of practice conference call that reviewed The Hague Convention and provided a deeper look into parental kidnapping with a focus on interstate and international cases. Reno, Nevada (September 22, 2015)

Parental Kidnapping Prevention. Hosted the fifth community of practice conference call the provided and overview of parental kidnapping, behavioral indicators of the crime, and court order strategies. Reno, Nevada (August 18, 2015)

Evidence of Coercive Control: Proof of Extreme Cruelty in Immigration Cases and Power and Control Dynamics in Family Law Cases by Rocio Molina, Mary Ann Dutton, Commissioner Young and Leslye Orloff presented at the national Office of Violence Against Women Grantee Conference: "Community of

Responders: A Holistic Approach to Immigrant Survivors of Abuse" New Orleans, Louisiana. (July 30, 2015)

How to Obtain U Visa Certification in Family and Criminal Courts by Judge Mary Weir, Commissioner Loretta Young, and Leslye Orloff, presented at the national Office of Violence Against Women Grantee Conference: "Community of Responders: A Holistic Approach to Immigrant Survivors of Abuse" New Orleans, Louisiana. (July 29, 2015)

Child Custody & Immigration Status. Hosted the fourth community of practice conference call that provided an overview of child custody issues as well as the myths and facts surrounding the subject. Reno, Nevada (June 16, 2015)

U Visa Part II: Best Practices, Public Benefits, Family Members. Hosted the third community of practice conference call that focused on the best practices in working with victims seeking a U visa as well as the possible challenges and its intersection with family and criminal law. Reno, Nevada (May 28, 2015)

U Visa Part I: Overview, Safety Planning, and Trauma-Informed Approach. Hosted the second community of practice conference call that focused on providing an overview of the U visa and the multiple steps to gaining one. Reno, Nevada (April 14, 2015)

Family Law Attorneys Advocating for Immigrant Survivors: A Community of Practice (COP). Hosted the first community of practice conference call to provide family lawyers working with immigrant survivors from around the country with the opportunity to gather and discuss common areas of concern, strategies for working with immigrant survivors, and share resources in an open and trusting community of practice. Reno, Nevada (March 24, 2015)

Immigrant Battered Mothers Custody and Child Support. Presentation at the Office on Violence Agaisnt Women sponsored grantee conference "Advocacy for Battered Mothers Challenges and Strategies" planned by the Battered Women's Justice Project. San Diego, California (March 5, 2014)

Custody Part 1: Immigration Issues in Family Court Context Workshop at the "Creative Solutions to Strengthen Advocacy Options and Healing for Immigrant Survivors" Office on Violence Against Women grantee conference. New Orleans, Louisiana. (August 6, 2014)

Immigrant Victims in Family Law Cases. Taught Family Law Course class on issues that arise in family law cases involving immigrant crime victims and their children including: custody, protection order, divorce, and economic relief. American University, Washington, D.C. (October 23, 2013)

National Latina Policy Summit on Domestic Violence. Participated in a conference that furthered the development of a national policy agenda and priorities for preventing and ending domestic and sexual violence in Latino communities. Alexandria, Virginia (September 19-20, 2013)

Difficult Issues Related To Immigration Status Arising In Family Law Court in the Family Law Track at Protection and Legal Relief for Immigrant Survivors: A Collaborative Response. National OVW Grantee Conference, Atlanta, Georgia (November 15, 2012)

Making The Custody Case For Immigrant Victim Parents Even When The Perpetrator Raised Immigration Status Issues In Family Court in the Family Law Track at Protection and Legal Relief for Immigrant Survivors: A Collaborative Response. National OVW Grantee Conference, Atlanta, Georgia (November 14, 2012)

Protecting Immigrant Victims and Primary Caretaker Parents Against Detention, Immigration Enforcement, And Deportation in the Family Law Track at Protection and Legal Relief for Immigrant Survivors: A Collaborative Response. National OVW Grantee Conference, Atlanta, Georgia (November 14, 2012)

Improving Outcomes for Immigrant Survivors in Custody Cases. Family law track at this OVW sponsored conference was attended by states teams from all over the nation. The conference lasted two days and provided several tracks of training for those in attendance, Atlanta, Georgia. (November 14-15, 2012)

Improving Outcomes for Immigrant Survivors Involved in Custody Disputes. This webinar was attended by 331 participants, including DV and SA program specialists, immigration attorneys/advocates, Legal Services providers, and prosecutors. Sacramento, California (November 5, 2012)

Issues That Arise in Family Court for Immigrant Women and Immigrant Victims. Guest lecturer in Macarena Saez' Family Law Course at Washington College of Law. Washington, D.C. (October 5, 2012)

Emerging Issues in Family Law for Immigrant Survivors. Daynard Public Interest Visiting Fellowship Roundtable Presentation. Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, Massachusetts. (October 3, 2012)

Issues That Arise in Custody Disputes Involving Immigrant Victims. Guest lecturer for "Domestic Violence Clinic Class". Northeastern University School of Law. Boston, Massachusetts. (October 2, 2012)

Issues That Arise in Family Court for Immigrant Women and Immigrant Victims. Family Law Course taught at American University Washington College of Law with Rocio Molina. Washington, DC. (Two lectures August, 2012 and December, 2012)

How the Legal System Works (or Doesn't) for Immigrant Survivors. Workshop for the Protection Order Conference sponsored by the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Advocates Alliance. Richmond, Virginia. (June 22, 2012)

The Crucial Role of Advocates Countering Bias: Making the Justice System Work for Immigrant Survivors. Plenary presentation for the Protection Order Conference sponsored by the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Advocates Alliance. Richmond, Virginia. (June 22, 2012)

Victim Advocates

Interpretation & Translation Planning For Victim Advocates, Victim Advocates Community of Practice, Reno, Nevada (November 4, 2025)

Enhancing Victim Safety: Legal Protections for Immigrant Survivors, Virtual Training for Victim Advocates in Maryland (September 18, 2025)

Safety Planning and Preparedness for Immigrant Victims of Crime, Victim Advocates Community of Practice, Reno, Nevada (September 9, 2025)

Part 2L: How Building Upon Our Advocacy Roots Expands the Help Immigrant Survivors Receive Today, Webinar, VALORUS (September 4, 2025)

Mindfulness: Creative Active Meditation, Victim Advocates Community of Practice, Reno, Nevada (August 12, 2025)

VAWA Confidentiality Protection for Immigrant Victims Consistent with 2025 ICE Policies, Victim Advocates Community of Practice, Reno, Nevada (June 10, 2025)

Civil Protection Orders for Victims of Human Trafficking, Victim Advocates Community of Practice, Reno, Nevada (May 13, 2025)

OSHA's U and T Visa Certification Program and Labor Rights of Immigrant Survivors, Victim Advocates Community of Practice, Reno, Nevada (December 10, 2024)

Serving Immigrant Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence Stalking and Child Abuse: Holistic Trauma-Informed Best Practices, In Person full day training for Victim Advocates, Salt Lake City, Utah (September 19, 2024)

Enhancing Victim Safety: Immigration and Family Law Protection for Immigrant Domestic and Sexual Violence Survivors First part of a two-part training for victim advocates working at domestic violence and sexual assault programs throughout Nevada sponsored by the Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence. Reno, Nevada (August 7, 2024)

Part 1: Timely Tools for These Times: Supporting the Work of Coalitions and Their Member Programs with Immigrant Survivors, VALORUS, Webinar, (August 4, 2025)

New T-Visa Regulations and What It Means for Victim Advocates, Victim Advocates Community of Practice, Reno, Nevada (July 2, 2024)
Self- Care Mindfulness Wrap Up - Emerging Issues and End of the Year Debrief Victim Advocate Community of Practice, Reno, Nevada (November 14, 2023).

Self-Care and Mindfulness Meditation Victim Advocate Community of Practice. Reno, Nevada (September 26, 2023)

Part 2 - Culturally-Specific Trauma-Informed Approach for Working with Survivor, Community of Practice for victim advocates working with immigrant survivors. Reno, Nevada (June 28, 2023).

"Part 1 Culturally-Specific Trauma-Informed Approach for Working with Survivors, Community of Practice for victim advocates working with immigrant survivors. Reno, Nevada (May 31, 2023).

VALOR, "VAWA Self Petition Immigration Benefits for Immigrant Survivors of Abuse by Spouses, Parents and Adult Children with Immigration Status." Pasadena, CA (February 15, 2023)

VALOR, Stalking 2.0 The Use of Technology to Stalk & Safety Planning. NIWAP provided live technical assistance during this training. Pasadena, CA (December 2, 2022)

Judges and Other U Visa Certifiers and Our Role as Advocates, Community of Practice for victim advocates working with immigrant survivors. Reno, Nevada (March 22, 2023).

VALOR, "VAWA Self Petition Immigration Benefits for Immigrant Survivors of Abuse by Spouses, Parents and Adult Children with Immigration Status." Pasadena, CA (February 15, 2023)

VALOR, A Holistic Approach Using the Legal System to Help Meet Sexual Assault Survivors Most Urgent Needs Pasadena, California (January 18, 2023).

VALOR, "El Proyecto de Asistencia Legal para Inmigrantes en California (CILAP)." Pasadena, CA (December 2, 2022)

OVW LAV Expanding Legal Services Initiative. Community of Practice for victim advocates working with immigrant survivors. Reno, NV (November 2, 2022)

U Visa Part 2: A Crime Fighting Tool for Law Enforcement and Understanding Helpfulness. Community of Practice for victim advocates working with immigrant survivors. Reno, NV (September 6, 2022)

Introduction with U Visa: Congressional Intent and Purpose. Community of Practice for victim advocates working with immigrant survivors. Reno, NV (June 28, 2022)

Supporting Non-Citizen VAWA Applicants Collect Evidence and Declaration. Community of Practice for victim advocates working with immigrant survivors. Reno, NV (April 27, 2022)

VALOR, "The U Visa Immigration Relief for Non-Citizen Crime Victim Survivors of Sexual Assault and Other Crimes." Pasadena, CA (March 15, 2023)

Screening and Assisting Non-Citizen Survivors Applying for the VAWA Self-Petition. Community of Practice for victim advocates working with immigrant survivors. Reno, NV (February 24, 2022)

Identifying and Supporting Immigrant Survivors Eligible for VAWA Self-Petition, Community of Practice for victim advocates working with immigrant survivors. Reno, Nevada (October 28, 2021).

Victim Advocate's Role, continuation of the discussion about the advocate's unique role in supporting immigrant survivors. Reno, Nevada (July 29, 2021).

Remedies for Immigrant Sexual Assault Survivors and Updates in Immigration Policy, training sponsored by CALCASA for sexual assault victim advocates in California. Sacramento, California (June 29, 2021)

Our Unique Role in Supporting Immigrant Survivors. Community of Practice for victim advocates working with immigrant survivors. Reno, Nevada (May 20, 2021).

Q and A End of the Year Session Community of Practice session for victim advocates working with immigrant survivors. COP members are victim advocates and victim witness staff from law enforcement and prosecution agencies. Reno, Nevada (December 8, 2020).

Launch of a New Community of Practice for Victim Advocates – Overview and Introductions for new members who are victim advocates and victim witness staff from law enforcement and prosecution agencies. Reno, Nevada (October 8, 2020).

Community of Practice for Victim Advocates. NIWAP is launching a new community of practice peer-to-peer learning opportunity for victim advocates working with immigrant victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, dating violence and human trafficking. Membership is open to victim advocates working in community based, faith based, and culturally specific organizations and to victim witness staff from law enforcement and prosecutors' offices. The group will meet virtually bi-monthly. Advertised in NIWAP's newsletter. (March to October 2020).

Publications

Technical Assistance Flyer

NIWAP Technical Assistance Flyer: Technical Assistance for Judges and Courts: Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence, Child and Elder Abuser/Neglect, Sexual Assault, Stalking, dating Violence and Human Trafficking (September 27, 2021) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/ta-courts

NIWAP Technical Assistance and Training Flyer - Law Enforcement and Prosecutors (August 17, 2023)

NIWAP Podcast Directory (2025)- https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/niwap-podcast-series/

- U-Visa 101: The Visa for Victims of Crime (44 minutes)
- U-Visa FAQ's (22 minutes)
- T-Visa 101: The Visa for Trafficking Victims (25 minutes)
- The Importance of Certifying U Visa Cases Early (32 minutes)

Series: Building Relationships: Collaboration between Law Enforcement, Prosecutors, and the Community

- Part One – Best Practices Working with Immigrant Victims (26 minutes)
- Part Two – Working with NGOs and Applying Trauma-Informed Practices (47 minutes)
- Trial Strategies in U Visa Cases (53 minutes)
- Interpretation and Translation Best Practice for Law Enforcement Working With Immigrant Crime Victims and Witnesses (Part 1 of 2) (26 minutes) Interpretation and Translation Best Practice for Law Enforcement Working With Immigrant Crime Victims and Witnesses (Part 2 of 2)
- Web Library (26 minutes)

Series: Supporting Non-Citizen Victims of Elder Abuse

- Identifying and Supporting Non-Citizen Victims and Survivors of Elder Abuse (Part 1 of 2) (31 minutes)
- Breaking Down Barriers for Immigrant Victims of Elder Abuse (Part 2 of 2) (29 minutes)

Series: Best Practices in Victim Advocacy for Immigrant Survivors

- Importance of Victim Advocacy and Advocates' Roles in Working with Immigrant Survivors (Part 1 of 4) (38 minutes)
- Victim Advocacy for Immigrant Survivors: Benefits and Services Safety Net (Part 2 of 4) (33 minutes)
- Role of Victim Advocates Accompanying Immigrant Survivors Seeking Health Care and Other Benefits and Services (Part 3 of 4) (23 minutes)
- Best Practices for Building Collaborations Among Victim Advocates, Law Enforcement, Prosecution, and Attorneys to Effectively Serve Immigrant Survivors. (Part 4 of 4) (43 minutes)

Series: Strategies for Prosecutors Working with Immigrant Victims

- Building Trust with Immigrant Victims of Violence (Part 1 of 2)
- Building Trust with Immigrant Victims of Violence (Part 2 of 2) (34 minutes)
- Immigration Consequences of Criminal Convictions: What Prosecutors Need to Know (1 hour 6 minutes)

Series: Language Access and the Courts

- Addressing the Needs of Limited English Proficient Survivors in the Legal System (Part 1 of 2) (47 minutes)
- Addressing the Needs of Limited English Proficient Survivors in the Legal System (Part 2 of 2) (58 minutes)

Series: Simplifying Public Benefits for Immigrant Survivors

- NIWAP's Benefits Map for Immigrant Survivors (Part 1 of 6) (22 minutes)
- Public Benefits and Services for Immigrant Survivors (Part 2 of 6) (32 minutes)
- Navigating Complexity: How Immigration Status Impacts Access to Public Benefits and Services for Domestic and Sexual Violence Survivors (Part 3 of 6) (35 minutes)
- Benefits and Services for Victims Who Apply For and Gain Legal Immigration Status (Part 4 of 6) (35 minutes)
- The Importance of Advocacy in Accessing Benefits and Services for Immigrant Survivors (Part 5 of 6) (27 minutes)
- The Bridge to Safety: What Prosecutors and Law Enforcement Need to Know About Immigrant

Immigrant Crime Victim Remedies

Tools

Leslye E. Orloff, Maryland U Visa Certification Law (October 1, 2025)

Leslye E. Orloff and Nupur Chandna, Maryland U Visa Quick Reference Guide (October 1, 2025)

Abigail Wolfe, Leslye E. Orloff and Esma Karakas, "U and T Visa Certification State Law Requirements: Review, Comparison, and Trends" (December 31, 2024 updated August 2, 2025)

NIWAP, "FVC – Access to Benefits for Immigrants Survivors Workgroup Meeting State of Maryland – Victim Services for Immigrant Survivors Survey Report- Open-ended Answers" (November 2023, Updated January 16, 2025)

Leslye E. Orloff and Paige Feldman, "Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Public Policy Timeline Highlighting Accomplishments on Behalf of Immigrants and Women of Color" (September 10, 2024)

Leslye E. Orloff, Rocio Molina, Maria Jose Fletcher, Linda Dawson, Carolyn Ronis, Aditi Kumar, and Hannah Bridges, "U Visa Certification and T Visa Declaration Toolkit for Adult Protective Services (APS)" (October 19, 2023)

NIWAP, "U Visas Helpfulness – Training Materials -Workshop 4C" (August 23, 2023)

Moira Fisher Preda, Cecilia Olavarria, Janice Kaguyutan, Alicia (Lacy) Carra, and Matison Miller, "Preparing the VAWA Self-petition and Applying for Residence" (July 2013, Updated August 15, 2023).

Leslye E. Orloff, Roxana Sierra, Carole Angel, Sally Robinson, and Katrina Tillapaugh. "Chapter 10: U Visas: Victims of Criminal Activity (July 2013, Updated: August 8, 2023)

NIWAP, Workshop 1B - Protecting Immigrant Survivors and their Children: Identifying Best Immigration Options for Your Client Training Materials (June 26, 2023 Updated: August 2023)

NIWAP, Training Materials Session 4A: Interviewing Survivors: Trauma-Informed Techniques Training Materials (July 7, 2023, Updated: August 2023)

NIWAP, Plenary II- Improving Access to Justice Through Language Access for Immigrant Victims Training Materials (August 2023).

NIWAP, Session 3C Materials List: Advanced Immigration Law Issues In Cases Involving Immigrant Survivors (August 22, 2023)

NIWAP, Workshop 4C U Visa Helpfulness U And T Visa Training Materials Training Materials (August 23, 2023)

Rafaela Rodrigues, (Spanish) Trauma Informed Structured Interview Questionnaires for Immigration Cases (SIQI) (April 24, 2023)

Mary Ann Dutton, Krisztina Szabo, Rocio Molina, Maria Jose Fletcher, Mercedes V. Lorduy, Edna Yang, Leslye Orloff, and SPARC "Trauma Informed - Structured Interview Questionnaires for Immigration Cases (SIQI)" The following questionnaires are provided to facilitate the Trauma Informed Structured Interview. Also published in Russian, Chinese, and Spanish. (September 21, 2015 updated April 27, 2023).

Gwenyth Szabo and Leslye Orloff, "Filing to Remove Conditions for Legal Permanent Residency for Battered Spouses: Choose Battered Spouse Waiver Over Divorce" (May 23, 2023)

Gwenyth Szabo, Faiza Chappell, and Leslye Orloff, "How to Apply for a Fee Waiver" (May 19, 2023)

NIWAP, "U and T Training Materials" (April 12, 2023)

Huguet, Limayli, Faiza Chappell, Meera Patel, and Leslye Orloff, "Comparing Inadmissibility Waivers Available to Immigrant Victims in VAWA Self-Petitioning, U Visa, T Visa and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Cases" (January 28, 2021, Updated December 26, 2022)

Krisztina E. Szabo, Spencer Cantrell, Abigail Whitmore, & Leslye E. Orloff, "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)" (July 10, 2015; Updated December 30, 2021)

Benish Anver, Leslye E. Orloff, and Gwenyth Szabo, "U Visa Certifications, T visa Declarations, and Continued Presence: Range of Potential Certifiers" (June 24, 2014; Updated December 30, 2021)

Leslye Orloff, Brittany Roberts, and Makaela Rodriguez, "Good Faith Marriage in VAWA Self-Petitioning Cases," an assessment tool used in determining good faith marriage in order for an immigrant to be eligible for several forms of immigration relief (February 2013)(Updated December 29, 2021)

NIWAP Webpage, "Battered Spouse Waiver (BSW) Webinar and Training Materials" (November 18, 2021)

Leslye E. Orloff, Battered Spouse Waiver Regulations 8 C.F.R. 216.5 Annotated For Updated Laws (November 12, 2021)

NIWAP Webpage, New Department of Homeland Security Policies Released 2021: Importance for Immigrant Survivors (October 14, 2021)

NIWAP Webpage, Technical Assistance and Training on Legal Rights of Immigrant Crime Victims (Updated September 27, 2021)

Abigail Whitmore and Leslye E. Orloff, "When Family and Immigration Laws Intersect: Case Law and Department of Homeland Security Policy Update" (September 19, 2021)

Katelyn Deibler and Leslye E. Orloff, "U Visa Timeline with Background Checks" (March 29, 2019; Updated September 15, 2021)

Gwenyth Szabo, Rocio Molina, and Sergeant Inspector Antonio Flores, "U Visa Certification Process Flow Chart" (August 30, 2021)

Sylvie Sheng and Leslye E. Orloff, "T Visa Application Flowchart" (July 3, 2020; Updated June 12, 2021)
Judge Julie Breslow, Judge Mary Grace Rook and Leslye E. Orloff, "Clara, Eduardo, and Juanita Hypothetical" for use training judges on commercial sexual exploitation of children (June 15, 2021)

Katelyn Deibler and Leslye E. Orloff, "VAWA Self-Petition Timeline with Background Checks." (March 29, 2019; Updated June 12, 2021)

Katelyn Deibler and Leslye E. Orloff, "T Visa Timeline with Background Checks" (June 12, 2021)

Huguet, Limayli, Faiza Chappell, and Leslye Orloff, "Comparing Inadmissibility Waivers Available to Immigrant Victims in VAWA Self-Petitioning, U Visa, T Visa and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Cases" (January 28, 2021)

Orloff, Leslye, "Comparing VAWA Haitian Refugee Immigrant Fairness Act of 1998 ("VAWA HRIFA), VAWA Cuban Adjustment Act and VAWA Self-Petitioning Chart" (January 28, 2021)

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Public Benefits Map and Charts

State by State Public Benefits Charts -The following state-by-state charts were developed as a tool to help judges, victim advocates, and attorneys quickly assess which publicly funded benefits and services that Afghan refugees, immigrant survivors, or immigrant children they are working with qualify to receive and assist them in navigating these complex issues. What benefits or services are available vary by the immigration relief the refugee, victim or child is pursuing, the publicly funded benefit service they need, whether they are a crime victim, the date they entered the United States, and what state they live in. NIWAP's detailed state charts listed below are being supplemented in 2021 and 2022 by at set of state-by-state screening charts that summarize access to benefits in each state.

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Meaghan Fitzpatrick and Leslye E. Orloff, "NIWAP Newsletter: Screening Unaccompanied Minors (Vol. 1, Issue 2, October 31 2014)" Addressing the importance of screening unaccompanied minors for immigration relief, provided demographic information, and comparisons of the types of immigration relief unaccompanied minors may be eligible for and the potential public benefits. (October 31, 2014)

Spencer Cantrell, "NIWAP Newsletter: Welcome (Vol. 1, Issue 1, September 2014)." NIWAP staff, and interns (September 17, 2014). NIWAP sent our first monthly newsletter using the new mailing list software on September 17th to more than 5,800 subscribers. The newsletter generated interest in NIWAP's recent publications on Access to Legal Services for Immigrant Survivors and new Board of Immigration Appeals ruling on gender-based asylum.

Peer Reviewer for Professional Journals and Publications

Crime, Law and Social Change Journal (2015)
Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment and Trauma (2012)
Routledge Book Publishers (2015)
Violence Against Women – Sage (2016), (2020)

Amicus Briefs and Court Advocacy

"Kazami v. Kazami" is a case in which the Texas Court of Appeals ruled that domestic violence victims can enforcement Affidavits of Support in state court divorce actions. This case highlighted the importance of developing a model brief that state family lawyers representing immigrant victims in divorce cases and in Affidavit of Support Enforcement cases can use to brief state court judges. The law firm of Wilmer Hale is developing this brief for NIWAP pulling together legislative history, the social

science research of economic power and control in domestic violence cases, and case law from across the country on Affidavit of Support enforcement. (Brief in process of being drafted)

Samuel Cardnes v Attorney General United States of America" NIWAP was lead amicus joined by Legal Momentum and the Tahirih Justice Center on a brief submitted to the 10th Circuit prepared by the law firm Haynes and Boone. Under VAWA and U.S.C. § 1367, the amici argued that abused immigrant children and stepchildren are entitled to protections regardless of when their abuser obtained lawful permanent residency status. The Amicus Brief urged the 10th Circuit to reject the Board of Immigration Appeals' reliance on the Matter of L-L-P, which imposed a timing requirement not required by the underlying VAWA cancellation of removal statute. The amici emphasized that coercive control and threats related to immigration status are forms of abuse that continue even after separation. The brief documented how this approach is supported by VAWA's legislative history and the Congressional intent behind VAWA which was to protect victims from being tethered to their abusers through immigration dependency. The Court should find that the Board erred in denying Cardenas relief under VAWA cancellation of removal, and the decision should be reversed. (June 16, 2025)

"Amina Bouarfa v. Mayorkas" NIWAP participated as an expert on the legislative history and purpose of the Violence Against Women Act Immigration protections in a brief prepared by the law firm of Jones Day and led by the National Immigrant Justice Center before the Supreme Court of the United States in on a Writ of Certiorari from the Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. DHS took the position in this case that its decision to revoke a visa petition on the ground that it never should have been issued is unreviewable, even if a decision to deny on the same ground would have been reviewable. If the Court adopts that interpretation, noncitizens seeking vital forms of immigration relief designed to protect those who have been victims of crime or domestic violence, including U visas, T visas, and self-petitions under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), may also have their paths to the courthouse blocked, with no ability to challenge administrative legal and factual error. (July 10, 2024).

"Marlo-Gans vs. US Citizenship and Immigration Services Administrative Appeals Office." This case was brought by a pro se litigant challenging the requirement victims must file a U visa certification as a mandatory piece of evidence in their U visa application in order for the victim's U visa case to be accepted as filed and adjudicated on the merits by USCIS. This case was brought by a victim labor trafficking who escaped their trafficker and returned to their home country so only qualified for a U visa and not a T visa because the victim had left the U.S. NIWAP was successful in convincing the U.S. Attorney for South Dakota that they had made an error of law in denying the U visa certification to the victim of attempted human trafficking using the new T visa regulations that clarify that victims of attempted human trafficking who escape are considered human trafficking victims under federal law. The U.S. Attorneys Office for South Dakota issued a U visa certification for the victim who was able to file their U visa case mooting the federal district court case. (July 2024).

"Francisco Ramirez, Jacqueline Reyes-Mendoza, And Their Minor Child B.R., v Hon. Daylene A. Marsh and David Paulino Padilla-Suazo" Emergency petition for writ of superintending control to the New Mexico Supreme Court in a sexual assault case in which a state court judges ordered U visa and T visa applicant victims to turn over in criminal court discovery information contained in the victim's VAWA confidentiality protected case in violation of federal law. Under 8 U.S.C. § 1367, the court held that U or T Visa applications are privileged material. Thus, the court further held that subpoenas shall not compel victims of either U or T Visa applications to disclose such privileged material. The court reasoned that policies and principles underlying Section 1367 prohibit disclosure of such privileged materials. Both of the plaintiff-victims, their parents, and their immigration counsel should not have been compelled to produce such privileged material, despite the subpoena(s) compelling disclosure by the defendants. Lastly, under 8 U.S.C. § 214.216(c) the attorney-client privilege also prohibited the U/T Visa recipients from disclosing privileged materials. NIWAP was represented in this appeal by Skadden, Arps,

Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP;. The New Mexico Supreme Court reversed the courts discovery rulings using the arguments laid out in NIWAP's brief. (Brief filed July 31, 2023, Decision May 15, 2025)

"Licely Juarez Velasquez vs. Lizardo Marroquin Miranda" In a case before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court on appeal from the judgement of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania NIWAP filed an amicus brief prepared by K & L Gates. NIWAP's amicus brief identified legal errors made by a Pennsylvania judge who refused to issue Special Immigrant Juvenile Status judicial determinations to an immigrant child in a case where the court issued custody orders. NIWAP's brief quoted Department of Homeland Security policies, regulations, statutes and publications that were contrary to each of the state court judge's legal errors under federal Special Immigrant Juvenile Status laws. (February 1, 2024)

"Wilkinson vs. Garland" VAWA Cancellation. NIWAP participated in the development of an amicus brief led by the National Immigrant Justice Center in a case before the U.S. Supreme Court in a case considering whether extreme hardship determinations in cancellation of removal cases are subject to judicial review. NIWAP, NIJC and other amici with expertise on Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Cancellation of Removal filed an amicus brief before the U.S. Supreme Court with representation from Weil, Gotshal and Manges LLP, describing the legislative history of VAWA cancellation of removal cases designed to protect immigrant spouses and children abused by U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident spouses or parents. The brief described how VAWA cancellation of removal and its extreme hardship provisions are different that other cancellation of removal immigration cases. This amicus brief urged that while VAWA extreme hardship determinations are reviewable, the question is not presented to the Supreme Court and the Court should avoid issuing an overbroad decision that could harm VAWA confidentiality protections designed by Congress for abused immigrant spouses and children. (September 2023)

"Geidy Mavely Soto Alvarado And Mauricio Antonio Garcia Soto v. Merrick Garland" NIWAP led an amicus brief filed in the U.S. District Court of Rhode Island that was joined by Harvard Law School professors and clinics, the ACLU, the Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and all of the major women shelters in Rhode Island. This brief argued that USCIS had misinterpreted VAWA 2000 amendments that were designed to allow VAWA self petitioners to divorce, file their self petitions, and after filing remarry with no impact that would lead to denial of the application. In this case an immigrant for self petitioner remarried year and ½ after filing but before her self-petition case was approved and USCIS revoked or approved self petition. Amici won a motion to reopen the District Court's denial of the self petitioner's case and the trial will proceed on the merits. Map is being represented in this case by Crowell and Moring (June 13, 2023)

"Ada Merary Rivas-Ramos v Merrick Garland" NIWAP represented by Manatt, Phelps, and Phillips, LLP filed an amicus brief in the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals in a case of Ada Rivas-Ramos faced abuse at the hands of her former partner with whom she had been in a relationship with since she was 14 years old and shared children. Rivas-Ramos testified as to the sustained abuse she suffered throughout their relationship, including that the abuser hit her in the face with a bottle, threatened her and their children's lives, and order men whom he sent after her to sexually assault her. The brief, examined the social science research around intimate partner violence that explains physically leaving a residence shared with an abusive partner does not mean the survivor has successfully ended the relationship. This is particularly true where there are children in common, when there is economic abuse, and when the abuser was coercively controlling the victim. The Board's denial of her asylum rested on the premise she would be able to leave the relationship again, which is inapposite to the research. The brief also explained many indicators present in both the case history and in peer-reviewed research that showed Rivas-Ramos was likely to face increased violence or even death should she be forced to return to Honduras. Many risk factors – including stalking, which has the highest indication of an abuser killing their victim – were present in Rivas-Ramos' case. (June 2, 2023)

"Access to Safety Net Assistance and Medicaid for U Visa Applicants Under New York's Statutory Definition of PRUCOL" Assisted the Sanctuary for Families on an a brief submitted to an administrative law judge hearing an appeal of a denial of Safety Net Services and Medicaid to a U visa applicant in New York. (February 16, 2023)

"Guardianship of S.H.R. v. Jesus Rivas" (Supreme Court of California) NIWAP filed an amicus brief in the Supreme Court of California in a case in which the Court of Appeals wrongly denied an SIJS eligible child SIJS predicate findings. The amicus brief developed by Manatt, Phelps and Phillips for NIWAP detailed the legislative and regulatory history of Special Immigrant Juvenile Status and discussed how the approach taken by the Court of Appeals directly contradicts this legislative and regulatory history and the 2022 SIJS regulations issued by DHS. The brief discussed how the courts below incorrectly applies laws of a foreign country when application of California law is required by SIJS regulations, statutes and policies. The brief also discusses how it is impermissible for court to fail to issue SIJS findings when there is uncontroverted credible evidence to support the findings. The California Supreme Court in a unanimous decision with one concurrence adopted the approach advocates by NIWAP's amicus brief and the 2022 SIJS regulations relied up in the brief. (March 21, 2022; August 15, 2022)

"Pierre Salame Ajami v. Veronica Tescari Solano" (6th Circuit Court of Appeals) NIWAP filed an Amicus Brief in a 6th Circuit Court of Appeals case in which a Venezuelan mother who had been granted asylum in the United States as a victim of domestic violence was ordered by the District Court in a Hague Convention case to return her children who had also been granted asylum in the U.S. to their father in Venezuela. This appeal highlighted the error of law that the District Court made in failing to consider the fact that the mother and children had been deemed credible by DHS and granted asylum. The brief provided social science data demonstrated how the District Court had also failed to consider the impact of trauma on testimony of domestic violence victims. NIWAP was represented by DLA Piper and Crowell and Moring represented the victim mother in this case. (April 19, 2022)

"Brown v. Arizona" (9th Circuit Court of Appeals) NIWAP signed on to an amicus brief developed by the National Women's Law Center in support of a student survivor who was seeking to hold her university accountable for its failure to address sex-based harassment under Title IX. (March 29, 2022).

"In Re D.T. –O" (Maryland Court of Special Appeals) NIWAP filed an amicus brief in a case before the Maryland Court of Special Appeals represented by K & L Gates LLP in a case in which Maryland State Child Protective Services used a parent's immigration status and issues related to immigration status to terminate a parent's parental rights. This amicus brief argues that federal preemption precludes Maryland from imposing penalties against undocumented immigrant parents fin custody and termination of parental rights cases. This together with failures to provide language access in this case violated the immigrant mother's due process rights (May 20, 2021).

"Amicus Curiae Brief in Maria Luisa Rodriguez Tornes vs. William P. Barr" (9th Circuit Court of Appeals) NIWAP led an amicus brief with DLA Piper for a case filed in the 9th Circuit discussing how domestic violence victims are able to receive gender-based asylum because they domestic violence they experience is based on their social group membership. NIWAP's brief documented the cultural, religious and social conditions that domestic violence victims suffer that serves as a valid basis for domestic violence related gender based asylum. This brief provided the social science support for a Tahirih Justice Center case challenging the Attorney General Sessions Justice Department position on domestic violence related gender based asylum cases. This amicus brief contributed to a favorable decision from the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. (October 19, 2019- February 2, 2021)

"Aylaliya Assefa Birru v. Barr" (9th Circuit Court of Appeals) NIWAP will be lead amicus, represented by Baker McKenzie, in a brief filed in the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals on behalf of an immigrant domestic violence victim who is seeking relief under the Violence Against Women Act's domestic violence victim waiver in her VAWA cancellation of removal case. The Board of Immigration Appeals and the immigration judge denied her that ability to present evidence of waiver eligibility. (January 11, 2021).

"Barr v. Ming Dai and Barr v. Alcaraz" (Supreme Court of the United States) NIWAP assisted Jenner & Block in developing and securing social science support in a brief filed to the Supreme Court of the United States on the question of credible testimony. The brief explained the impact of trauma on memory and ability to testify, other mental health conditions' impact on memory and credibility, and credibility compared to truth. (December 23, 2020)

"Amicus Brief Filed in the Supreme Court of Nevada Ahed Said Senjab v. Mohamad Abulhakim Alhulaibi." (Supreme Court of Nevada) NIWAP, represented by K&L Gates LLP, filed an amicus brief on behalf of a domestic violence victim who was an F-2 visa holder spouse. After receiving a protection order protecting the victim and her son from ongoing abuse from her F1-visa holder spouse, the victim filed for divorce. The divorce court dismissed the victim's divorce case after finding that the state divorce court had no jurisdiction to adjudicate divorce for visa holder spouses based on an erroneous reading of a 9th Circuit immigration case. This amicus brief describes how U.S. immigration laws do not preempt state family laws and state law controls how an immigrant can establish residency for purpose of divorce and family law adjudications. (September 24, 2020).

"Chrismy Sagaille v. Christina Carrega" (Supreme Court Of The State Of New York,Appellate Division, First Department). NIWAP assisted the National Women's Law Center providing expertise on immigrant survivors' experiences with sexual assault and signed on to an amicus brief filed in the Supreme Court of New York, Appellate Division. This amicus was filed on behalf of a number of women's groups protecting sexual assault survivors from retaliatory defamation suits by their named assailants. (August 3, 2020).

"Amicus on in Jennifer Arguijo v. Wolf" (7th Circuit Court of Appeals) NIWAP represented by K & L Gates LLP, filed an amicus brief in the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals at the request of the National Immigrant Justice Center in a case of a battered immigrant step-child whose self-petition was denied by USCIS. Both the appellant step-child and her mother were abused by the victim's citizen step-father including sexual abuse of his step-daughter. The step-child's mother died related to the abuse she had suffered. USCIS and the BIA claimed that the victim's step-parent/step-child relationship ends with divorce or death. NIWAP's amicus brief describes how the Immigration and Nationality Act statutory text does not provide an end date for the step-child step-parent relationship and that imposing one is contrary to the legislative history and purpose of the Violence Against Women Act and VAWA self-petitioning. This amicus brief contributed to a favorable 7th Circuit opinion ruling in the VAWA self-petitioner's favor confirming that divorce does not end the step-parent/step-child relationship for VAWA self-petitioners. (July 29, 2020).

"Amicus in Gabriel Perez Cruz v. Barr" (9th Circuit Court of Appeals) NIWAP assisted the Family Violence Appellate Project in California in developing, securing social science support for and national sign ons from 16 organizations nationally for this 9th Circuit Amicus Brief in which we were represented by Haney and Boone LLP. The brief discussed the mental health impact of domestic violence and coercive control in abusive relationships and perpetrators who coerce their victims into committing crimes, and the need for courts to consider these factors when adjudicating a domestic violence victim's withholding of removal claims and particularly whether they crime they committed was a "particularly serious crime." (July 9, 2020).

"Women's Movement Amicus in Commonwealth of Virginia v. Ferreiro." (U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit) NIWAP joined women's groups from across the country represented by Winston and Strawn in an amicus brief filed in D.C. District court litigation brought by Attorneys General of Virginia, Illinois and Nevada supporting the Equal Rights Amendment (July 1, 2020)

David Thronson, "Declaration filed in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia in O.M.G. vs Wolf." NIWAP coordinated a national team of law professors and recruited the law firm of Winston Strum to help draft and develop this declaration that discusses the dangers for children in DHS family detention centers, the risks posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and provides an excellent overview with social science research data support of the impact of trauma for immigrant children in their neurobiological, cognitive, and psychological development and children's health and well-being. (March 30, 2020)

"Amicus Brief in the Matter of M-A" (Board of Immigration Appeals) NIWAP was lead amicus in an appeal to the Board of Immigration Appeal in a case of first impression challenging an Immigration Judge's denial of VAWA cancellation of removal to an LBGTQ immigrant victim of spouse abuse who suffered multiple VAWA confidentiality violations including Immigration and Custom's Enforcement informing the court they planned to call the perpetrator as a witness, submitting an affidavit by the perpetrator that the immigration judge relied upon to deny the victim VAWA cancellation of removal, the immigration court failing to remove the victim's case from the publicly available computer system and numerous other VAWA confidentiality violations. The brief provided detailed legislative, regulatory and policy history on VAWA confidentiality and discussed each of the numerous VAWA confidentiality violations occurring in this case by Immigration and Customs Enforcement, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, the immigration judge and the immigration courts. (March 24, 2020)

"Amicus Brief in Federal District Court Case Challenging the Public Charge Rule" NIWAP assisted in provide substantive information on immigrant victims and signed on to an amicus brief drafted by Crowell and Moring on behalf of Advancing Immigrant Justice and a national group of amici. (January, 2020).

Leslye E. Orloff and NIWAP Staff, "Public Charge and Racial Justice Amicus Brief." (U.S. District Court, Northern District of California).This amicus curiae brief was written with the National Women's Law Center, Asian Americans Advancing Justice, and the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund in *La Clinica de la Raza*, et al. Trump, et al. (N.D. Cal) to oppose the new "public charge" rule. NIWAP provided editorial assistance on immigrant domestic and sexual violence victims (September 9, 2019)

Amicus Curiae Brief Written in Reina Victoria Rodriguez-Ramirez v. Barr (5th Circuit Court of Appeals). This brief was written in collaboration with Baker and Mackenzie Law Firm and discusses how incest relationships qualify as a domestic relationship and how federal law definitions of domestic violence should apply in gender-based asylum cases. (August 16, 2019)

Amicus Brief in Marcelle Guimaraes v. Christopher Scott Brann (Texas Supreme Court). NIWAP is serving as lead amicus on a brief before the Texas Supreme Court. The amicus curiae brief will be filed on behalf of a woman who is fighting for complete custody and the ability to keep her child in Brazil away from the child's father, who had abused the mother. The mother won a contested Hague Convention Case in which both parties participated and the mother was granted the right to keep the child in Brazil and was awarded full custody. The Texas trial court ignored the Brazilian order and in a divorce proceeding awarded custody to the father. Amicus brief filed in the Supreme Court of Texas. NIWAP represented by KL Gates. (May 8, 2019)

Amicus Brief in S.K.E.R. v. William P. Barr (5th Circuit Court of Appeals). NIWAOP filed an amicus curiae brief on behalf of a Honduran woman who was a victim of domestic violence. The brief discusses how the actions of the abuser in Honduras ranked high on the danger assessment scale and provided social science data documenting that moving out of a shared home with the abuser does not bring an end to the violence in the relationship. Victims who separate are often still unable to physically remove harms perpetrated by her abuser. This amicus was filed in the 5th Circuit Federal Court of Appeals. Winston and Strawn LLP (April 8, 2019)

Amicus Brief in Nelsa Rosa Hernandez Cabrera; A.J.E.H. v. U.S. (4th Circuit Court of Appeals), NIWAP is currently working on filing an amicus curiae on behalf of Nelsa Rosa Hernandez Cabrera; A.J.E.H., the petitioner is a domestic violence victim, from Honduras, who suffered physical abuse and enormous amount of control from her husband. The amicus will be filed in the Fourth Circuit Federal Court of Appeals in a case that Hernandez Cabrera is seeking to overturn a decision by the Board of Immigration Appeals that denied her request seeking asylum. Winston & Strawn LLP. (February 22, 2019)

Amicus Brief in N.Y.C.C. v. Whitaker (7th Circuit Court of Appeals) NIWAP filed an Amicus Brief in N.Y.C.C. v. Whitaker in the Seventh Circuit Federal Court of Appeals. This brief explained that coercive control is one of the defining characteristics of domestic violence relationship as a result leaving a shared residence with an abuser does not bring an end to the abuse. Additionally, the brief discusses the particular dangers when the perpetrator engages in stalking his victim. Winston & Strawn LLP (November 26, 2018)

Amicus Brief in W.M.V.C.; A.P.V. v. U.S. (5th Circuit Court of Appeals) NIWAP filed an amicus curiae brief on behalf of W.M.V.C. and her son A.P.V DV who suffered domestic violence and life-threats in a non-consensual relationship. The amicus brief discussed that the same power dynamics that precipitate domestic violence in heterosexual marital relationships apply and are present in same-sex and non-extramarital relationships. It also discussed the that the same factors that make a woman unable to leave an abusive opposite-sex relationship also make a woman unable to leave an abusive same-sex relationship, especially when the abuser is connected with law enforcement. This amicus was filed in the 5th Circuit Federal Court of Appeals in a case in which W.M.V.C. and A.P.V are seeking to overturn BIA's decision that denied Petitioners' applications for asylum, withholding of removal, and protection under the Convention Against Torture. Baker & McKenzie LLP (February 28, 2018)

Amicus Brief in Matter of Rosa Marisol Avelar Oliva (Board of Immigration Appeals), NIWAP filed an amicus curiae brief on behalf of an El Salvadorian woman who suffered child abuse and was held in isolation for years. The Immigration Judge found that she was not credible. The brief discussed the psychological and developmental effects of trauma and how childhood rape and sexual abuse can significantly impact witness's demeanor and ability to testify and report the abuse. The brief addressed how childhood trauma impairs brain development in key regions responsible for memory, reasoning, and planning. The amicus was filed in the Board of Immigration Appeals in a case in which Rosa Marisol is seeking gender-based asylum and withholding of removal. Crowell and Moring (February 16, 2018)

Amicus Brief in S.E.R.L v. U.S. (3rd Circuit Court of Appeals) NIWAP filed an amicus curiae brief on behalf of a Honduran woman who had helped her daughter escape from a domestic violence perpetrator who had trafficked the daughter to Mexico. The brief discussed the extent to which those who intervene to protect their family from perpetrators of domestic violence are at risk of violent retaliation by the perpetrator, up to and including death. She fled Honduras seeking asylum in the U.S. out of fear of more retaliation. This amicus was filed in the 3rd Circuit Federal Court of Appeals in a case in which S.E.R.L is seeking gender-based asylum as a Honduran woman who intervened in a domestic violence relationship who are left completely vulnerable to violent retaliation. Crowell and Moring (September 25, 2017)

Amicus Brief in Maria Esterlina Perez Vigil v. U.S. (5th Circuit Court of Appeals) NIWAP filed an amicus curiae brief on behalf of Maria Esterlina Perez Vigil a victim of domestic violence, who had denied her request for asylum because she was able to move out the residence that she shared with the abuser. The brief discussed the dynamics of abusive relationships and explained that physical separation from an abuser rarely means that an abused woman has successfully left the relationship or marriage and stopped the cycle of violence. Indeed, the abuser's control of the victim can often continue well after the victim moves out, particularly where children are involved. This amicus was filed in the 5th Circuit Federal Court of Appeals in a case in which Perez Vigil is seeking to overturn the Immigration Judge and the Board of Immigration`s ruling that denied her request seeking asylum, withholding of removal, and protection under the CAT. Winston & Strawn LLP. (July 26, 2017).

Kumar v. Kumar (California Court of Appeals) NIWAP served as sole amicus in a case in which a California state family court judge imposed the duty to mitigate that applies in contract cases and alimony cases to an immigrant spouse, in this case a battered immigrant spouse, seeking to enforce the Affidavit of Support her husband signed with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security when he sponsored her to attain legal permanent residency status. The brief cited case law from other states and law review articles discussing current state family court practice allowing immigrant spouses to enforce affidavits of support in family court cases. The brief provided legislative history and social science data supporting the position imposing a duty to mitigate undermines the legislative purpose of the Affidavit of Support and in the case of battered immigrant spouses the Violence Against Women Act. This amicus contributed to a successful ruling from the California Court of Appeals (Crowell and Moring: September 26, 2016)

Board of Immigration Appeals Amicus Invitation 2016-0609 Amicus Curiae Brief of National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project and The Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service submitted this amicus brief to the Board of Immigration Appeals discussing the brain development and neuroscience of how having experienced or witnessed trauma impacts the brain development of children and adolescents. The brief argues that in cases of child asylum applicants' waivers of the one-year deadline based on extraordinary circumstances must be presumed for children under the age of 21. The brain science also supports waivers of the deadline for older youth in their 20s who can demonstrate based on the totality of the circumstances of their case and the impact of the trauma they suffered on their lives that they meet the extraordinarily circumstances test. (Crowell and Moring: August 31, 2016)

In Re. S.D. (D.C. Court of Appeals) NIWAP served as co-lead amicus with the National Crime Victim Law Instituted and recruited 8 organizations and domestic violence experts to join as amicus on an appeal of a criminal stalking case in which a D.C. Superior Court Judge had ordered that redacted portions of the victim's mental health treatment records be turned over to the stalking perpetrator in a criminal case restitution hearing. The perpetrator had pled guilty to criminal stalking and criminal violation of a civil protection order. The brief argued that when a victim presents clear, credible and unrebutted evidence of causation and cost it justifies restitution without discovery of mental health records and discusses the mental health impact on victims of requiring that their mental health records be turned over to their stalkers in order to be granted restitution. (Arnold and Porter: May 5, 2016)

In The Matter of: Suyi Varquero-Cubias (Board of Immigration Appeals), NIWAP participated in an Amicus brief filed with the Board of Immigration Appeals in a case of a battered immigrant from El Salvador who separated from her abusive boyfriend and her abuser continued to stalk, sexually assault, and threaten her for the next two years until she fled in fear of her life for the United States. The Immigration Judge denied her asylum case based on the fact that she was not married to the abuser and that she had physically separated from her abuser. This amicus brief asked the Board of Immigration Appeals clarify that divorce or a woman's other attempts to separate are not dispositive of a woman's ability to leave the abusive relationship where she lacks the power to end the domestic relationship. NIWAP provided social science research on separation violence and abusers power and control to

continue to perpetrate post-separation coercive control, abuse and sexual violence supporting the victim's claim for gender based asylum. (Center for Gender and Refugee Studies, Hastings Law School: April 5, 2016)

Yessica Rusio Alvarado-Euceda et al v. Loretta Lynch (5th Circuit Court of Appeals) NIWAP was lead amicus in an amicus brief that presented research showing that an abusive domestic relationship does not end when the victim moves out of a shared residence, particularly when the victim and the abuser have children in common. They will also explain how the abuse may become more violent and disempowering after the victim attempts to move on with her life – and how such an attempt may cause the abuser to focus his abuse on third parties (children, new partners) as a way to maintain a controlling relationship over the victim after they no longer live together. This brief is being distributed nationally to be used by attorneys representing immigrant domestic violence victims in gender based asylum cases before immigration judges. (Winston and Strawn: February 25, 2016)

"Equal Employment Opportunity Commission v. Koch Foods." (5th Circuit Court of Appeals) NIWAP Inc. led national amicus brief that provided legislative history of the VAWA confidentiality provisions and the U visa and discussed the public policy effects on victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking and other crimes if discovery of VAWA confidentiality protected information is allowed from either the EEOC or the individual victim workers in civil employment discrimination cases brought by the EEOC on behalf of victims of sexual and physical assault in the work place. The appeal led to a reversal, confirmation that VAWA confidentiality protected information is not discoverable from the EEOC and provided direction to the District Court to be used in conducting a balancing of interests test under federal rule of civil procedure 26. (Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves, and Savitch; Arnold and Porter: October 22, 2015)

"Souratgar v. Fair" (2nd Circuit Court of Appeals) – NIWAP participated in an amicus in a Hague Convention international custody case with Sanctuary for Families in New York. The amicus address domestic violence and immigration related abuse and provided social science research and legislative history documenting the dynamics of domestic violence experienced by immigrant victims, particularly immigration related abuse as well as research and Congressional Resolutions on the effect that witnessing a domestic violence has on children. (Greenberg and Traurig: February 18, 2013)

In Re C.M.B.R E.M.B.R. v. S.M. and M.M (Missouri Court of Appeals) NIWAP serve as lead amicus on a brief seeking to overturn the termination of parental rights of a mother who was picked up in a DHS raid at her workplace and took a plea to a federal charge of document fraud that the U.S, Supreme Court later overturned, despite the fact that the mother had served time in jail. While in jail the state of Missouri took custody of her son, terminated her parental rights and gave her son to a Missouri family for adoption. NIWAP's brief discussed DHS policies developed to prevent detention and incarceration of mothers and argued that immigration detention of a mother is not a ground for unfitness that can serve as a basis of termination of parental rights. (Crowell and Moring: January 28, 2013)

Leslye Orloff and Morgan Lewis, LLP. "Redacted VAWA Confidentiality Amicus: Family Court" (October 2012)

Romain v Napolitano (U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York) NIWAP served as lead amicus in the first VAWA Confidentiality appeal of denial of a criminal court discovery order. This was a case in which a domestic violence perpetrator who was being prosecuted for domestic violence sought discovery under Brady and W.M.V.Crio of the VAWA confidentiality protected VAWA self-petition immigration case filed by his battered immigrant spouse. The perpetrator of spousal rape subpoenaed the victims VAWA self-petition case from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The Federal District

Court ultimately denied the subpoena and discovery of the self-petition file by the criminal defendant spouse. (Morgan, Lewis and Bockius: March 16, 2012)

Policy/Advocacy

Immigrant Crime Victim Remedies

Meetings and Consultations

"Consultation with Sara Darehshori from Human Rights Watch about updating their U visa Report" (May 29, 2025)

"Gender Policy Council, White House and DOJ's Role in VAWA Self- Petition and U Visa Regulations" Consultation with Gender Policy Council staff on issues regarding immigrant survivors. (May 25, 2024)

"Gender Policy Council, White House and DOJ's role in VAWA self- petition and U Visa regulations" Consultation with Jennifer Klein and Catherine Powell about getting help from the White House GPC to help ensure DHS is prioritizing getting both final U-Visa and VAWA regulation cleaned by OMB as soon as possible. (May 21, 2024)

"Gender Policy Council, White House and DOJ's role in VAWA self- petition and U Visa regulations" Consultation with Catherine Powell at the GPC about vulnerability of the U Visa rule, fully implementing VAWA and getting Congress to ensure these regulations are at risk of reversal under a chance of a new administration.

"Commissioner Kotagal's REACH Initiative Listening Session" which focused on serving and enhancing outreach to survivors of gender-based violence NIWAP's comments discussed the needs of immigrant and limited English proficient survivors. (May 8, 2024)

"Need for Transitional Help for Immigrant Victims Who Lost Access to VAWA, U Visa, or T Visa Immigration Protections Due to Fee Waiver Denials" Consultation with staff at the USCIS Office of Policy and Strategy staff. (March 14, 2024)

"The CIS Ombudsman's Webinar Series: Joint Webinar with USCIS on Its New Fee Rule" NIWAP participated and provided feedback on this The Department of Homeland Security's Office of the Citizenship and Immigration Services Ombudsman (CIS Ombudsman)\. (February 29, 2024).

T Visa Legislation At the request of the Freedom Network and Esperanza United met with Senator Castro's staff to discuss upcoming T visa legislation that would remove the physical presence required for T visas. Provided expertise on VAWA confidentiality protections already in place and recommendations on the legislation to ensure it did not weaken protections under current law (September 13, 2023).

Providing Know Your Rights Information to All Immigrants Encountered by Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Customs and Border Patrol, and USCIS, met with White House Gender Policy Council staff urging the development of a single brochure that would cover all forms of immigration relief for immigrant victims of crime, abuse, and gender-based violence that should be required to be distributed by all DHS personnel along with the DHS infographic and GBV brochure. (May 24, 2023)

U Visa fee Waivers Cause Appeal Problems for Victims, met with White House Gender Policy Council staff to discuss how USCIS' current fee waiver policies result in missing appeals deadlines and children aging out of applications although victim's fee waiver requests are timely filed. Contrary to the position taken by virtually all state courts if a fee waiver request is denied by USCIS the applicant is not given an opportunity to instead pay the fee in a timely manner and have their case be considered filed as of the date they filed the fee request. (May 23, 2023)

Maryland U Visa Protocol consultation with State Court of Maryland and the Maryland Special Status Commission with state court judges from California, Missouri and Texas answering questions on U visa certification by state court judges to support that adoption of a Maryland state-wide state court protocol on U visa certification in protection order proceedings (April 13, 2023)

HART Service Center at USCIS Service Center Operations consultation by NIWAP with the Office of the Director, US Citizenship and Immigration Services (March 28, 2023)

Implementing 8 U.S.C. 1367 in Family Based Visa Petitions and Adjustments, Met with White House Gender Policy Council staff to discuss the need for new USCIS policies governing how family-based petitions I-130 and request for adjustment of status I-485 are adjudicated so as to be compliant with VAWA confidentiality laws (8 USC 1367). (March 5, 2023)

Setting Up a New System For Adjudicating Cases Filed By Survivors of Crime and Abuse, Met with White House Gender Policy Council staff to discuss the need for setting up a specialized team of adjudicators at USCIS to adjudicate VAWA self-petitions, U Visas, T Visas, Battered Spouse Waivers, work authorizations for abused spouses of work visa holders, and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status applications. (March 3, 2023)

Ending Reinstatement of Removal for Immigrant Crime Victims. Met with White House Gender Policy Council staff to discuss the need for implementation of VAWA 2005 protections against reinstatement of removal for immigrant victims eligible for protections under the VAWA, U and T visa programs. The need for standard operating procedure at ICE governing their encounters with immigrant survivors was also discussed. (March 3, 2023)

Opportunities for the Administration to Meet the Needs of Immigrant Survivors meeting with Rosie Hidalgo and Zain Lakhani White House Gender Policy Council discussing potential improvements that will benefit immigrant survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and human trafficking at the U.S. Departments of Homeland Security, Housing and Urban Development and Labor. (March 3, 2023)

Creating a Crime and Abuse Victim Protection Directorate at the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service that would be responsible for adjudicating VAWA, T visa, U visa, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status and Battered Spouse Waiver cases. Meeting with Phyllis Coven, Ombudsman and Elissa McGovern, Chief of Policy, Office of the USCIS Ombudsman. (October 26, 2022)

Creating a Crime and Abuse Victim Protection Directorate at the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service that would be responsible for adjudicating VAWA, T visa, U visa, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status and Battered Spouse Waiver cases. Meeting with senior staff at USCIS Felicia Escobar Carillo, Chief of Staff, Office of the USCIS Director, Amanda Baran, Chief Office on Policy and Strategy and Benish Anver, USCIS (September 29, 2022)

Creating a Crime and Abuse Victim Protection Directorate at the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service that would be responsible for adjudicating VAWA, T visa, U visa, Special

Immigrant Juvenile Status and Battered Spouse Waiver cases. Meeting with Phyllis Coven, Ombudsman. (August 8, 2022)

Roundtable: Community Responder/Co-Responder Models. Participated as an experts on immigrant survivors in a roundtable convened for the Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women discussing how Community Responder and Co-Responder Models could impact help for immigrant and underserved survivors. (July 13, 2022)

Addressing Nebraska Service Center (NSC) Rejections of U Visa Filings Containing Certifications on U Visa Certification Form With Extended Expiration Date. The NSC was rejecting all U visa applications that were filed using a U visa certification form with an old expiration date that had been explicitly extended through January 2023. The announcement of the extension was on the USCIS website and NSC continued rejecting applications. NIWAP brought the cases to the attention of the Office on Policy and Strategy which intervened to get the NSC to accept the applications. (May 23-30, 2022)

Potential U Visa Legislation. Consultation with Pablo Balcazar, CHCI Public Policy Fellow Congressman Joe Neguse (CO-02) on potential legislation that could assist immigrant crime victims who are eligible for U visa immigration relief. (May 27, 2022)

Department of Homeland Security, Gender Based Violence brochure. Provided edits to draft brochure to be distributed at airports on gender based violence to the DHS Council on Violence Against Women that added remedies for gender based violence available to victims in the U.S., added a definition of child abuse and highlighted immigration related abuse and immigration relief available. (May 11, 2022).

Series of Meetings with Kelly Ryan and Heather Joseph U.S. Department of Homeland Security on promoting naturalization of immigrant survivors who received their lawful permanent residency through VAWA self-petitioning, VAWA cancellation of removal or suspension of deportation, U or T visas or SIJS. Assisted in advertising listening session, webinar, and with outreach to victim advocates and attorneys who represent immigrant survivors and the government funders of this work at the Department of Justice (December 2021 through April 2022)

Know Your Rights on Sexual Harassment in the Workplace assisted the EEOC in developing Dari and Pashto translations of Know Your Rights information and sexual harassment and facilitated distribution of this information to Afghan women refugees. (April 2022)
Meeting with Rena Cutlip-Mason and Andrea Strano of the Office on Policy and Strategy of USCIS to discuss a range of issues of importance to immigrant survivors including improvements needed to the VAWA policy manual, reinstatement of removal against immigrant survivors, problems with implementation of VAWA 2005 regarding naturalization of VAWA self-petitioners. (March 28, 2022)

Providing Public Benefits Expertise for Afghan Women With Humanitarian Parole, assisting the U.S. State Department in getting accurate legal information about state and federal public benefits Afghan women's rights activists and their families are eligible to receive in the states where they resettle. Recruiting volunteer law students and lawyers to develop state by state screening charts that will help Afghan women refugees and immigrant survivors of domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault and human trafficking access federal and state funded public benefits. (October 2021 to the present)
Brokered a Relationship Between a Team of Pro Bono Law Firms, the Tahirih Justice Center, and U.S. State Department Representatives to Provide Gender Based Asylum Legal Representation to Afghan Women's Rights Activists. Implementing a project through which approximately 100 women's rights activists and women judges, politicians, and journalists who have been granted humanitarian parole in the U.S. will receive legal representation in gender based asylum immigration cases as will their families (October 2021 to 2022)

Leslye E. Orloff, "Draft: Standard Operating Procedures Directive Applicable to All ICE, CBP and OPLA Officials who Encounter Victims of Crime or Abuse, VAWA Confidentiality Protected Persons, and/or Victim, Witness or Parties in Legal Proceedings" Submitted to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in response to a request from Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas. (February 28, 2021)
Approval of U Visa Cases with Protection Order Judge Certifications, advocacy with USCIS to reverse the position taken by the Nebraska Service Center's VAWA Unit that denied U visa cases submitted based on state protection order judge certifications. That was successful in securing reversal of the Nebraska Service Center's denial of U visa cases with protection order judge certifications. (June 23, 2021 – February 2, 2022)

USCIS Data Reporting – Listening Session, NIWAP participated in a listening session with USCIS on the data USCIS reports on immigration case processing, approvals, lawful permanent residency and naturalization. NIWAP discussed the need to report by state data on the number of lawful permanent residents in each state. (November 4, 2021)

Moving Battered Spouse Waiver Adjurations to the VAWA Unit at the Vermont Service Center submitted to USCIS legal and social science research documenting the need to move adjudications of battered spouse waiver cases from USCIS District Offices to the VAWA Unit (October 21, 2021)

Proposals for Improvements in U Visa and VAWA Self-Petitioning Regulations provided USCIS an analysis of reforms needed in current VAWA self-petitioning, Battered Spouse Waiver and U visa regulations to be consistent with all statutes that have become law through the Violence Against Women Acts and the Trafficking Victim Protection Acts from 1994 to the present. (October 2021)

Violence Against Women (VAWA) Self Petitions, NIWAP participated in a Listening session organized by US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). NIWAP made several comments regarding reform adjudication process to ensure that all VAWA self-petitioners receive early access deferred action and work authorization. Also, to end all fees on VAWA unit cases (August 26, 2021).

Analysis of Legal Inaccuracies in the 2019 U Visa Certification Guide by USCIS, provided USCIS a detailed analysis of problems in this Guide that need to be corrected in a rewrite of Guide. Asked that 2019 guide be rescinded. (July 27, 2021)

Briefing with Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas on Opportunities for DHS to Improve DHS' Role in Protecting Immigrant Survivors, NIWAP presentation in a discussion with Secretary Mayorkas on immigrant victims and DHS enforcement priorities, prosecutorial discretion in cases of immigrant victims, VAWA Confidentiality violations, the need for swift access to work authorization and other topics. (July 21, 2021)

Immigration Enforcement Priorities, Immigrant Survivors and the Domestic Violence Victim Waiver, participated in a meeting with senior staff at the Department of Homeland Security from Secretary Mayorkas' Office discussing how immigrant survivors particularly of domestic violence end up with criminal charges and criminal convictions. Congress created the domestic violence victim waiver and as DHS reviews enforcement priorities it is important that they be structured so that waiver eligible domestic violence victims are able to access the protections offered by the waiver. (May 13, 2021).

"Gender as a 6th Ground" participated in a national call of gender based asylum experts to discuss the pros and cons of amending U.S. asylum laws to add gender as a 6th ground for asylum which would ensure that the U.S. fully recognizes gender based violence as a human rights abuse. This call was led and convened by the Tahirih Justice Center (May 12, 2021).

Mexican Civil Rights Advisory Group (MGCRAG). Director of NIWAP attended the MCRAG advisory meeting in Washington, D.C. Topics included immigration detention centers, guidelines regarding public charge, issuance of NTA over denial of U, T, and SIJS, and other immigrant abuse. (September 17, 2020)

Victims of Crime Act Funding for State Government Agency Work with Immigrant Victims. NIWAP was contacted by The Department of Labor in Kansas, Child Protective Services in Mississippi and Adult Protective Services in Missouri. Each of these agencies was interested in receiving training for their staff and developing and implementing policies on U visa certification for their staff. NIWAP met with Heather Warnken (DOJ) to discuss whether state agencies could receive VOCA funding to undertake this work, learned that it was allowed under the current regulations, conveyed the information back to the agencies and NIWAP is having ongoing discussions with two of these agencies about the issue. (January 10, 2020)

Series of Planning Calls with the Secretary of Labor for the State of Kansas discussed assistance NIWAP could offer the Secretary of Labor, Delia Garcia, in drafting U and T visa certification regulations, implementing U and T visa certification practices within the Department of Labor and other state government agencies, developing an implementation strategy for the Department and providing in-person and webinar training for DOL staff on U and T Visa certification. (September 4, 2019 – January 21, 2020 and March, 2020))

Documentary about the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), Leslye E. Orloff participated in a several hour video interview by Sanda Cavallaro and her staff, a recent graduate of the University of Texas, for a documentary film that aims to bring to life the stories of immigrant victims in the United States. In the documentary, Leslye E. Orloff was interviewed as an expert on VAWA's immigration provisions and the legislative history of the creation of the VAWA 1994 including how its protections for helps immigrant women have tangibly affected people's lives. (February 13, 2020)

Consultations with Missouri Adult Protective Services senior staff and a board member of the National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA) on best practice for U and T visa certification by APS staff and the need for training of APS leadership and staff (October 2019 to March 2020)

Completed multiple meetings and read multiple drafts of the Anti-immigrant Violence Prevention Bill. Spoke with hill staffers: Carolina Peñalva-Arana, Adrienne Castro, and Justin Maturo who are in the Office of Congressman Mark Takano (October-November 2019)

Meeting with Justin Matthes from Department of Homeland Security. Meeting to discuss the intersection of law enforcement, prosecution, immigration, protections for immigrant victims of crime, and human trafficking (December 2, 2019)

Mexican Civil Rights Advisory Group (MGCRAG). Deputy director of NIWAP attended the MCRAG advisory meeting in Washington, D.C. Topics included immigration detention centers, guidelines regarding public charge, issuance of NTA over denial of U, T, and SIJS, and other immigrant abuse. (November 14, 2019)

Discussed the 2018 Report on Access to Justice for Immigrant Victims. NIWAP met with Anna Flagg of the Marshall Project to discuss NIWAP's 2018 report for one of her upcoming stories (October 23, 2019)

USCIS Listening Session on U Visa Certification with Law Enforcement and Prosecution Officials, recruited and prepared law enforcement officials to participate in this listening session (October 16, 2019)

USCIS Listening Session on U Visa Certification with victim advocates, attorneys and state Prosecutor's associations. Participated and recruited and prepared others to participate in this listening session (October 16, 2019)

Annotated the USCIS U Visa Law Enforcement Resource Guide with Interlineations comparing U visa regulations, preamble, and statutory language. Sent to Kathy Nuebel-Kovarik, Chief, Office of Policy and Strategy, Maureen Dunn, Division Chief, Office of Policy and Strategy, Justin Matthes, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Law Enforcement Policy, Office of Strategy, Policy, and Plans, Julie Kirchner, Ombudsman, and Cameron Quinn, Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (October 1, 2019)

"Letter to the Department of Homeland Security providing an analysis of US Citizenship and Immigration Service's August 2019 Visa Law Enforcement Resource Guide." The Letter provides detail on the legislative history of the U visa program, the U visa regulations, and regulatory history and outlines where the 2019 Resource Guide is inconsistent with the statute and regulations. Includes an annotated version of the 2019 Resource Guide with comparisons to the text of the regulations, statute and preamble to the regulations. (September 29, 2019)
Compiled and provided resources to the Government Accountability Office on VAWA self-petitions and VAWA Confidentiality (November 8, 2018).

Assisted U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) in recruiting individuals to help test their new online filing system to process immigration forms. NIWAP helped to find individuals that were willing to test this system by advertising in our newsletter. (September 2018)

VAWA, T, U, Continued Presence and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Infographic. Meeting with Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign staff on an infographic they are developing to provide legal rights information to immigrants at detention centers, whom Border Patrol is processing and whom USCIS, ICE and CBP encounter in their work. Washington, D.C. (October 14, 2016)

Infographic to Educate Victims About Crime Victim Related Immigration Cases for Which They May Qualify. Met with representatives from the DSH Ombudsman's Office. Washington D.C. (September 7, 2016)

Qualified Battered Immigrant Women Access to Public and Transitional Housing Consultation with United States Citizenship and Immigration Services regarding VAWA self-petitioner's legal rights to access public and assisted housing Washington, D.C. (August 29, 2016)

Improvements in Release from Detention and Immigration Enforcement Part II Meeting with Deputy Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas and senior Department of Homeland Security Staff to discuss steps that can be taken in 2016 regarding immigration detention and release. Responsible for presentation on immigrant crime victim issues. Washington, D.C. (August 9, 2016)

Weekly Sub-Committee Chair Meetings for the DHS/ICE Advisory Committee on Family Residential Centers. Participated in planning and coordination meetings of the Sub-Committee chairs and vice chairs directing the work of the Advisory Committee (April, 2016 – October, 2016)

Weekly Medical, Mental Health, and Trauma Sub-Committee Meetings for the DHS/ICE Advisory Committee on Family Residential Centers. Led weekly meetings of the Sub-Committee to plan, research, consult and develop a written subcommittee report for the Advisory Committee (April, 2016-October 2016)

Training Videos and Training Opportunities on Serving VAWA, T and U Visa Victims and DHS Victim Protections Meeting with Connie Patrick, Director, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center and lead DHS Blue Campaign Staff to discuss training videos and trainings FLETC could develop for law enforcement officials FLETC trains on the T and U visa programs and DHS victim protection policies. The meeting also discussed how FLETC could incorporate information at VAWA, T and U visa and Victim Witness policies in existing trainings FLETC is doing for federal, state and local law enforcement officials. FLTEC agreed to assist in advertising our OVW funded trainings to their law enforcement lists. (July 27, 2016)

Meeting with Deputy Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas to Discuss Outstanding Agenda of Work for 2016 on Policies Needed for Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Human Trafficking Secured an in person meeting with the Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and will DHS Headquarters Staff to advocate for priority work to be accomplished during the Obama Administration. Key issues discussed were the need for access to work authorization within 30 days of filing for U visa victims, VAWA confidentiality implementation by CBP, and changes in the U visa supervisor requirement. (June 25, 2016)

Improvements in Release From Detention and Immigration Enforcement Meeting with Deputy Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas and senior Department of Homeland Security Staff to discuss steps that can be taken in 2016 regarding immigration detention and release. Responsible for presentation on immigrant crime victim issues. Washington, D.C. (June 16, 2016)

Public Meeting of the DHS Advisory Committee on Family Residential Centers NIWAP's Director, Leslye E. Orloff participated as a member in the 2nd meeting of the ICE ACFRC and was appointed chair of the Subcommittee on Medical, Mental Health and Trauma. San Antonio, Texas (March 16, 2016)

Tour of Karnes and Dilley Family Residential Centers. NIWAP's Director, Leslye E. Orloff Participated as a member of the Advisory Committee on Family Residential Centers for Immigration and Customs Enforcement in tours of these family detention centers. Karnes and Dilley, Texas (March 15, 2016)

Conference call with Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign on collaboration efforts including U visa certification. (February 3, 2016)

USCIS Parole Meeting. Advocacy groups met with USCIS officials to discuss the implementation of parole procedures for U visa petitioners and qualifying family members based on existing parole guidelines and congressional intent of the U visa program, and share case examples to illustrate the need for parole guidelines implementation. Washington, D.C. (March 6, 2015)

Meeting with Department of Labor (DOL) on U Visa Certification Issues. Met with officials from DOL regarding workplace issues that DOL investigates and signs U visa certifications for. Discussed improvements and clarifications in their policies, including strategies on how to effectively complete U visa certifications to reflect the unique nature of the civil investigations DOL conducts on workplace abuses against immigrants. Washington, D.C. (February 6, 2015)

Meeting with Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Advocates and U.S. Citizenship and Naturalization Service (USCIS) Ombudsman Office Participated in a meeting with domestic violence and sexual assault advocacy groups and USCIS Ombudsman Office staffers to discuss next steps to follow up the January 12, 2015 meeting with DHS and ICE. This group meets frequently to alert the Ombudsman office of issues and questions from the field. Washington, D.C. (February 3, 2015)

Improved Access to Work Authorization and Removing Restrictive Supervisor Requirement. Led Meeting with Director Alejandro Mayorkas, Leadership and Issue Experts form all components of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services advocating for reforms in processing of U Visa and VAWA self-petitioning cases that will result in victims obtaining work authorization within 6 months of filing their immigration cases. This meeting also discussed ways to provide Police Chiefs and Sheriffs more local control over who they can designate to sign U visa certifications. NIWAP staff (Director, Fellow, Seminar Student), Officer Michael LaRiviere and former Director, DOJ, Office on Violence Against Women and former Dallas Prosecutor, Cindy Dyer attended the meeting, Washington, D. C., (December 6, 2014)

Meeting with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) at DHS to discuss U Visa Certification by ICE Met with Marie Martinez at ICE to the Prison Rape Elimination Act Implementation particularly with regard to U visa certifications and policies and practices of U visa certification within various branches of ICE and what can be done to widen the span of certifiers. (November 4, 2014)

Clarification under VAWA 2005 and LSC Regulations of LSC Funded Program's Ability to Represent Immigrant Victims of Battering, Extreme Cruelty and Domestic Violence When the Abuse Occurred Abroad. Meeting with National Legal Aid and Defender Association (NLADA) and Legal Services Corporation (LSC) regarding inconsistency in the new regulations issued by LSC in April 2014 that did not accurately describe eligibility for access to legal services by victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, as defined by the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2005. NIWAP worked with LSC and NLADA to discuss the inconsistency and to provide LSC with information about the potential group of immigrant victims that could potentially be unable to access critical legal services based on the inconsistency. (October 1, 2014)

Comprehensive Immigration Reform Provided background and editorial assistance to the Office of Representative Gwen Moore on the 1-year anniversary of the passage of VAWA 2013 and the need for immigration reform to help immigrant victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking. (March 4, 2014)

Violence Against Women Immigration Reform Strategy Session NIWAP Fellow and Seminar student participated in a half-day strategy session with national experts on immigrant women and immigrant victims of violence against women to develop strategies for immigration reform efforts during 2014. Washington, DC. (January 24, 2014)

Early Access to Work Authorization for VAWA Self-Petitioners and U Visa Applicants and Expansion of U-Visa Designation Authority Beyond Supervisors, Meeting at the White House with Domestic Policy Council and National Security Council Immigration Staff and with the Office on Violence Against Women discussing NIWAP's meeting with Department of Homeland Security Assistant Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas and gaining input on strategies for materials NIWAP is developing for the Assistant Secretary, Washington, D.C. (January 3, 2014)

Meeting with the Office of the Ombudsman for Citizenship and Immigration Services at the Department of Homeland Security – Discussed a number of issues of particularly importance to immigrant crime victims including ongoing significant delays in access to work authorization, reported on videos and work with CPB, amending the DHS brochure to include DACA and SIJS. At this meeting the Ombudsman's office asked for our assistance researching state laws with regard to access to driver's licenses for immigrant victims in the process of applying for VAWA, T-visa, U-visa, battered spouse waiver and other forms of victim related immigration relief (August 28, 2012)

Consultation/Interview on Gender Based Violence as a Driver for Migration from Eastern Europe to the United States Since 1989 – consulted with Susan Pearce, Ph.D. Fellow, European Studies Program (Summer 2012) Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina. Discussed the development of U.S. laws offering protection for immigrant domestic violence and sexual assault victims (August 17, 2012)

Policy Advocacy Papers

"Testimony in Favor of Legislative Proposals to Improve Maryland's U Visa Laws," Annapolis, Maryland (February 7, 2025)

"Proposed Statutory Amendments to Maryland's U Visa Certification Laws" in response to Maryland prosecutors and legislators based on national research completed by NIWAP drafted statutory text for a proposed update to Maryland's U visa certification laws (December 8, 2024)

"VAWA Self-Petitioner Interviews at USCIS Field Offices" Edited and signed on to a letter to the Director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (December 3, 2024)

Leslye E. Orloff, Dora Acherman, and Henry Talavera, "Recommendations to OSHA, U.S. Department of Justice for Updates and Revisions of OSHA's U Visa and T Visa Certification Policies to Be Fully Consistent With Department of Homeland Security Regulations and Policies and Federal Statutes" Submitted to the U.S. Department of Labor (September 20, 2024).

Leslye E. Orloff, Dora Acherman, and Henry Talavera, "Recommendations to the Wage and Hour Claim Office, U.S. Department of Justice for Updates and Revisions of OSHA's U Visa and T Visa Certification Policies to Be Fully Consistent With Department of Homeland Security Regulations and Policies and Federal Statutes" Submitted to the U.S. Department of Labor (September 20, 2024).

"Outline of U Visa Ethics Issues" by Leslye E. Orloff. Culled from and responding to issues raised in the Maryland, Minnesota and North Carolina Ethics Opinions. (May 17, 2024)

"Enhancing Responses to Domestic Violence: Trauma and Its Impact on Testimony" Collaborated in the development of the recording of an on-line training with the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. The training was requested by the Gender Policy Council at the White House for use by the Department of Homeland Security to train its asylum officers and adjudicators and also other DHS adjudication officers who work on cases involving domestic violence victims (March 12, 2024).

"Sign-on Letter: Urging DHS to Finalize the T Visa Rule" NIWAP signed on to a letter led by the Freedom Network urging the Biden Administration to move swiftly to address the crime victim based remaining regulatory priorities that will help reduce barriers to lifesaving immigration benefits. (February 23, 2024)

"Letter to President Biden from the National Task Force to End Sexual and Domestic Violence" The letter is about "The Impact of Proposed Asylum and Immigration Policy Changes on Immigrant Survivors of Gender-Based Violence." NIWAP provided edits on the letter and shared it with similar contacts. (December 19, 2023)

"Video Requested by the White House" on dynamics of domestic violence and sexual assault to be used for training Asylum Officers interviewing immigrants to enhance their ability to better identify domestic violence and sexual assault victimization and recognize trauma associated with this victimization. Two

videos were submitted in collaboration with the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and the Virginia Commonwealth Services Council (January 9, 2023)

"Understand the Neurobiology of Trauma Experience by Sexual Assault Survivors" Arranged for the Virginia Commonwealth Services Council to develop a training webinar for at the request of the Gender Policy Council at the White House that discusses how trauma affects survivors of sexual assault. This training video will be used by the Department of Homeland Security to train its asylum officers and adjudicators and also other DHS adjudication officers who work on cases involving sexual assault victims (December 2023).

"VAWA, T and U Visa Regulations" Sent letter to Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas urging that the Department of Homeland Security prioritize issuance of the final T visa rule and issue the U visa and Violence Against Women Act Self-petitioning rules for notice and comment so that DHS can finalized these rule before the Congressional Review Act could impact the regulations (November 29, 2023)

"Mexicans victimized in El Paso mass killing struggle to heal, obtain visas" Provided expert assistance to Arelis Hernandez from the Washington Post working on an article about U visa protections for immigrant victims of mass shooting. (November 24, 2023).

"A visa program created to help law enforcement puts immigrant victims at risk instead" NIWAP Director Leslye Orloff interviewed by Tirzah Christopher of National Public Radio (August 12, 2023)

"Gender Based Violence (GBV) Training Script" provided comments and proposed edits to the DHS Coordinating Council on Gender Based Violence on a virtual training curriculum being developed that will be required training for all DHS components staff. (July 21, 2023)

Tahirih Justice Center, NIWAP, ASISTA, Esperanza United, Women's Refugee Commission and Asian Pacific Institute on Gender Based Violence, Letter to Alejandro Mayorkas, "Request to comply with the Administration's Executive Order directing the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Department of Justice to promulgate joint regulations to clarify the definition of "particular social group" to ensure that people fleeing gender-based persecution qualify for asylum in the U.S. (June 12, 2023)

Judge Ramona Gonzalez, "Unaccompanied children deserve protection, not partisan politics" provided editorial assistance on Op Ed (April 19, 2023)

NIWAP secured a policy from USCIS providing guidance on mailing address procedures for persons eligible for and recipients of victim-based immigration relief. Under 8 U.S.C 1367 confidentiality provisions the USCIS policies ensure that information related to a protected person is disclosed only to authorized parties identified by the protected person. This policy applies to all cases filed by protected persons including but not limited to VAWA, T and U visa cases. (April 11, 2023)

Leslye E. Orloff and Matison Miller, NIWAP comments on U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Fee Schedule and Changes to Certain Other Immigration Benefit Request Requirements - CIS No. 2687-21; DHS Docket No. USCIS–2021–0010; RIN 1615-AC68, advocating that U visa and VAWA cases receive the same exemptions from fees that T visa cases receive under the fee rule from filing through lawful permanent residency. This commend also addresses the need for treating the filing date as the date a victim files papers with USCIS with either a fee waiver or a fee. (March 5, 2023)

Leslye E. Orloff, Letter to Rene Cutlip-Mason seeking policy reforms that will treat the filing date for purposes of VAWA, U and T visa cases and appeals and motions related to these case types as the date on

which a fee waiver request is file or the date on which a fee is paid. Policy reform is needed to ensure that survivors needed fee waivers are no longer disadvantaged should their fee waiver requests be denied and they are deemed to have missed a filing deadline because they requested a fee waiver ((February 16, 2023)

NIWAP signed on to a letter developed by KIND to USCIS advocating for "Lifting the Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Visa Cap" (October 13, 2022)

Leslye E. Orloff, Denials of U Visa Certifications by the Chicago Police Department" interview with Carols Ballesteros a reporter from Injustice Watch on U visa certification connected the reporter with law enforcement officials with expertise on U visa certification. (October 12, 2022)

Leslye E. Orloff, "Suggested Amendments to the WISE Act" provide the offices of Congresswomen Schakowsky and Jayapal with suggested additional provisions to include in the WISE Act. (October 6, 2022)

Leslye E. Orloff, "Request to Eliminate the One-Year Employment Authorization Extension Limit for U visa holders Applying for Adjustment of Status" (September 30, 2022)

Leslye E. Orloff and Rafaela Rodrigues, Setting Up the Crime and Abuse Victim Protection Directorate at USCIS proposal submitted to the USCIS Ombudsman for the consolidation of all of the VAWA, Battered Spouse Waiver, U visa, T visa and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Adjudications in on specially trained single Directorate at USCIS to improve adjudications and address backlog issues that will promote safety for immigrant victim applicants. (August 23, 2022)

Leslye E. Orloff contributed substantial editorial additions to the Alliance for Immigrant Survivors, "Recommendations for Additions to the EOIR and BIA Practice Manuals Implementing VAWA Confidentiality Protections" (June 5, 2022)

" Outstanding Needed Improvements for Immigrant Survivors" Briefed Rosie Hidalgo, White House, Gender Policy Council on actions that the Biden Administration can take administratively to improve access to immigration relief for immigrant victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, human trafficking and other criminal activities. (May 18, 2022)

Alliance for Immigrant Survivors, "Sign on Letter to DHS on Public Charge" (April 2022)

Leslye E. Orloff, "Memo on VAWA's Reinstatement of Removal Protections for VAWA, T and U Visa Eligible Victims" submitted to USCIS Office on Policy and Strategy (March 28, 2022)

Leslye E. Orloff, Abigail Whitmore, Daliana Gomez Garcia, Ilana Hoffman, Meera Patel and Ava Reisman, "Comments on VAWA Self-Petitioning Sections of the USCIS Policy Manual (March 9, 2022)

"Immigrant Survivors and Public Charge: Comment on Interim Final Rule-Visas: Ineligibility Based on Public Charge Grounds; Docket DOS-2021-0034 and RIN 1400-AE87," NIWAP Signed on to Comments developed by Advocates for Immigrant Survivors submitted to the Department of State January 18, 2022)

Kavell Joseph, Amanda Davis, and Leslye Orloff, "Moving Battered Spouse Waiver Adjudications to the VAWA Unit: A Call for Consistency and Safety: National Survey Findings Highlights." Final Report submitted to the Office on Policy and Strategy, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security (February 6, 2017; Updated October 18, 2021)

"Comments on T Visa Regulations: Classification for Victims of Severe Forms of Human Trafficking in Persons – Eligibility for T Non Immigrant Status" NIWAP's comments focused on the trauma exception to the T visa's cooperation requirement and the need to implement VAWA 2005 statutes directing DHS to not reinstate removal against VAWA, T or U visa applicants. (September 13, 2021).

"Comments on T Visa Regulations." NIWAP assisted Freedom Network USA and Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid (TRLA) reviewing and providing suggested line edits to each of these organization's proposed T visa comments focusing primarily on adding detailed information on VAWA confidentiality requirements under * U.S.C. 1367 and VAWA and T visa legislative and regulatory history. (September 3 and 7, 2021).

"Compliant in U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas San Antonio Division" Provided editorial assistance and VAWA confidentiality expertise to lawyers filing the first case filed against DHS by a VAWA self-petitioner and VAWA cancellation of removal applicant for seeking relief for a victim who suffered numerous VAWA confidentiality violations committed by ICE, the immigration courts, the immigration judge, and USCIS (June 21, 2021).

Letter from 17 Law Enforcement and Prosecution Officials to Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas, discussing the impact on criminal investigations and prosecutions of the 5 year delays between filing and access to protection from deportation through deferred action for immigrant victims with pending U visa applications. (May 26, 2021)

"Comment in Response to Request for Public Input: Identifying Barriers Across U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS) Benefits and Services" NIWAP submitted comment urging USCIS to speed up access to deferred action and work authorization for both U visa applicants and VAWA self-petitioners, increase staffing and provide training for the VAWA adjudications unit, expedite adjudications as a remedy for VAWA confidentiality violations, cancel NTA's issued against victims, retract the 2019 U Visa Certification Resource Guide, Expand who can sign U visa certifications, end all fees charged in VAWA and U visa cases, and move battered spouse waiver adjudications to the VAWA unit. (May 19, 2021).

Letter to the U.S. Senator Dick Durbin, Chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee and Senator Gary Peters, Chair of the Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee. NIWAP joined a sign-on letter lead by ASISTA calling on the U.S. Senate to protect and strengthen protections for immigrant survivors in the next reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act. (May 15, 2021)

Letter to Attorney General Garland requesting that he vacate "Matter of A-B- (I&2), L-E-A- (I&2) and A-C-A-A-." NIWAP joined a sign-on letter lead by Tahirih Justice Center designed to reverse previous Justice Department position on gender-based asylum (April 30, 2021)

Leslye E. Orloff, "Legislative Reforms Needed For Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking and Immigrant Children Who Have Suffered Abuse, Abandonment or Neglect" (April 4, 2021)

Leslye E. Orloff, "Policy Changes Needed For Stepchild VAWA Self-Petitioners," memo for Office on Policy and Strategy, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services seeking policy reforms to amend USCIS policies implementing the 7th Circuit Decision in Jennifer Arguijo vs. USCIS which ensures that divorce does not cut off VAWA self-petitioning abused children from immigration relief and asking that the ruling be extended to cover death of the natural parent. (March 25, 2021)

"Collection and Use of Biometrics by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services – NIWAP Public Comments on Proposed Rule" (October 13, 2020) (Updated: January 2021)

Leslye E. Orloff, "Urgent Reforms Needed in the U Visa Program" Essay published by the Niskanen Center in the Essay Series Redefining Immigration Reform: How Immigration Supports American Ideals (November 2020)

"Meeting Between State and Federal Prosecutors and DHS, USCIS and ICE Staff on the Impact That The Blank Space Policy Has on the Work of Prosecutors" (October 28, 2020)

Analyzed and Calculated Arrest Histories of U Visa Recipients and Their Children using data contained in a report published by USCIS (September 10, 2020)

Stories from Law Enforcement and Prosecutors on the U Visa Helping Solve Crimes, collected stories that document the extent to which when victims come forward in U visa cases it helps solve not only that case but a wide range of other crimes. Submitted to policy staff at the Department of Homeland Security (August 27, 2020)

Leslye E. Orloff "Affidavit Documenting the U Visa Statute's Purpose in Allowing Multiple U Visa Certifying Officials." This affidavit was developed for a case of an immigrant victim represented by Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid and documents how in a sexual assault case when a child victim fled from one jurisdiction to another and law enforcement officials in the jurisdiction to which the child fled identified the rape, that both law enforcement officials in the jurisdiction where the victim suffered the rape and the jurisdiction to which the child fled and revealed the rape to law enforcement officials can sign U visa certifications on the child's behalf. Austin, Texas (April 10, 2020)

"Legislative History of the Violence Against Women Act Self-Petition," collected and provided staff at Immigration and Customs Enforcement with the full legislative history of the VAWA self-petition (March 19, 20 and April 7, 2020)

"Legislative History of the U Visa and the Violence Against Women Act of 2005," project reviewing hard copy files containing the complete legislative history and the drafting history from VAWA 2005 (2019 to the present)

"U Visa Stays of Removal Cases" Advocated that DHS require ICE to release the full ICE policy11005.2 on Requests for and Procedures for Processing Stays of Removal in U visa cases. (February 27, 2020)

"Stay of Removal Requests and Removal Proceedings Involving U Nonimmigrant Status (U Visa) Petitioners 11005.2,"NIWAP analysis submitted to DHS arguing that this full policy should be published and identifying the substantive portions of the policy that are not discussed in the summary published by Immigration and Customs Enforcement. (February 27, 2020)

"Domestic Victims of Human Trafficking Program Data Collection, comments of NIWAP to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs." NIWAP submitted comments to address the HHS' Domestic Victims of Human Trafficking Program (DVHT) to address possible VAWA Confidentiality violations on the proposed information collection forms for DVHT programs. (February 26, 2020)

"Annotated USCIS U Visa Resource Guide" Includes annotations identifying where the resource guide differs from U visa regulations, regulations preamble and the U visa statute. (December 2, 2019)

"National Sheriff's Association Draft Resolution on U and T Visa Certification" drafted proposed policy to be considered by the Crime Victim Services Committee of the National Sheriff's Association for passage by the NSA (November 22, 2019)

"Proposed Rules Special Immigrant Juvenile Petitions, 76 FR 23534. Comments of the National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project." The Comments analyzed the current statute, the regulations, the USCIS Policy Manual on Special Immigrant Juveniles as well as the three adopted decisions of the Administrative Appeals Office, *Matter of D-Y-S-C-* 2019-02 (AAO Oct. 11, 2019), *Matter of A-O-C-* 2019-03 (AAO Oct. 11, 2019) and *Matter of E-A-L-O-* 2019-04 (AAO Oct. 11, 2019) and provided both support for positions taken in the proposed regulations and/or the AAO decisions and provided suggestions about how the proposed regulations could be improved. (November 15, 2019)

"Letter to the Department of Homeland Security providing an analysis of US Citizenship and Immigration Service's August 2019 Visa Law Enforcement Resource Guide." The Letter provides detail on the legislative history of the U visa program, the U visa regulations, and regulatory history and outlines where the 2019 Resource Guide is inconsistent with the statute and regulations. Includes an annotated version of the 2019 Resource Guide with comparisons to the text of the regulations, statute and preamble to the regulations. (September 29, 2019)

"Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Regarding Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Policies on the Revision of Stay of Removal Request Reviews for U Visa Petitioners." This FOIA requested ICE to make publicly available a copy of the new Immigration and Custom's Enforcement (ICE) Directive 11005.2. The new policy changed rules and procedures of Stay of Removal Requests for U visa Petitioners. (September 19, 2019)

Leslye E. Orloff, Declaration on VAWA Self-Petitioning and Remarriage. Provided an expert witness affidavit on the statutory amendments, legislative history and legislative intent of the provisions that allowed VAWA self-petitioners to remarry without affecting their pending VAWA self-petition (August 22, 2019)

"Letter From Law Enforcement Officials Requesting that USCIS Extend the Grace Period for the Required New U Visa Certification Form" Requesting an Extension Through December 31, 2019. (June 7, 2019)

Leslye E. Orloff and Zachary Perez, Compilation of Provisions Drafted for the Violence Against Women Act of 2005 that passed the House of Representatives but were not included in the Senate VAWA 2005 that was enacted. NIWAP reviewed the provisions and is collecting the section-by-section analysis that the draft statutory provisions and is providing them to the Alliance for Immigrant Survivors to be considered as part of future amendments to improve Violence Against Women Act protections for immigrant victims of domestic and sexual violence and other crimes. Washington, D.C. (January 29, 2019)

Inadmissibility on Public Charges, comments of NIWAP to the Department of Homeland Security. NIWAP submitted comments to DHS to address an error in the proposed regulations that misinterpret current federal statutes and fails to fully exempt T visa recipient human trafficking victims for public charge. (December 10, 2018)

Bernice Yeung, "How the Deportation Crackdown is Hurting Immigrant Victims of Crime" news article in the Huffington Post quoting Leslye E. Orloff (May 8, 2018)

Bernice Yeung, "How The ICE Crackdown is affecting immigrant victims of crime" article in Reveal from the Center for Investigative Reporting quoting Leslye E, Orloff (May 3, 2018)

Leslye E. Orloff, Letter to the Editor of the New Yorker, commenting on Sarah Stillman's article "When Deportation is a Death Sentence" discussing the fact that the victim that the story leads off with would have been a U visa victim had the first police officer she encountered told her about the U visa program. (January 18, 2018 – not published)

Tarja Cajudo and Leslye E. Orloff, "Breakdown and Infographics on Requirements for Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) NACARA." Eligibility for Applicants and Their Dependents Legal research, recommendations, and development of a series of infographics to assist the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) in implementing protections for immigrant domestic violence victims under the VAWA 2000 and VAWA 2005 protections under the Nicaraguan and Central American Relief Act NACARA. Washington, D.C. (January 9, 2018)

Tarja Cajudo and Leslye E. Orloff, "Memo on Implementation of Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) HRIFA." Legal research and recommendations for training materials, policy guidance and public information on the legal rights of abused spouses and children under VAWA's HRIFA protections for abused spouses of Haitian Nationals who qualified under HRIFA. This memo was submitted to the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) on VAWA HIRIFA's Protections for Haitians and their family members. Washington, D.C. (January 9, 2018)

Leslye E. Orloff and Benish Anver, "U Visa Certifications in Employment Based Abuse Cases" Cover memo for a series of charts NIWAP developed and submitted to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security tracking state by state laws on forced labor, slave trade, slavery, involuntary servitude and peonage to facilitate adjudication, reduce requests for further evidence and minimize the number of cases that USCIS needs to adjudicate "similar" criminal activities. In each chart we identify U visa criminal activities included within state law definitions of these crimes. (October 14, 2016)

Leslye E. Orloff and Benish Anver, "U Visa Certifications by the Department of Labor" Cover memo for a series of charts NIWAP developed and submitted to the U.S. Department of Labor tracking state by state laws on forced labor, slave trade, slavery, involuntary servitude and peonage. In each chart we identify U visa criminal activities included within state law definitions of these crimes. (October 14, 2016)

Sandy Pineda, Bebe Anver. Alina Husain, and Leslye Orloff, "Appendix I – States with Forced Labor Statutes" State by state charts submitted to the U.S. Department of labor tracking state law definitions and the U visa criminal activities included the state law definitions (October 14, 2016)

Sandy Pineda, Bebe Anver. Alina Husain, and Leslye Orloff, "Appendix II – States with Forced Labor mentioned in other Statutes" State by state charts submitted to the U.S. Department of labor tracking state law definitions and the U visa criminal activities included the state law definitions (October 14, 2016)

Sandy Pineda, Bebe Anver. Alina Husain, and Leslye Orloff, "Appendix III – States with Slave Trade Statutes" State by state charts submitted to the U.S. Department of labor tracking state law definitions and the U visa criminal activities included the state law definitions (October 14, 2016)

Sandy Pineda, Bebe Anver. Alina Husain, and Leslye Orloff, "Appendix IV – States with Involuntary Servitude Statutes" State by state charts submitted to the U.S. Department of labor tracking state law definitions and the U visa criminal activities included the state law definitions (October 14, 2016)

Sandy Pineda, Bebe Anver. Alina Husain, and Leslye Orloff, "Appendix V – States with Involuntary Servitude Mentioned in Other Statutes" State by state charts submitted to the U.S. Department of labor tracking state law definitions and the U visa criminal activities included the state law definitions (October 14, 2016)

Sandy Pineda, Bebe Anver. Alina Husain, and Leslye Orloff, "Appendix VI – States with Involuntary Servitude and Slavery (Slave Trade) in the State Constitution and in Statute" State by state charts submitted to the U.S. Department of labor tracking state law definitions and the U visa criminal activities included the state law definitions (October 14, 2016)

Sandy Pineda, Bebe Anver. Alina Husain, and Leslye Orloff, "Appendix VII – States with Peonage Statutes" State by state charts submitted to the U.S. Department of labor tracking state law definitions and the U visa criminal activities included the state law definitions (October 14, 2016)

Sandy Pineda, Bebe Anver. Alina Husain, and Leslye Orloff, "Appendix VIII – States with Peonage Mentioned in Other Statutes" State by state charts submitted to the U.S. Department of labor tracking state law definitions and the U visa criminal activities included the state law definitions (October 14, 2016)

Advisory Committee on Family Residential Centers, Report of the DHS Advisory Committee on Family Residential Centers NIWAP's Director, Leslye E. Orloff, contributed as co-author of this report and led the drafting of the Sub-Committee on Medical, Mental Health, and Trauma's section of the report and the sections of the report addressing VAWA, T and U visa immigration relief (October 7, 2016)

Freedom of Information Act Request Regarding Battered Spouse Waiver Case Processing and Procedures Submitted this request for case processing times and VAWA confidentiality procedures that are used by USCIS when adjudicating Battered Spouse Waiver Cases at USCIS District Offices (September 15, 2016)

"Parole for Wait List Approved U Visa Victims and Implementation of VAWA Self-Petitioning for Abused Spouses of Cubans" National outreach on two new policies issued by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services that greatly benefits immigrant crime victims. (September 8, 2016)

"The United States Citizenship and Immigration Service Should Issue a Policy Memorandum Interpreting "Supervisory Role" in the U Visa Regulations" Memorandum sent to the General Counsel of USCIS urging them to issue policy guidance that allows police departments, sheriff's, prosecutors and the heads of other U visa certifying agencies to designate an agency employee with supervisory over either other persons or over an area of subject matter expertise for the agency to receive a delegation of authority to sign U visa certifications for the agency. Washington, D.C. (July 25, 2016)

Leslye Orloff and Benish Anver, "Securing DHS Policies, Practices and Training Needed to Protect Immigration Crime Victims: Completing Achievable Enhanced Protections in 2016." Memorandum submitted to Deputy Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas, U.S. Department of Homeland Security. (July 24, 2016)

Kavell Joseph, Amanda Davis, and Leslye Orloff, "Moving Battered Spouse Waiver Adjudications to the VAWA Unit: A Call for Consistency and Safety: National Survey Findings Highlights." Memorandum submitted to Deputy Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas, U.S. Department of Homeland Security. (July 23, 2016)

Whitney Eulich, "High court ruling: a blow, not a final block for millions of immigrants" The Christian Science Monitor. Leslye Orloff was interviewed for the article about U visas and VAWA protections available for undocumented immigrants who suffer domestic abuse in the US. (June 23, 2016)

Ana Milena Varon, "La espera por visa "U" pone en riesgo a cientos de indocumentados" Article in La Opinion discussing the impact of the U visa wait list and particularly the lack of access to work authorization. Quoted NIWAP's Director Leslye E. Orloff (May 3, 2016)

United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, "Eligibility for Employment Authorization for Battered Spouses of Certain Nonimmigrants" NIWAP advocacy contributed to the protective approach taken and to securing the issuance of USCIS policy implementing the VAWA 2005 provisions granting work authorization for abused immigrant spouses of work visa holders (A-Diplomats, E(iii)-Investors, G-International Organizations and H- Employment Visas). Can apply if married or within 2 years of divorce or death of abusive spouse. Two-year visa and can renew in 2-year increments so long as still married or within 2 years of death or divorce. (March 8, 2016)

Comments on Improvements to the U Visa Certification Form NIWAP collected comments from our national training team of judges and law enforcement officials and provided recommendations for improvements of the U visa certification form. Comments by the National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project (NIWAP) Regarding Notice for Agency Information Collection Activities: Petition for U Nonimmigrant Status, Form I-918, and Supplements A and B of Form I-918; Revision of a Currently Approved Collection (81 Fed. Reg. 01763, Jan. 29, 2016) (February 29, 2016)

Leslye E. Orloff, comments on "USCIS Policy Manual, Vol. 6, Pt. J., Ch. 2, Section D." NIWAP submitted comments to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services at the Department of Homeland Security to comment on the definition of temporary orders in SIJS cases contained in Chapter 2 of the USCIS manual policy manual. (November 25, 2016)

Leslye E. Orloff, "Report to the U.S. Department of Housing providing Data Battered Immigrant VAWA Self Petitioners Eligible for Public and Assisted Housing". Submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing. (November 9, 2015)

Leslye E. Orloff, Anupama Selvam, Benish Anver, "Comments on Proposed Rule to Attend the Department of Homeland Security's Regulations under the Freedom of Information Act, 80 Fed. Reg. 45, 101 (proposed Jul. 29, 2015) (to be codified at 6 C. F. R. pt. 5), docket number DHS-2009-0039" (September 28, 2015)

Leslye Orloff, Comments on "PM-602-0110: VAWA Amendments to the Cuban Adjustment Act: Continued Eligibility for Abused Spouses and Children." NIWAP submitted comments to the Office of Policy & Strategy at USCIS on guidance related to VAWA amendments to the Cuban Adjustment Act. (July 3, 2015)

Rachel Feuer, Alexandra Iannolo, Benish Anver and Leslye Orloff, "Impact of DeSantis Amendment on Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence", submitted to USCIS. (February 2015)

Leslye E. Orloff, "Notice of Request for Information, Modernizing and Streamlining U.S. Immigration System 79 Fed. Reg. 78458." Submitted comments to DHS in response to an open request by the Department for input. Suggested various ways DHS and DOS could improve processing of VAWA, T and U visa cases (January 29, 2015)

Spencer Cantrell and Leslye E. Orloff, "Deferred Action for VAWA Self-Petitioners" Memorandum to Department of Homeland Security on how deferred action policy or regulations should be updated to reflect the current law for VAWA self-petitioners, thereby also giving further direction to field personnel on processing VAWA self-petitioners applications for deferred action. (November 2014)

Dan Levine and Kristina Cooke "Special Report: U.S. visa program for crime victims is hit-or-miss prospect", provided background and NIWAP was quoted in an article on U visa certification discussing the history and purpose of the U visa. (Reuters, October 21, 2014)

Leslye E. Orloff and Benish Anver, "Improving the Vermont Service Center VAWA Unit Staffing" Report submitted to U.S. Department of Homeland Security. (February 2014)

Leslye E. Orloff, "Legislative History of the VAWA Unit" at the Vermont Service Center of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. Published archival records of communications and research that led to the decision by the Immigration and Service to send all victim based immigration cases (originally VAWA self-petitions) to the VAWA Unit for adjudication. (February 2014)

Krisztina E. Szabo, Katrina Castillo, Leslye E. Orloff, and Benish Anver, "Expanding Designation Authority to Include 'Subject-Matter Experts' Memo" Submitted to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. (February 2014)

Benish Anver, Leslye Orloff, Rocio Molina and Edna Yang, "Understanding U Visa Inadmissibility Waivers and Good Moral Character for U Visa Applicants and the Potential Impact on the Ability to Naturalize" Memorandum submitted to USCIS Office of Policy and Strategy. (January 2014)

Benish Anver and Leslye Orloff, "Proposed Changes to the Processing of U Visa Applications and VAWA Self-Petitions in Order to Provide Early Access to Work Authorization" Submitted to the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services. (December 2013)

Joyce Lancen, Krisztina Szabo, Benish Anver, Edna Yang and Leslye Orloff, "The Categories of 'Dual Intent' Nonimmigrant Visas Anticipate That Immigrants Can Permanently Remain in the United States" Memo submitted to the White House and to the U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C. (December 2013)

Benish Anver and Leslye Orloff, "Statutory Interpretation and Conflict of Law Issues Related to the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, the Illegal Immigration Reform and Responsibility Act of 1996 and the Housing and Community Development Act of 1980" Memo submitted to Lynn Rosenthal, White House Advisor on Violence Against Women (December 2013)

Katrina Castillo and Leslye E. Orloff, "Eliminating the Requirement That All Certifiers must be Supervisors" Submitted to White House Violence Against Women and Immigration Staff (October 22, 2013)

Comprehensive Immigration Reform Proposed Boxer Amendment 1257 Cost Memo Prepared for Senator Boxer's Office analyzing the economic impact of a proposed amendment to the Senate CIR bill that would grant access to public benefits for U visa crime victims and would remove the 5 year bar on access to public benefits for battered immigrant VAWA self-petitioners and their children. (June 26, 2013)

"1997 and 2006 Immigrant Crime Victim Amendments to LSC Budget Bill" interlineated statute compiling VAWA amendments to LSC authorizations (June 19, 2013)

"Documentation Immigrant Victims Receive Who Are Pursuing Immigration Protections" Research prepared for the General Counsel's Office of the Legal Services Corporation to provide information for a publication being developed by LCS for programs receiving LSC funding to reduce impediments to legal representation. (June 18, 2013)

"U Visa Certification Policies: Collection, Review and Comparison." Collected U visa certification policies from law enforcement jurisdiction across the country, compared and categorized their provisions. Produced a spreadsheet and topical documents that were submitted to DHS and law enforcement leadership at the Police Chief's meeting NIWAP convened. (June 13, 2013)

"DHS Appropriations: Racial Profiling Prevention, Early Access to Work Authorization for VAWA and U visa Cases and Removing the Requirement That Certifiers be Supervisors" consultation with the Office of Representative Gwen Moore. (May 21-30, 2013)

"Report on Legislative History of the Domestic Violence Victim Waiver in VAWA 2000 and 2005" in response to calls from advocacy agencies and Senate Offices related to Comprehensive Immigration Reform (May 20, 2013)

"Story of Immigrant Survivor of Elder Abuse" Provided for Senators in support of Comprehensive Immigration Reform amendments that expanded U visa protections to cover elder abuse that were include in the final Senate bill (May 9, 2013)

Leslye Orloff, Benish Anver, and Rocio Molina, "Considerations for the Board of Immigration Appeals in Violence Against Women Act Cases", submitted to the U.S Board of Immigration Appeals documenting the problems arising in VAWA immigration cases when the BIA cases are decided by a single judge without expertise or training on VAWA's immigration protections and the dynamics of domestic violence experienced by immigrant victims (February 2013)

Eligibility for Employment Authorization Upon Approval of a Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) self-Petition; and Eligibility for Employment Authorization for Battered Spouses of Certain Nonimmigrants Submitted comments to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services on proposed policies for granting work authorization to VAWA self-petitioners and abused spouses of immigrant work visa holders with A, E (iii), G or H visas (January 10, 2013)

Rocio Molina, Leslye E. Orloff, Benish Anver, and Mojisola Ahonsi, Considerations for the Board of Immigration Appeals in Violence Against Women Act Cases. Submitted to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and the Board of Immigration Appeals (November 27, 2012)

"Violence Against Women Act of 2012: Immigration Provisions" NIWAP staff drafted the immigration provisions ultimately included in VAWA 2013 at the request of Representative Jan Schakowsky and Senator Patrick Leahy (2012 and 2013)

Remedies for Children

Meetings and Consultations

Working Group to Revise the Guidelines for Psychological Evaluation in Child Protection Matters, " APA Guidelines for Psychological Evaluations in Child Protection Matters" NIWAP provided review and editorial assistance on the development of this publication. (April 19, 2024)

Contributed policy expertise and editorial assistance to the Immigration Psychology Working Group to write a report titled, "Vulnerable but not Broken: Psychosocial Challenges and Resilience Pathways among Unaccompanied Children from Central America" (August 2018).

Conversation on State Court Access for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Kendall Niles, NIWAP Legal Fellow, represented NIWAP at a training held by HIAS PA by taking part in a brainstorming session with other key facilitators in Pennsylvania who work with SIJ-eligible juveniles in Pennsylvania State Courts. Philadelphia, PA. (September 30, 2016)

Permissibility of Providing Legal Services to Noncitizen Parents and Noncitizen Guardians of Children Seeking Special Immigrant Juvenile Status NIWAP led the effort to seek and obtain Advisory Opinion 2016-002 (Revised) confirming that legal services agencies receiving funding from LSC may represent noncitizen parents/guardians of noncitizen children who have suffered battering, extreme cruelty, sexual assault, human trafficking or other U visa-listed criminal activities. LSC funded agencies can represent noncitizen parents and guardians in state court cases related to remedying about that the immigrant child suffered, without regard to the parent/guardian's immigration status or own abuse history. Under this advisory opinion, the term "guardian" refers to individuals who have custody of and responsibility for the child in question, regardless of whether that individual is the child's court-appointed guardian or custodian. Washington, D.C. (August 26, 2016)

Meeting with Legal Services Corporation and NLADA to discuss a project to get field guidance on the eligibility for legal representation of undocumented caregivers for the purposes of obtaining SIJS orders for minor children when the caregiver is otherwise ineligible. Washington, D.C. (April 14, 2016)

Citizenship and Immigration Services Ombudsman Teleconference Series: Special Immigrant Juvenile Status The Ombudsman's office hosted this meeting to present their recommendations to the United States Citizenship and Immigrant Service on adjudicating Special Immigrant Juvenile Status applications. (December 15, 2015)

Meeting with ABA Center on Children and the Law Leslye Orloff and Meaghan Fitzpatrick met with attorneys at the ABA to discuss a project the ABA is undertaking with Northeastern University addressing Special Immigrant Juvenile Status. Discussed NIWAP's ongoing SIJS work and our upcoming SJI grant to write a bench book for judges on SIJS and how we can collaborate more with the ABA Center on Children and the Law forward. Washington, D.C. (November 20, 2015)

Meeting with HIAS Leslye Orloff and Meaghan Fitzpatrick met with attorneys at an ally organization to discuss collaboration and current projects of both groups surrounding Special Immigrant Juvenile Status. (November 11, 2015)

Roundtable Discussion with the United Nations Special Rapporteur for the Human Rights Situation in Eritrea. Attended this meeting held at WCL by War Crimes Research Office hosting Special Rapporteur Sheila B. Keetharuth to discuss unaccompanied minors migration and detention in Eritrea. The meeting was held for the Special Rapporteur to get assistance and advice from advocacy groups and experts in the field to finalize her recommendations in dealing with unaccompanied minors, the unique issues they face, and best practices. Washington, D.C. (October 29, 2015)

Meeting with Giselle Hass, Forensic Psychologist Expert on Immigrant Crime Victims. Met with Ms. Hass to discuss potential projects relating to NIWAP's ongoing work with Special Immigrant Juvenile Status research. Discussed the need for a report analyzing the psychological effects of deportation on young children with a history of abuse, abandonment, and neglect. (November 11, 2014)

Meeting with the Immigrant Legal Resource Center and American Gateways. Met with Angie Junck and Edna Yang to discuss the obstacles unaccompanied minors are facing getting into state court to obtain the necessary predicate orders for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status applications, the problems USCIS is seeing in applications, and the types of materials NIWAP should and will be developing to best serve the field. (November 10, 2014)

DHS Ombudsman Office Fourth Annual Conference. Attended a training/information session hosted by the Department of Homeland Security Ombudsman Office. Heard from the taxpayer representative at the IRS about tax policies affecting immigrants. Attended two roundtable discussions, one on U visa certification and one on immigration options for unaccompanied minors. (November 6, 2014)

Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Policy and Strategy Meeting with the VERA Institute to follow up on USCIS identified issues for unaccompanied minors. Discussed obstacles children in ORR custody are facing gaining access to state court. Discussed future collaboration to combat these issues. (October 20, 2014)

Model Court Orders and Training Materials for Judges in Special Immigrant Juvenile Cases Meeting with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) Regarding Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) to discuss development of materials and training opportunities regarding information about SIJS for judges, attorneys, advocates and other service providers. NIWAP and USCIS also identified obstacles that immigrant children are experiencing in courts and outlined possible materials to collaborate on to address these issues. (August 22, 2014)

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Participated in a call hosted by DHS on the DACA renewal process that begins for the first time this year. (August 20, 2014)

Meeting to discuss role USCIS can play in training judges on Special Immigrant Juvenile Status cases with US Citizenship and Immigration Services and D.C. Superior Court Judge Hiram Puig-Lugo. (October 22, 2013)

Policy Advocacy Papers

"D.C. Vulnerable Youth Guardianship Act" NIWAP, Inc. signed on in support of this legislation which extends jurisdiction of D.C. family courts in guardianship proceeds through age 21 and will help greater numbers of noncitizen youth who have been abused, abandoned or neglected by a parent SIJS eligible (November 18, 2022)

Leslye E. Orloff, and NIWA, Inc signed on a letter, "Endorsements for SIJS Visa Cap" for The End SIJS Backlog Coalition who is urging ouse and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Homeland Security to nclude language in the FY 2023 appropriations omnibus to lift the Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) visa cap. (October 18, 2022)

Leslye E. Orloff, Rafaela Rodrigues, and Limayli Huguet, submitted comments on the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services Proposed Rules for Special Immigrant Juvenile Petitions (November 15, 2019)

"Family Court Representation Permitted for Non-Citizen Parents and Guardians When Representation Benefits Immigrant Children Who Are Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Human

Trafficking or Other U-Visa Listed Criminal Activity." National outreach advertising Advisory Opinion 2016-002 (Revised) issued by the General Counsel of the Legal Services Corporation (August 26, 2016)

Wojciech Koval, Nicholas Thies, Benish Anver and Leslye Orloff, "Why Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and Deferred Action for Parents of U.S. Citizen and Lawful Permanent Resident Children (DAPA) is Critical in Promoting Immigrant Crime Victim Cooperation with the Criminal Justice System" (February 2015)

"Age-Out Protection for Derivative U Nonimmigrant Status Holders". Focuses on pending Petitions, Initial Approvals and Extensions of Status Submitted Comments to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services on Proposed Policies for processing U-visas for children of immigrant crime victims who were under the age of 21 at the time of filing the victim's U-visa. (January 10, 2013)

VAWA Confidentiality

Complaints and Advocacy

VAWA Confidentiality Complaints and Work Helping With VAWA Confidentiality Violations

NIWAP regularly assists local counsel and victim advocates who are working on cases in which Department of Homeland Security Officials violated VAWA confidentiality laws by relying on abuser provided information to harm a victim, The harms include arrest, detention, questioning, or opening a removal case against a victim, seeking testimony from a perpetrator to use in case the victim has filed seeking an immigration benefit, and/or courthouse enforcement against victims. Some of the agencies NIWAP has worked with on these cases include:

- Northwest Immigrant Rights Project, provided expert advice on the of our confidentiality men in response to a NOID, Notice of Intent to Deny in a VAWA self-petition case in which USCIS had violated VAWA confidentiality by sending a subpoena to and communicating with the abuser's landlord (March 13, 2023)

- National Immigrant Justice Center. Assisted in the development of brief NIJC filed before the Board of Immigration Appeals arguing that the Board is required by Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Confidentiality laws when it publishes decisions in cases involving VAWA confidentiality protected VAWA, T and U visa cases to not publish the victim's name and instead publish the decision using only the victim's initials. This motion resulted in BIA republishing the cases using initials instead of the victims' names. (May 18, 2020)

- San Antonio Law School Clinic assisted with case involving multiple violations of VAWA Confidentiality by ICE, USCIS and ICE counsel involving a VAWA self-petitioner in Texas.

    - Consulting on Federal Tort Claim Act case that was filed by Winston and Strom for the National Immigrant Justice Center (May 2020)
    - Wrote an amicus brief for the Board of Immigration Appeals in the first case to go to the Board that included significant VAWA confidentiality issues. NIWAP was represented by DLA Piper who filed the amicus brief. (March 24, 2020)
    - Connected the victim's attorneys with pro bono attorneys at Winston and Strawn who represented the victim in a federal court habeas corpus action. The victim won the habeas action but was not released by the immigration judge at his bond hearing. (May 2019 to February 7, 2020)

- Immigrant Justice Center of Minnesota: Complaint filed with the Office of Civil Rights Civil Liberties about a VAWA Confidentiality Violence Case involving a VAWA self-petitioner in Minnesota. The complaint resulted in USCIS expediting approval of her VAWA self-petition. The victim is immediately eligible for lawful permanent residency. (February 6, 2019 – April 2019)

- National Immigration Project of the National Lawyer's Guild - Complaint filed with the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties asking that an investigation be opened on a VAWA Confidentiality violation occurring at a courthouse in Charlotte, North Carolina against an immigrant crime victim and her son who suffered assault (July 9, 2018)

- Americans for Immigrant Justice, Miami: Compliant filed with the Office of Civil Rights Civil Liberties at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security regarding a potential VAWA confidentiality violation leading to the arrest of an immigrant crime victim appearing in a state criminal domestic violence prosecution to testify as a witness. The arrest took place at the courthouse in Miami, Florida. (May 11, 2018)

- Hawaii Immigrant Justice Center at The Legal Aid Society of Hawaii and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) Assisted with complaint with the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties asking that an investigation be opened on a VAWA Confidentiality violation occurring at a courthouse in Honolulu Hawaii against an immigrant crime victim who suffered felonious assault. Washington, D.C. (September 22, 2017)

- Michigan Immigrant Rights Coalition Detroit Michigan: Assisted with a compliant filed with the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties asking that an investigation be opened on a VAWA Confidentiality violation occurring at a courthouse Detroit Michigan against an immigrant crime victim of domestic violence. Washington, D.C. (July 13, 2017)

- Salem Police Department Salem Massachusetts: Leslye E. Orloff, Complaint filed with the Office of Civil Rights Civil Liberties about a VAWA Confidentiality Violence Case involving a VAWA self-petitioner in Salem (June 19, 2017).

VAWA Confidentiality and Discovery Series of consultations with family lawyers and prosecutors to assist them in countering perpetrators' attempts to obtain VAWA confidentiality protected information in a state court family law or criminal case. For:

- Michigan Immigrant Rights Center (March 2019)
- Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota (Feb-April 2019);
- Legal Aid of Southern Nevada, Las Vegas, NV (February 11, 2019);
- Denver District Attorneys, Denver, Colorado (August 3, 2018);
- Montgomery County Maryland Prosecutors, Rockville, MD (October 18, 2017);
- Immigration Clinic American University, Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C. (December 21, 2016);
- Center for Judicial Education and Research, Judicial Council of California, San Francisco, CA (November 26, 2018 & July 29, 2013);
- Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Assistance with Alabama Case in which judge ordered mother and child family violence victims to self-deport. (August 12, 2014)
- Judge, San Francisco Superior Court, San Francisco, CA (July 29, 2014)

- Life Span, Chicago, IL (July 3, 2014)
- Southern Poverty Law Center, Montgomery, AL and Centro de los Derechos del Migrante Baltimore, MD (February 12, 2014)
- Immigration Clinic, American University, Washington College of Law and VIDA Legal Assistance, Miami, FL (January 27, 2014);
- Prosecutor, Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Women In Need, Chambersburg, PA (August 28, 2013);
- Safe Choice YWCA, Clark County (August 19, 2013)
- Atlanta Legal Aid, Atlanta, GA (June 28, 2013);
- My Sister's Place, White Plains, NY (December 19, 2012);
- Victim Rights Law Center, Boston MA (December 3, 2012);
- New York Legal Assistance Group, New York City, NY (November 2, 2012)
- Bay Area Legal Aid and San Francisco, Prosecutors (October 22, 2012)
- Legal Aid Services of Oregon, Pendleton, Oregon (October 17, 2012);
- Sanctuary for Families, New York City (July 18, 2012)

Meetings and Consultations

VAWA Consultation, participating in a meeting with and provided materials and resources to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development staff and Enfuse about VAWA Confidentiality protections for VAWA self-petitioners and Human Trafficking victims. (March 25, 2025)

Implementing 8 U.S.C. 1367 in Family Based Visa Petitions and Adjustments Consultation with USCIS on how to improve VAWA confidentiality (8 U.S.C. 1367) compliance by USCIS, ICE, and DHS as a whole. The goal of this proposal is to help prevent USCIS adjudicators in I-130 Family Based Visa petition cases and I-485 family-based adjustments from relying on perpetrator provided information to make adverse findings of marriage fraud against noncitizen victim spouses and children. (January 9, 2024)

Improving Customer Service for Immigrant Victims – Strategies to Improve Access for Victims to Their Case Information and Comply with VAWA Confidentiality Requirements expert participated in stakeholder consultation with victim advocates as a VAWA confidentiality national expert (September 27, 2023)

VAWA Confidentiality Implementation by DHS, meeting with White House Gender Policy Council staff to discuss the history of VAWA confidentiality implementation by the Department of Homeland Security (May 23, 2023).

Virtual Listening Session on Sect. 1367 Privacy Protections participated in this event hosted by the council on Combatting Gender-Based Violence at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. (January 30, 2023)

VAWA Confidentiality in Civil Court Cases, Consultation with the Office of the Chairperson of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) (December 1, 2021)

Proposed Trafficking Victim's Protection Act or 2021Amendments to add Violence Against Women Act Confidentiality Amendments. Proposed amendments would provide the same VAWA confidentiality protections to trafficking victim grants as apply to Office on Violence Against Women grants. Consultation for Freedom Network USA (September 28, 2021).

VAWA Confidentiality Training Now Mandatory for All Department of Homeland Security Staff. The Department of Homeland Security adopted a policy that NIWAP has been advocating for over the course of many years. All DHS staff working at Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Customs and Border Patrol and United States Citizenship and Immigration Services will be required to take an on line mandatory training course once every three years on VAWA's confidentiality law requirements that protect immigrant crime victims. Whether or not a staff member takes the course will be monitored as part of the employees' performance review process. (September 2020).

VAWA Confidentiality Implementation by Immigration and Customs Enforcement and VAWA Self-Petition Legislative History. Briefed and provided documentation to ICE officials on VAWA confidentiality and VAWA self-petitioning statutes, regulations, and implementing policies. (March 19, 2020)

VAWA Confidentiality – Briefed DHS Headquarters Policy staff on VAWA confidentiality. This included a discussion of common VAWA confidentiality violations and social science research on perpetrators efforts to turn victims into DHS for immigration enforcement after the victim has filed a VAWA confidentiality protected VAWA, T or U visa immigration case. Washington, D.C. (February 4, 2020).

VAWA Self-Petitions Legislative and Regulator History and VAWA Confidentiality. NIWAP was interviewed extensively by Government Accounting Office Staff and prepared and submitted an extensive report on the history of VAWA self-petition adjudications, the training that the specialized VAWA unit has received and the expertise the VAWA unit has with regard to adjudications and fraud detection in the VAWA self-petitioning program. (November 8, 2018).

VAWA Confidentiality and Immigration Enforcement Against Immigrant Crime Victims Meeting with staff at the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Civil Rights Civil Liberties Washington, D.C. (April 30, 2018)

VINE VAWA Confidentiality Breach Meeting with Civil Rights Civil Liberties Staff Met with CRCL staff the complaint NIWAP filed regarding ICE posting publically in the VINE database information that was VAWA confidentiality protected. Washington, D.C. (January 9, 2018)

VAWA Confidentiality Implementation Training for ICE Trial Attorneys. Met with the General Counsel of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Director of ICE Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, the Blue Campaign and Senior ICE staff to discuss training of ICE trial attorneys on VAWA, T and U visa case procedures and VAWA confidentiality. Washington, D.C. (August 8, 2016)

Meeting to Discuss Opposition to Proposed Changes in Interpretation Policies and Steps Needed to Implement VAWA Confidentiality by CPB Meeting with Senior Staff at Customs and Border Protection (July 29, 2916)

Meeting with EEOC General Counsel P. David Lopez to discuss the EEOC's work on sexual harassment of immigrant and farmworker women, VAWA confidentiality issues that arise in EEOC cases and ways that NIWAP and the EEOC could work together in the future. (December 7, 2015)

Suggested Questions and Answers on VAWA Confidentiality. Alexandra Iannolo, Benish Anver, and Leslye Orloff submitted questions and answers to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to include on their website to provide an overview of VAWA confidentiality and how CBP would encounter immigrant victims protected by VAWA confidentiality. (June 19, 2015)

VAWA Confidentiality Resources List. Alexandra Iannolo, Benish Anver, and Leslye Orloff, submitted a guide with links to resources and information on VAWA confidentiality to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) for use by Border Patrol Agents and Office of Field Operations Officers. Resources include information on statutes, regulations, U.S. Department of Homeland Security policies, and legislative history. (June 19, 2015)

Meeting with U.S. Customs and Border Protection. Leslye Orloff, Benish Anver, and seminar student, Jasmine Burns, attended a meeting with U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials to discuss the implementation of VAWA confidentiality, learn more about operation concerns from Border Patrol Agents and Office of Field Operations Officers, and make recommendations to ensure that VAWA confidentiality is part of the assessment that CBP officials make when encountering immigrant survivors with pending or approved VAWA based immigration applications. Washington, D.C. (March 25, 2015)

CBP-NGO-Working Group Meeting. Attending working group meeting with NGOs and CBP officials to discuss issues that advocates and attorneys are observing in the field and to engage in dialogue with CBP officials about solutions. Leslye Orloff presented VAWA confidentiality protections and CBP implementation of VAWA confidentiality with Border Patrol and Field Operations component officials and to discuss how NIWAP can assist them in developing policies that implement VAWA confidentiality protections effectively. Washington, D.C. (February 24, 2015)

Meeting with U.S. Customs and Border Patrol (CBP). Met with CBP liaisons on VAWA confidentiality policies and strategies that should be implemented by CBP. Discussed the most effective materials that NIWAP can develop to assist CBP officials in implementing VAWA confidentiality protections and strategized about future meetings with CBP officials. Washington, D.C. (February 9, 2015)

"Crime Victim Privacy and Privileged Relationships Under State Law and Immigrant Crime Victim Access to Transitional, Public and Assisted Housing" Call with Victim Rights Law Center (VRLC) Attorneys Regarding Advocate Privilege by State and Access to Housing Issues. Discussed updating a chart about advocate and client privilege and other privileged relationships available in each state and mandatory reporting in the context of advocate privilege and VAWA confidentiality. NIWAP and VRLC staff also discussed access to transitional and public and assisted housing by VAWA self-petitioners and strategies they recommended to address this policy issue with government agencies. (September 9, 2014)

Public Advocate, Immigration and Customs Enforcement Meeting: Met to discuss how VAWA Confidentiality is currently being implemented at Integration of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Also discussed broadening contexts in which ICE would certify U-Visa cases. (October 15, 2012)

Consultation with NGO Liaison at US Customs & Border Protection (CBP) – regarding ways in which CPB can become more involved in identification of VAWA, T and U visa eligible immigrant crime victims and training CPB on VAWA confidentiality (August 31, 2012)

Policy Advocacy Papers

Leslye E. Orloff and Rafaela Rodrigues, "Preventing 8 U.S.C. 1364 Violations in Family Based Adjudications" discussing steps USCIS should take that require interviewing of the immigrant spouse to screen for battering or extreme cruelty before denying a family based visa petition or lawful permanent residency application for marriage fraud. This was, submitted to the Council on Combatting Gender-Based Violence at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (January 30, 2023)

Leslye E. Orloff and Rafaela Rodrigues, "Draft Standard Operating Procedure for Victims and VAWA Confidentiality" proposing policies and training that ICE and CBP should adopt to fully implement VAWA confidentiality's victim protections. This was, submitted to the Council on Combatting Gender-Based Violence at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (January 30, 2023)

Leslye E. Orloff and Roxana Sierra, "Extending VAWA Confidentiality and 384 Protections to Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Eligible Immigrant Children", submitted to the Council on Combatting Gender-Based Violence at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (January 30, 2023)

Leslye E. Orloff, "Improving 8 U.S.C. 1367 VAWA Compliance and Avoiding Harm to Abused Spouses and Children in I-130 Family Based Visa Petition Cases and I-485 Family Based Adjustments" submitted to the Office on Policy and Strategy, U.S. Department of Homeland Security (November 28, 2022)

Leslye E, Orloff, "Memo: Implementing 8 U.S.C. 1367 in Family Based Visa Petitions and Adjustments" About Improving 8 U.S.C. 1367 VAWA Compliance and Avoiding Harm to Abused Spouses and Children in I-130 Family Based Visa Petition Cases and I-485 Family Based Adjustments. (November 26, 2022)

Leslye E. Orloff and Rafaela Rodrigues, "Draft Standard Operating Procedure for Victims and VAWA Confidentiality" proposing policies and training that ICE and CBP should adopt to fully implement VAWA confidentiality's victim protections. This was, submitted at the request of Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas, U.S. Department of Homeland Security (February 28, 2022)

Leslye E. Orloff, Memo to the Department of Homeland Security on VAWA confidentiality legislative history and VAWA 2005's sense of Congress on not applying reinstatement of removal in cases of immigrant crime victims. (May 17, 2018)

Leslye E. Orloff, "DHS Complaint VINE Violence Against Women Confidentiality Violations." When DHS launched the DHS Victim Information Notification Exchange (DHS VINE), the database include VAWA confidentiality protected personal and locational information about immigrant victims with pending and approved VAWA, T and U visa applications. This complaint sought remedies for that breach including reforms in DHS and Immigration and Customs Enforcement policies, improved public communication about outcomes of investigations of VAWA confidentiality violations and a system for imposing statutorily authorized fines including ensuring that all fines collected are invested in supporting the adjudication of VAWA confidentiality protected cases filed by immigrant crime victims. Washington, D.C. (December 11, 2017)

Leslye E. Orloff, "Comments on Washington Proposed Evidence Rule 413" Submitted to the Washington State Supreme Court (September 15, 2017)

Freedom of Information Act Request Regarding Battered Spouse Waiver Case Processing and Procedures Submitted this request for case processing times and VAWA confidentiality procedures that are used by USCIS when adjudicating Battered Spouse Waiver Cases at USCIS District Offices (September 15, 2016)

Leslye Orloff, "Comments on Language Access Proposed Policy: Impact on Immigrant Crime Victims and for Prevention of Violence Confidentiality Violations by CBP Officers" Submitted comments to Customs and Border Protection opposing changing Border Patrol policies to allow Border Patrol agents to interpret for state and local law enforcement. These comments also highlight the fact that CBP has failed to implement VAWA confidentiality despite VAWA statutory and DHS headquarters requirements for implementation. (June 24, 2016)

Benish Anver, Alexandra Iannolo, and Leslye Orloff, "Recommended Q&A on VAWA Confidentiality and Domestic Violence for CBP Website." Submitted to the Commissioner of Customs and Border Patrol (June 24, 2016)

Benish Anver, Alexandra Iannolo, and Leslye Orloff, "VAWA Confidentiality Resources." Submitted to the Commissioner of Customs and Border Patrol. (June 24, 2016)

Secured release of two Immigration and Customs Enforcement policies implementing VAWA 2005's amendments to the Violence Against Women Act and VAWA's Confidentiality protections. The FOIA request that resulted in the release of these memos was written by Alexandra Iannolo (WCL 2015) as part of her practicum project in NIWAP's seminar. (December 2015)

Jacqueline Youm, Alina Husain, and Leslye Orloff, "Preventing Discovery of VAWA Confidentiality Protected Information in Civil Employment Litigation" Memorandum submitted to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. (July 22, 2015)

Alexandra Iannolo, Benish Anver, and Leslye E. Orloff, "VAWA Confidentiality Resources List", submitted to U.S. Customs and Border Patrol. (June 19, 2015)

Alexandra Iannolo, Benish Anver, and Leslye E. Orloff, "Suggested Questions and Answers on VAWA Confidentiality", submitted to U.S. Customs and Border Patrol. (June 19, 2015)

Benish Anver and Leslye Orloff, "Legal Services on Privacy and Confidentiality Issues Needed By Victims of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking As 'Related Legal Assistance': Supplement to Comments on Proposed Rule Updates to the Legal Service Corporation Regulation on Legal Assistance to Aliens" 45 CFR Part 1626 – 78 Fed.Reg. 51696 (Aug. 21, 2013). Submitted to the Legal Services Corporation in response to a request for further information, Washington, D.C. (December 2013)

"VAWA Confidentiality Legislative History" provided research and legislative history for Senator Schumer's Office for Comprehensive Immigration Reform (May 1, 2013)

Integration of Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") VAWA Confidentiality Policy at Customs and Border Protection ("CBP") under the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (IIRIRA §384): Memo to Ana Hinken, NGO Liaison at United States Customs and Border Protection, discussing the need for adoption of policies and training at CBP on VAWA, T and U-Visas, and VAWA confidentiality protections. (October 15, 2012)

Nawal Ammar, Helene Berman, Jacquelyn Campbell, Anindita Dasgupta, Mary Ann Dutton, Giselle Hass, Stephanie J. Nawyn, Leslye E. Orloff, Anita Raj, Rachael Rodriguez, Evan Stark, Jay G. Silverman, Cris M. Sullivan, David B. Thronson, Veronica Tobar Thronson, Hannah Brenner, J. Ruben Parra-Cardona, Julia L. Perilla, "VAWA IV Legislative History House Mark-Up Researcher's Perspective on Immigration Protections for Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault" submitted to the House Judiciary Committee Mark Up of VAWA 2012. (May 15, 2012)

Law Enforcement, Prosecutors, and Criminal Justice

Meetings and Consultations

"What the Salt Lake County Attorney's Office says you need to know about visas for victims and witnesses of crime" A follow up consultation about immigrant crime victim visas with ABC4 Utah News Station from the March 6, 2025 training in Salt Lake City, Utah, (May 22, 2025)

"Social Science Research on Immigrant Victims' Willingness to Call Law Enforcement for Help and Developing State Level Human Trafficking Research" conversation with Portland, Oregon law enforcement official (November 6, 2020).

Assisted law enforcement officials preparing to meet with DHS staff on the impact of the USCIS blank space policy as it applies to U visa and T visa certifications signed by law enforcement and the cases of U visa victims with whom law enforcement officials work (August 18, 2020)

Assisted Minneapolis Police Department official with research that he was conducting on best practices for building trust between immigrant crime victims and local law enforcement. (October 31, 2018)

T and U Visa Resolution passed the Victims Services Committee of the International Association of Chiefs of Police. NIWAP provided the Chief David Porter, Chair of the committee and IACP staff with links to NIWAP's OVW and BJA funded model policy discussion paper and U visa certification toolkit asking that a link to the model policy be included in the IACP final resolution promoting T and U visa certification by police departments. (May 18, 2018)

Gaining Access to FBI database on police killed or injured in responding to DV calls or related to DV perpetrators. Conference call with Michael LaRiviere, Salem Police Department, Mary Ann Dutton, Georgetown University, and representatives from the FBI responsible for the database on police killed in the line of duty. Washington, District of Columbia. (April 25, 2016)

IACP Victim Services Committee. Officer Michael LaRiviere and Inspector Sergeant Antonio Flores presented a model policy on U visa certifications developed by NIWAP and law enforcement partners to the Committee for adoption. Bloomington, Minnesota. (May 24, 2016)

Meeting with National Sheriff's Association staffers to discuss trainings and materials geared towards sheriffs who may encounter immigrant crime victims in their communities. Alexandria, Virginia. (April 7, 2016)

Meeting with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services USCIS Office of Policy and Strategy and USCIS Communications staff to discuss strategies for collaboration on law enforcement training. Topics included involving USCIS staff in trainings NIWAP conducts for law enforcement under NIWAP's OVW grant and obtaining access to the information USCIS collects on VAWA and U visa case processing, RFE and approval/denial rates. Washington, D.C. (April 7, 2016)

Development of a Criminal Court Ethics Rule on Raising Immigration Status of the Victim in a Criminal Case. Consulted with the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office. Seattle, Washington (March 17, 2016)

National Forum on Body Worn Cameras and Violence Against Women Victim Impact Attended invitation-only experts conference planned by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), National Law Enforcement Leadership Initiative on Violence Against Women, supported through the Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women Alexandria, Virginia. (February 24- 25, 2016)

Meeting with Casa de Esperanza. Leslye E. Orloff, Meaghan Fitzpatrick and Benish Anver met with Andrea Carcamo-Carvazos legal director for Casa de Esperanza offered consultation assistance in the

development of a national U visa project focusing on drafting and securing the passage of model state legislation requiring that law enforcement agencies receiving state funding be required to have U visa certification practices and policies that result in U visa certification and are consistent with Department of Homeland Security policies and training materials on the U Visa. (August 21, 2015)

Proportion of Persons Murdering Police Officers with Domestic Violence Histories and Immigrant Survivors Policy Reform Needs. NIWAP staff (Director, Fellow, and Seminar Student) and Officer Michael LaRiviere participated in a meeting with the Director and the Policy Director of the DOJ Office on Violence Against Women. Washington, District of Columbia. (December 6, 2014)

Improved Access to Work Authorization and Removing Restrictive Supervisor Requirement. Led Meeting with Director Alejandro Mayorkas, Leadership and Issue Experts form all components of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services advocating for reforms in processing of U Visa and VAWA self-petitioning cases that will result in victims obtaining work authorization within 6 months of filing their immigration cases. This meeting also discussed ways to provide Police Chiefs and Sheriffs more local control over who they can designate to sign U visa certifications. NIWAP staff (Director, Fellow, Seminar Student), Officer Michael LaRiviere and former Director, DOJ, Office on Violence Against Women and former Dallas Prosecutor, Cindy Dyer attended the meeting, Washington, D. C., (December 6, 2014)

"Domestic Violence Offenders and Police Officers Killed" Meeting with the Bureau of Justice Assistance, the White House and Officer Michael LaRiviere discussing how to develop research to study the attributes of persons who kill police and the proportion who have only domestic violence histories. (November 1, 2013)

Meeting with Department of Homeland Security staff regarding training of local law enforcement on U-visa certification. At this meeting NIWAP was asked to draft an initial script that DHS would use to write a 10-minute roll call video for local law enforcement on the U-visa. Students in our Immigrant Women Law and Policy seminar developed draft scripts as part of their homework. Based on the scripts submitted NIWAP worked with law enforcement faculty under our Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant and a seminar student developed the draft script which NIWAP submitted to DHS. (August 28, 2012 – September 27, 2012)

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Press Release for Hennepin County Attorney's Office new Worker Protection Unit. Leslye E. Orloff gave a quote to use in the press release about Hennepin County Attorney's Office new Worker Protection Unit about their U and T visa policies.(*March 5, 2024)

Need for Early Access to Work Authorization and Protection From Deportation for U Visa and VAWA Immigrant Victims, Letter from Law Enforcement and Prosecution Officials to Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas seeking policy reforms in case processing for U visa and VAWA self-petition cases and rescinding of the 2019 U Visa Certification Resource Guide. (May 26, 2021)

NIWAP Blank Space Letter From Law Enforcement and Prosecution Officials, On the behalf of NIWAP's law enforcement partners, NIWAP drafted and submitted a letter to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) out of concern for two new policies imposed by USCIS that change its decisions about which U and T Visas will be accepted as filed. The letter expresses the impact that these policies are having on criminal investigations and prosecutions across the country as it interferes with justice system participation by immigrant victims, among other issues. (May 21, 2020)

Zoe Gluck and Leslye E. Orloff, "Request for USCIS to Accept Prior Edition of Form I-918 Supplement B through December 31, 2019." Letter to USCIS signed by NIWAP and NIWAP's law enforcement faculty requesting an extension of time before USCIS will stop accepting the 2017 edition of Form I-918 B through December 31, 2019 in order to prevent victims from having to obtain new certifications in cases victims have already filed or were in the process of filing when the 2019 form was issued. USCIS agreed to extend the period of time during which the 2017 form would be accepted. (June 7, 2019)

Police Executive Research Forum, T Visas Protect Victims of Human Trafficking and Strengthen Community Relationship. NIWAP provided expert review and editorial assistance related to this publication (November 19, 2018).

Tarja Cajudo and Leslye E. Orloff, "Testimony in Support of Washington State Evidence Rule 413" NIWAP provided written testimony that contributed to the adoption by the Washington State Courts of an evidence rule that would limit the introduction of immigration evidence into court for civil and criminal cases. It would also remove potential for racial and ethnic stereotyping that result from injection of immigration status evidence into fact-finding process. In civil cases, it would balance the concerns of prejudice against immigrants with the legitimate need of defendants to raise status issues. In criminal cases, it would indicate that immigration status is generally inadmissible except in certain judicially reviewed circumstances. Seattle, Washington. (September 15, 2017)

Benish Anver and Leslye Orloff, "National Sheriff's Association (NSA) Proposed Model Policy" submitted a proposed draft model policy on Interactions with Immigrant Victims of Crime and Human Trafficking and Signing of U Visa Certifications and T Visa Declarations. Updates made for submission to NSA to include information from Final Report of the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing. (June 25, 2016)

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Police Chiefs and NIWAP, "Proposed Model Policy for Interactions with Immigrant Victims of Crime and Human Trafficking & Signing of U Visa Certifications and T Visa Declarations" submitted a draft U-Visa Certification Policy to the International Association of Chiefs of (IACP) for adoption by the IACP into its library of recommended model policies. The Model U Visa Policy was collaboratively developed by NIWAP and law enforcement leadership and Chiefs from 9 jurisdictions across the country with input from the Department of Homeland Security. (Submitted to the IACP in Alexandria, Virginia October 21, 2014)

"Proposed Model Policy Proclamation" for adoption by the International Association of Chiefs of Police in Support of a Model Policy on U Visa Certifications and T Visa Declarations. Submitted to the IACP in Alexandria, Virginia. (October 21, 2014)

"Discussion Paper in support of the Model Policy for Interactions with Immigrant Victims of Crime and Human Trafficking & Signing of U Visa Certifications and T Visa Declarations." Submitted to the IACP in Alexandria, Virginia. (October 21, 2014)

"Police Chief's Letter to Deputy Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas Department of Homeland Security, Final Rule on U Visa Certifications and Expansion of Police Chief Options for Designation of Certifiers Beyond the Supervisor Requirement" Signed by Police Chiefs from San Francisco, CA, San Antonio, TX, Amherst, MA, Boise, ID, Tigard, OR, Appleton, WI. (February 2014)

Officer Michael LaRiviere, Leslye E. Orloff, and Benish Anver, "Dangers of Domestic Violence Offenders for Law Enforcement Officers and Communities: A Proposed Research Agenda" submitted outline of proposed research to the White House, the Bureau of Justice Statistics, and the Office on Violence Against Women. Participated in a conference call with these agencies. (October 30, 2013 and November 1, 2013)

Judges and the Courts

Meetings and Consultations

Wendy Stickle, "Human Trafficking Diversion Courts Exploratory Survey." NIWAP provided comments and editorial assistance on a survey that seeks to identify court locations and other human trafficking-related resources available in jurisdictions. (June 4th, 2024)

Establishing a Statewide Maryland U Visa Certification Protocol For The Protection Order Courts, met with the Maryland Judiciary, a leadership group of Maryland Judges, and expert judicial faculty from the National judicial Network who presented on certification by protection order judges nationally in U visa cases. (April 17, 2023)

Unaccompanied children deserve protection, not partisan politics, assisted judge Ramona Gonzales with suggested edits for an op Ed she submitted to Newsweek. (April 19, 2023)

U Visa and T Visa Certification Protocol for Maryland State Courts, Meeting with Judge Green and Maryland Judiciary staff to discuss next steps in development and implementation of a state-wide judicial certification policy. (June 11, 2022)

Maryland Special Status Working Group, Leslye E. Orloff, NIWAP Director, appointed by the Maryland Administrative Office of the Courts to be a member of this working group addressing U visas and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status cases in the Maryland Courts (2019- Present) This work included:

- Analysis of SIJS case law in Maryland
- Drafting a proposed state-wide U and T visa certification policy for the Maryland courts
- Updating a 2015 chart on Immigration Consequences of Criminal Convictions in Maryland in collaboration with Professor Maureen Sweeny at University of Maryland Law School
- Securing passage on June 17, 2020 of a Maryland State Court Rule 8-207 and amendments to 16-602 that provide expedited appeals and emergency case processing for SIJS cases that involve minors who will turn 21 within 6 months and for cases of minors who are subject to adverse immigration actions. These rules will go into effect on July 1, 2020.

State-wide U and T Visa Protocol for the Maryland State Courts. Drafted this protocol as a member of the Maryland Special Status Working Group of the State Courts of Maryland (October 17, 2019)

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Meeting with OVW. NIWAP staff met with Bea Hanson, Director, OVW, and Rosie Hidalgo, Deputy Director for Policy, OVW, on NIWAP judicial training curriculum and report on the need for judicial training on issues that involve immigrant crime victims in courts. (November 20, 2015)

Meeting with Maureen Dunn, Chief, Family Immigration & Victim Protection Division (DHS). Met with DHS to discuss potential updates to the U visa regulations to address ambiguities and DHS input for a newsletter on U visa certifications by judges. Washington, D.C. (February 26, 2015)

Meeting with USCIS to discuss U Visa Certification by Judges. Met with Scott Whelan at USCIS to discuss judicial ethics issues relating to U Visa certification by judges and other judicial officers; also discussed upcoming judicial training in Delaware. Washington, D.C. (November 12, 2014)

Meeting with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) regarding the implications of the Judicial Standard Commission, State of North Carolina's, Formal Advisory Opinion of August 8, 2014, which ruled that the signing of U visa certifications by judges presents ethical challenges and recommended that judges not sign certifications. Met with USCIS staff to discuss the impact of this opinion on judges and judicial ethics boards across the country and materials that NIWAP could develop as a part of judicial training to explain the importance of judges signing U visa certifications, as Congress intended, in a manner that does not violate judicial ethics. (September 30, 2014)

U-Visa Certification by Judges: Ethical Issues and Best Practices Calls with Civil and Criminal Court Judges Regarding U Visa Certification and the Formal Advisory Opinion of North Carolina's Judicial Standard Commission. Call with judicial partners from various jurisdictions across the country to strategize about the implications of and response to the Formal Advisory Opinion, issued by the

Commission on August 8, 2014, regarding judicial ethics issues that arise when judges sign U visa certifications. (September 5 and 23, 2014)

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Provided expert analysis detailing the ways in which a Maryland Judicial ethics opinion on U visa certification by state court judges including state civil and family court judges contained legally incorrect information and relied upon legally incorrect assumptions about U visa immigration laws and the federal statutory authority for state court judges to sign U visa certifications. (October 7, 2023)

U and T Visa Certification Protocol for Maryland Courts: provided editorial assistance to the Maryland Judiciary on the development of this proposed policy. (July 11, 2022)

San Francisco: Superior Court U Visa Certification Protocol: NIWAP partnered with the San Francisco Police Department and the State Court Judge responsible for U visa certification in San Francisco to draft the San Francisco Superior Court Civil Division's new U Visa Certification Protocol. The protocol was distributed by the Judicial Council of California to California judges from across the state and serves as a model nationally. (October 27, 2017).

Minnesota Ethics Opinion: Obtained favorable judicial ethics opinion and national training memorandum confirming that state civil and criminal court judges could sign U visa certifications and laying out best practices for judicial certifications for cases in which the judge has issued rulings and the need for notice to all parties in pending cases. (June 29, 2015)

Letter to the Minnesota Board on Judicial Standards Regarding Proposed Advisory Opinion 2015-1- U Visa Certifications. A member of the Minnesota judiciary requested input from NIWAP regarding the Minnesota Board on Judicial Standards' proposed opinion regarding U Visa certification by judges. NIWAP wrote a memorandum addressing both the positive aspects of the proposed opinion and also areas for improvement, including citations to materials from USCIS and in consultation with the judicial faculty from NIWAP's SJI grant. (June 12, 2015)

Recommendations and Comments to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) on the U Visa Resource Guide for Law Enforcement. Submitted comments and recommendations to the Office of Policy and Strategy at USCIS regarding updates to the U Visa Resource Guide for Law Enforcement to add prosecutors, judges and other government agencies that can sign U visa certifications. (April 6, 2015)

Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Dynamics, Trauma-Informed Care, Culture and Language Access

Meetings and Consultations

"Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) 1994 Legislative History – Participating Hill Staff and Victim Advocates" Created list from NIWAP VAWA archives of the House and Senate Hill staffers and the lead victim advocates who worked on the drafting of VAWA 1994 which was developed and submitted to the Office on Violence Against Women at the U.S. Department of Justice. (September 10, 2024)

Office on Violence Against Women, Legal Assistance for Victims and Underserved Technical Assistance Projects. NIWAP staff met with OVW staff leading effort encourage agencies that provide victim advocacy to immigrant survivors to apply for a grant from OVW to add an attorney on staff who can provide legal services to the agency's work. (September 6, 2022)

VAWA Self-Petitioner Access to Public and Assisted Housing consultations with HUD on VAWA self-petitioner access to public and assisted housing and steps that could be taken by HUD to improve access. Consultation including providing detailed legislative analysis and documentation of how laws affecting VAWA self-petitioner access interact with federal immigration laws. (September/October 2021)

Improving Access to Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) Victim Assistance Funds for Immigrant Survivors, consultation with Representative Adriano Espaillat's Office on possible legislative solutions to immigrant victim access to VOCA Victim Assistance funding. (September 23, 2021)

New York Governor's COVID-19 Domestic Violence Task Force, Leslye E. Orloff was appointed to serve on this taskforce and made a series of recommendations to Governor Cuomo and the New York State Council on Women and Girls about how the state could play an important role in improving services, legal representation and support for victims of domestic violence, child abuse and sexual assault. Governor Cuomo included steps he will take alongside the New York State government to improve access to representation for immigrant victims in VAWA self-petition and U visa cases through supporting a project that is based upon the remote representation project NIWAP has been working on to provide representation to immigrant victims in California in collaboration with (CALCASA). The project NIWAP runs and WCL are named on page two of the addendum—NIWAP was the only program named in the report. NIWAP staff are working with New York State government officials on an ongoing basis providing them information about the project and has offered to mentor groups in New York carrying out the project. (May 21, 2020)

Meeting with Alianza Nacional de Campesinas, consulted regarding assistance with national convening in Washington, D.C. (January 21, 2020)

Assistance to the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CALCASA) in securing legal representation from Washington College of Law's Intellectual Property Clinic regarding CALCASA's "Bold Moves" Sexual Assault awareness campaign (January 9, 2020)

Letter to Andrew Seele, Migration Policy Institute, Seeking assistance which led to securing from MPI's lead demographer state by state demographics on the numbers of lawful permanent residents in each state and the ability to receive this information updated each year as U.S. census data is released. (October – November, 2019)

Child Marriage Legislation. Leslye E. Orloff reviewed and provided expert assistance to the Tahirih Justice Center and the Alliance for Immigrant Survivors with proposed edits to potential legislation to deter child marriage and protect individuals are risk for or who are victims of forced marriages. Falls Church, Virginia. (January 25, 2019)

Assisted researchers at Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing in recruiting translators for their Women study. This research study recruited immigrant and refugee women to develop and test a culturally adapted safety decision aid for immigrant and refugee women. The confidential app/website is being created to empower immigrant and refugee women to make informed decisions about their relationships, health, and safety.

Office of Victims of Crime Underserved Resource Center, Limited English Proficiency Working Group: Served as a regular participant in the meetings and the work of the Limited English Proficiency Working Group. This work has included: participating in bi-monthly meetings, identifying potential interview candidates in each state, convening a listening session with family lawyers on language access challenges their clients encounter in the court system and with police, providing a detailed bibliography of social science and legal research on immigrant and LEP victims, setting up and conducting interviews with allies in the field and a VOCA Administrator, and attending a conference and Resource Center meeting at the National Center for Victims of Crime conference in Portland, Oregon. Washington D.C. (July-December 2017)

Immigrant Victims of Sexual Assault, Stalking, Dating Violence and Sexual Harassment on Campus Meeting with American University alum James Ferg-Cadima, U.S. Department of Education. Washington, D.C. (August 8, 2016)

Subcommittee on Medical, Mental Health and Trauma of the Advisory Committee on Family Residential Centers Leslye Orloff served as Chair of this subcommittee and is continuing to work with the subcommittee and the full committee to complete work on recommendations for improvements in trauma informed treatment, care, and help for the immigrant mothers and their children currently being detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement in Family Detention Centers. The Committee's report will be completed by the end of September 2016. Washington, D.C. (November 2015-October 2016)

Meeting with White House staff from the Office on Violence Against Women, and SAMSA Trauma staff Health and Human Services staff to obtain information about tools and resources and best practices on trauma informed care for detained persons, particularly women and children. Washington, D.C. (April 1, 2016)

Meeting with KIND: Met with attorney as Kids in Need of Defense (KIND) to discuss the recent raids by ICE and the increase in detention of immigrant families, women, and children. Discussed ICE and DHS policies, recommendations, and collaboration with KIND as this develops. (January 5, 2016)

Child Migration Convening. Attended convening hosted jointly by the Center for Gender & Refugee Studies (CGRS), and the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to discuss the UNHCR and CGRS reports published, coordinate advocacy, develop policy recommendations, and identify research gaps to address country conditions in Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador and Mexico, forced return of refugee children, including south of the US-Mexico border, family detention, expedited removal/return processes and protections under U.S. law, handling of child cases by the immigration courts, including special dockets and access to counsel, and child asylum adjudication standards. Washington, D.C. (November 6, 2015)

Conference Call with Staffers from Rep. Kathleen Rice's (New York) Office. Leslye Orloff and Benish Anver spoke with the legislative assistants working on immigration and sexual assault issues from Rep. Rice's office regarding sexual assault on college campuses in New York and how it impacts immigrant students. Washington, D.C. (June 24, 2015)

Planning Session for White House Forum on Gender Equality and Violence. Leslye Orloff attending a planning session with other national advocacy groups at the White House to discuss topics related to gender equality issues and gender based violence for a future forum. Washington, D.C. (June 22, 2015)

Meeting with Deputy Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas (DHS). Meeting with DHS, ICE, and other advocates, as part of an ongoing conversation, to discuss the current policies in family immigration detention. Discussed best practices for working with victims of trauma living in detention facilities,

received updates from DHS and ICE on changes implemented since our last meeting, and discussed materials and research that NIWAP and partner organizations can provide to DHS and ICE to assist officials in best serving limited English proficient individuals and survivors of trauma living in immigration detention. Washington, D.C. (March 12, 2015)

Meeting with Customs and Border Patrol leadership on treatment of immigrant victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking encountered by CPB officials. This meeting included a detailed discussion of VAWA confidentiality implementation. Submitted findings from U.S. Customs and Border Patrol Study, a nationwide study conducted by NIWAP at a meeting with senior leadership at the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol Service, U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The study gathered information for attorneys, advocates and other victim service providers in border communities to gauge the interactions of CBP and immigrant victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking and other U visa listed crimes. (September 10, 2014)

Meeting with the Department of Homeland Security's Office on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties. Providing expertise on the needs of immigrant crime victims, immigrant children and immigrant women. Washington, D.C. (October 30, 2012)

Language Access Enforcement, Meeting with Department of Justice Civil Rights Division, Federal Coordination and Compliance Section: NIWAP has been working to increase language access and to provide enforcement mechanisms for limited English proficient (LEP) persons who have not received federally mandated language access. At this meeting, attorneys from the Department of Justice and NIWAP discussed challenges present in current enforcement practice and the scope of the language access problem. NIWAP will be doing a nationwide survey of language access for immigrant victims with assistance from police, prosecutors and courts. (October 23, 2012)

Meeting with Senior Staff and the National Legal Aid and Defenders Organization: Discussed strategies to secure full implementation of the Access to Legal Services provisions of VAWA 2005 for immigrant victims of crime who continue to be turned away from Legal Services Corporation (LSC) funded programs. NIWAP will be developing and filing a federal administrative petition for rulemaking by LSC. (October 12, 2012)

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NIWAP, Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General Recipient Survey, Office on Violence Against Women Technical Assistance Program completed survey for the OIG on the OVW TA program (May 4, 2018)

Family Violence Council of Maryland Strategic Plan: Assisted the Family Violence Council of Maryland in developing and submitting to the Maryland Governor for approval a state-wide strategic plan for meeting the needs of Immigrant and Non-English speaking victims in the State of Maryland. Annapolis, Maryland (December 19, 2017)

Public Benefits, Healthcare, Housing, Legal Services and Safety Net Services

Meetings and Consultations

"Illinois TANF/Medicaid for VAWA self-petition prima facie determination" NIWAP collaborated with the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the Shriver Center on Poverty Law to get the state

of Illinois to retract and revise state policies that conflicted with state statutes that granted VAWA self-petitioners access to state-funded TANF and Medicaid. NIWAP's assistance including correcting legal errors in the current policies and providing a corrected draft policy that the state could implement that is consistence with Illinois law. (April 15, 2024, Law reforms implemented April 25, 2025)

Leslye E. Orloff , "NIWAP Comments to the Office for Victims of Crime on Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Victim Compensation Grant Program (Docket No.: OJP (OVC) 1808; RIN 1121-AA89" The specific comments focused on removing state imposed restrictions on access to o VOCA Compensation Funds by immigrant survivors of crime and improving access to technical assistance and training on immigrant victim eligibility for by VOCA Compensation.(April 5, 2024)

"Consultation with HUD and DHS on Categories of Human Trafficking Victims Eligible for Public and Assisted Housing" including the difference between the forms of immigration case documentation that adult human trafficking victims will have from DHS compared to child trafficking victims who will be housing eligible but will have no documentation from DHS. They will have an HHS child trafficking eligibility letter. (November 30, 2022).

"Improving VAWA Self-Petitioner Access to Public and Assisted Housing: Supporting Actions HUD Can Take" Consultation with Rosie Hidalgo, White House, Gender Policy Council (May 13, 2022)

"VAWA Self-Petitioner Access to Public and Assisted Housing," provided legal research and analysis to HUD and DHS staff on legal rights of VAWA self-petitioners to access public and assisted housing and how these protections need to be more fully implemented. (October/November 2021).

"Improving Access to Victims of Crime Act Victim's Assistance for Immigrant Crime Victims" provided expert advice to the office of Representative Adriano Espaillat (NY-13) on the immigrant crime victim access to VOCA assistance payment, Department of Justice efforts to guarantee access to immigrants, NIWAP's social science research on the limited extent to which immigrant survivors access VOCA and potential legislative reforms including improving anti-discrimination laws applicable to VOCA and VAWA grants. (September 27, 2021)

"Expanded Access to Public and Assisted Housing for Immigrant Survivors" provided legislative draft language to Freedom Network USA, the National Housing Law Project, and the National Safe Housing Alliance that on Housing Act Section 214 amendments needed to grant access to public and assisted housing for U visa victims and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status recipient children. The draft language also proposed amendments to HUD's social security number requirements to remove barriers for immigrant survivors who much await Department of Homeland Security issuance of work authorization before immigrant survivors can be granted full social security numbers (September 2, 2021).

Housing and Urban Development Policy on Public Housing for Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Meeting with HUD on releasing policy clarification on eligibility of immigrant victims for public housing benefits. Washington, D.C. (December 2, 2016)

U Visa Certification by Federal Government Agencies Consultation with the U.S. Department of Education about U Visa Certification on cases the Department initiates under its enforcement statutes. (September 27, 2016)

Orientation Presentation for Morgan Lewis Pro Bono Lawyers Working on State-by-State Health Care Access for Immigrant Victims and Immigrant Children Presented a training and technical assistance

session for the pro bono lawyers from Morgan Lewis who developing 2016 updates for NIWAP's state-by-state documenting access to post-assault, child, and prenatal health care, forensic exam access and emergency medical assistance available in each state for immigrant crime victims and immigrant children by immigration status. (September 14, 2016)

Proposed VAWA Housing Regulations Discussion with representative from USCIS on the proposed HUD VAWA rule implementing VAWA 2005 discussing the need to ensure that qualified immigrant victims are able to access public and assisted housing guaranteed them under 1996 welfare and immigration legislation. The groups having difficulty accessing public and assisted housing are battered immigrant VAWA self-petitioners, T visa applicants and their children included in their applications. Washington, D.C. (August 29, 2016)

"Tri Agency Letter Confirming Access to Shelter and Transitional Housing for Undocumented Immigrant Victims and the Homeless" NIWAP led the effort nationally to secure a letter from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) that reminds recipients of federal funds how the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) of 1996 applies to their programs. This letter reiterates long standing federal policies that immigrants cannot be denied access to certain services necessary to protect life and safety services including but not limited to emergency shelters, and short-term housing assistance (including transitional housing and rapid re-housing), crisis counseling and intervention, soup kitchens, community food banks, emergency Medicaid and public health services. The letter also described the non-discrimination requirements that apply to all federal grantees and the application of these protections to cases involving immigrants. Washington, D.C. (August 12, 2016)

White House Domestic Violence Office: Briefed the office and submitted memos and information on a range of topics of particular importance for immigrant victims. The need for VOCA to issue regulations that will end discrimination against immigrant crime victims in Alabama and Nevada, the need for issuance of final U visa regulations during this administration. The need for HUD to issue clarification and policies confirming access to public and assisted housing for battered immigrants, and the need to access to transitional housing for immigrant victims, homeless and abused and abandoned children. Washington, D.C. (November 18, 2015)

Meeting with the Office of Justice Programs, General Counsel and Senior Managers and Policy Staff at the Office of Victims of Crime to discuss issuance of regulations by the U.S. Department of Justice that would preclude states from prohibiting to federally funded crime victim assistance to immigrants who on the date of the crime victimization were undocumented. NIWAP presented preliminary findings from research conducted in Nevada and Alabama the two states that currently bar access to crime victims' assistance (VOCA) for undocumented immigrants. (April 29, 2015)

Meeting with New White House Advisor on Violence Women, Carrie Bettinger-Lopez to discuss and provide an update on new Legal Services Regulations, policy issues affecting immigrant victims that NIWAP has been working with Customs and Border Patrol and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services on, access to transitional housing and public and assisted housing through HUD and access to post-secondary educational grants and loans for U visa victims. (April 29, 2015)

Meeting with Department of Justice. Leslye Orloff, NIWAP's Women, Law and Policy Fellow, Meaghan Fitzpatrick, and seminar student, Robert Goodis, attended a meeting with the Chief of the Federal Coordination and Compliance Section of the Civil Rights Division at DOJ regarding states that are denying Victims of Crime Act funds to immigrants. Washington, D.C. (April 8, 2015)

Meeting with Representative Keith Ellison. Met with Congressman Keith Ellison and his staffers to discuss immigration issues, including law enforcement training on the U visa, battered immigrant access to transitional housing and public and assisted housing, and NIWAP's development of materials that will address the impact of President Obama's Executive Action on immigration. Washington, D.C. (December 3, 2014)

Meeting with USCIS Ombudsman Office. Met as part of an ongoing work group to discuss various issues immigrant women and children are facing when interacting with USCIS and generally. This meeting discussed policy regarding the U visa, family detention, and language access issues. Washington, D.C. (December 3, 2014)

"Clarification Under VAWA 2005 and LSC Regulations of LSC Funded Program's Ability to Represent Immigrant Victims of Battering, Extreme Cruelty and Domestic Violence When the Abuse Occurred Abroad" Meeting with National Legal Aid and Defender Association (NLADA) and Legal Services Corporation (LSC) regarding inconsistency in the new regulations issued by LSC in April 2014 that did not accurately describe eligibility for access to legal services by victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, as defined by the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2005. NIWAP worked with LSC and NLADA to discuss the inconsistency and to provide LSC with information about the potential group of immigrant victims that could potentially be unable to access critical legal services based on the inconsistency. (October 1, 2014)

"Access to Transitional for Immigrant and Limited English Proficient Victims," and "Access to Public and Assisted Housing for VAWA Self-Petitioners" Call with National Law Center on Housing and Poverty (NLCHP) regarding access to transitional and public and assisted housing by immigrant women and children and immigrant crime victims and discussed strategies to recommend policies to federal agencies. (September 30, 2014)

"Access to Transitional Housing for Immigrant and Limited English Proficient Victims," and "Access to Public and Assisted Housing for VAWA Self-Petitioners" Call with Staffers from Representative Gwen Moore's Office to discuss access to transitional and public and assisted housing programs by immigrant women and children and immigrant crime victims and how congressional oversight may help improve current policies. Discussed strategies of how to develop policy recommendations to the federal government and how to utilize the findings of national survey that NIWAP conducted on the issue of access. (August 20, 2014)

Meeting with Gustavo Velasquez, Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Met with Assistant Sec. Velasquez and a team of HUD staff to discuss administrative fixes for battered immigrant access to public and assisted and transitional housing programs. NIWAP has been working on two separate but related issues: the first, HUD funded transitional housing programs are denying immigrant survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking access to short term housing programs despite HUD issued guidance stating they should have access. This was the first meeting in an ongoing conversation to help resolve that issue; the second, HUD has not implemented a 1996 law that allows "qualified aliens" access to public and assisted housing; NIWAP is now working with HUD to analyze the statutory interpretation and conflict of law for a resolution. Washington, D.C. (January 7, 2014)

Meeting on Immigrant Victims' Rights Issues: NIWAP Director Leslye Orloff, three of the Immigrant Women Law and Policy Seminar Students (Krisztina Szabo, Katrina Castillo and Joyce Lancen, and NIWAP's Immigrant Women Law and Policy Fellow, Benish Anver, prepared briefing materials and attended a meeting with White House Staff. Topics included DHS (Work authorization, Supervisor U Visa Requirement) and Benefits (Housing, Education) (October 23, 2013)

Department of Education: Presented and discussed research and memos NIWAP prepared urging DOE to offer post-secondary grants and loans to crime victim U-visa holders and their children. (October 24, 2012)

Consultation with the U.S. Department of Education (DOEd) on access to post-secondary educational grants and loans for U-visa applicants, U-visa recipients and their children. Following a series of meetings with staff at DOEd we developed and submitted a legal memorandum and detailed chart tracking all the various forms of immigration status immigrants attending college may have. The chart lists 85 different forms of immigration statuses from lawful permanent residency, to temporary visas to undocumented status. We identified for DOEd forms of immigration status that have a path to lawful permanent residency, including the U-visa, and could therefore be eligible for postsecondary educational grants and loans. (September 4, 2012)

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Zain Lakhani, Leslye E. Orloff, and Katrina Tillapaugh, "Benefits for Immigrant Crime Victims: Best Practices on Eligibility" This report provides an analysis each of the major state funded public benefits programs and identifies, highlights, and explains which states have adopted the best practices that increase access to public benefits safety-net services for immigrant survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, and human trafficking. This tool helps states learn from other state laws where each state's laws can be improved to employ best practices. (November 14, 2024)

Zain Lakhani, Leslye E. Orloff, and Katrina Tillapaugh, "Benefits for Immigrant Crime Victims in Maryland: Technical Assistance on Eligibility" This report provides an analysis of which states offer greater public benefits access for immigrant domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, and human trafficking survivors than available in Maryland and discusses areas for improvement.. (November 13, 2024)

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Rafaela Rodrigues and Leslye E. Orloff, " Family Violence Council Access to Benefits for Immigrant Survivors Workgroup's Recommendations: Expanding Access to Benefits for Immigrant Crime Victims" This report provides the FVC Access to Benefits for Immigrant Survivors Workgroup's recommendations to the Governor's Family Violence Council of Maryland to improve the access to a variety of public benefits for crime survivors in Maryland (April 2, 2024)

"Public and Indian Housing Notice" Provided edits to HUD on proposed notice regarding Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Self-Petitioner Verification Procedures. (August 22, 2023).

"HUD Immigrant Eligibility Definitions" updated and submitted this definition list to the White House Gender Policy Council to support their work with the Social Security Administration in taking steps to ensure that VAWA self-petitioners and trafficking victims get the non-work Social Security numbers that they need to maintain subsidies in public and assisted housing. (July 21, 2023)

"Clarifying Eligibility for a Qualified Health Plan Through an Exchange, Advance Payments of the Premium Tax Credit, Cost-Sharing Reductions, a Basic Health Program, and for Some Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Programs" NIWAP submitted comments to the Department of Health and

Human Services on the special needs that immigrant survivors have to verification of public benefits eligibility for VAWA self-petitioners in a manner that complies with VAWA confidentiality protections. Victims also need SAVE eligibility verifications to be conducted in a manner that does not wrongly deny benefits access to immigrant victims of domestic violence and child abuse who are VAWA self-petitioners when they are legally eligible to access public benefits, including health care. (June 23, 2023)

"HUD Glossary of Definitions" developed and submitted to HUD a proposed list of immigrant survivor's who are eligible as qualified immigrants for public and assisted housing. (June 5, 2023)

"HUD Form 50058 Instructions" provided subject matter expertise to HUD staff on improvements to HUD forms that Public Housing Authorities fill out regarding persons living in public housing units so that the form fully reflects VAWA self-petitioner's and trafficking victim's eligibility for public and assisted housing (January 13, 2023).

"Comments in Response to Proposed Rulemaking: Housing and Community Development Act of 1980: Verification of Eligible Status" Submitted comments to HUD about the impact that proposed public and assisted housing rules would have on immigrant crime victims. (July 1, 2019)

Leslye Orloff, "Housing Provider Determinations of Battering or Extreme Cruelty for I-130 Applicant Battered Spouses and Children". Submitted a memorandum to Department of Housing and Urban Development discussing how housing providers can verify eligibility for public and assisted housing. (December 2, 2016)

Leslye Orloff, "Access to Public and Assisted Housing for Battered Immigrant Spouses and Children of Citizens and Lawful Permanent Residents". Memorandum sent to Department of Housing and Urban Development requesting a meeting to discuss access to housing for immigrant victims of crime. (October 19, 2016)

Kathryn Kimball and Leslye Orloff, "HUD Should Presume a Substantial Connection Between Qualified Immigrants Who Have Been Subjected to Battery or Extreme Cruelty and the Need for Housing." A seminar student worked with Leslye Orloff to research the need for housing and the connection between the abuse that took place and the need for housing. This research memorandum was submitted to General Counsel at HUD. (June 11, 2015)

Leslye Orloff, Meaghan Fitzpatrick, and Theresa Lau, Memorandum on "Eliminating Means Testing in HUD Funded Emergency and Transitional Housing Programs That Are Necessary to Protect Life and Safety Comments to Proposed Rule 'Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013: Implementation in HUD Housing' RIN 2501-AD71 Docket No. FR-5720-P-02." This memorandum was submitted with comments to HUD's proposed rule implementing VAWA 2013 to encourage HUD to prohibit programs from requiring immigrant victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking and other crimes to show income based eligibility for emergency and transitional housing. (June 1, 2015)

Benish Anver and Leslye Orloff, "Clarification Under VAWA 2005 and LSC Regulations of LSC Funded Program's Ability to Represent Immigrant Victims of Battering, Extreme Cruelty and Domestic Violence When the Abuse Occurred Abroad" (October 2014)

Meaghan Fitzpatrick, Benish Anver, David Stauffer, Krisztina Szabo, and Leslye Orloff, "Access to Emergency Shelters and Transitional Housing for Battered Immigrants and Immigrant Victims of Crime" Based on NIWAP social science and legal research. (June 2014)

Krisztina Szabo and Leslye Orloff, "Notice to the Field: Updated Legal Services Corporation Regulation on Legal Assistance to Immigrant Victims" (May 2014)

Krisztina E. Szabo, David Stauffer, Benish Anver, and Leslye E. Orloff, "Early Access to Work Authorization for VAWA Self-Petitioners and U Visa Applicants" Submitted to U.S. Department of Homeland Security. (February 2014)

Benish Anver and Leslye Orloff, "Legal Services on Privacy and Confidentiality Issues Needed By Victims of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking As 'Related Legal Assistance': Supplement to Comments on Proposed Rule Updates to the Legal Service Corporation Regulation on Legal Assistance to Aliens" 45 CFR Part 1626 – 78 Fed.Reg. 51696 (Aug. 21, 2013). Submitted to the Legal Services Corporation in response to a request for further information, Washington, D.C. (December 2013)

Krisztina Szabo and Leslye Orloff, "Memo on Access to Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing to be Sent From HUD, DOJ and HHS to Grantees Governing Access for Undocumented Immigrant Crime Victims, the Homeless and Abused, Abandoned and Neglected Children" This proposed memo updates a memo issued by HUD in 2001 and still in effect to fully include immigrant victims of sexual assault and human trafficking, to include anti-discrimination provisions, and to expand the memo to cover the major agencies funding shelter and transitional housing. To be submitted to the White House and HUD. Washington, D.C. (December 2013)

Krisztina Szabo and Leslye Orloff, "Early Access to Work Authorization for VAWA Self-Petitioners and U Visa Applicants: Legislative and Regulatory History Outline: Preliminary Report" Submitted to Director Mayorkas, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services. (National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project, December 2013)

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Krisztina Szabo and Leslye Orloff, "Memorandum Outlining Need for Updating HUD 2001 Letter on Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing" Submitted to the White House and HUD. Washington, D.C. (December 2013)

David Stauffer, Krisztina Szabo, Benish Anver and Leslye Orloff, "Preliminary Report on Work Authorization Data from National 2013 Survey on Access to Work Authorization and Effects of Delays on Victims: Human Trafficking Victims" Submitted to Director Mayorkas. (December 2013)

Leslye Orloff, Charles Palladino, "'Related Legal Assistance' Under Legal Services Anti-Abuse Regulations" Comments to propose Legal Services Corporation regulations. (October 2013)

Leslye E. Orloff "Updating LSC Regulations: Making Section 1626.4 VAWA 2005 Compliant" Memorandum to the Office of General Counsel of the Legal Services Corporation. This memo includes a recommendation that LSC follow the lead of DHS and make the proposed rule an interim final rule that takes effect immediately and can be revised following notice and comment. The proposed rule fits within the health and safety exception in the Administrative Procedures Act (July 3, 2013)

Leslye Orloff, Charles Palladino, and Sofia Vivero, "LSC Report on Immigrant Crime Victims" Based on NIWAP social science and legal research. (July 2013)

Sofia Vivero, Leslye E. Orloff, Daniel J. Quinones, Benish Anver and Charles Palladino, "Report to the Legal Services Corporation: Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Human Trafficking and Access to Legal Services" (June 2013)

"Stories of Battered Immigrant VAWA Self-Petitioners Being Turned Away From Public and Assisted Housing," "Memo on Legislative and Administrative History of Efforts to Implement 1996 Amendments Providing Access to Public Benefits, Including Public and Assisted Housing to VAWA Battered Immigrants." Memoranda and stories provide for Senator Franken's Office in support of amendments to housing laws that were included in the Senate passed Comprehensive Immigration Reform (May 3, 2013)

Family Law

Meetings and Consultations

ABA Steering Committee to Develop Model Legal Assistance for Victims Case Selection Criteria: consultation with the American Bar Association, Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence (August 10, 2022)

Affidavits of Support Enforcement Against Spouses Who are U.S. Citizen Domestic Violence Victims. Consultation with the Texas Council on Family Violence and the Tahirih Justice Center regarding legislation on affidavits of support being proposed by Senator Cornyn with recommendations on how to best protect victims. (June 7, 2022)

Expert Witness on Chinese Marriage Laws. NIWAP Staff assisted a West Virginia attorney in finding an expert information on Chinese marriage laws and an expert witness to testify in a divorce action in which a domestic violence perpetrator sought to invalidate a 30-year marriage to undermine the immigrant victim's spouse's lawful permanent residency. (September 17, 2019)

NIWAP Staff Contributed Three Informational Articles to the People's Law Library of Maryland regarding VAWA self-petition, DACA, and the U-Visa published to the People's Law Library website. (May 30, 2017)

Training and Technical Assistance Needs in Southern Maryland Meeting with Seri Wilpone of Chief Attorney Legal Aid Bureau Southern Maryland (August 17, 2016)

Developing Web Based Resources and Web Pages for Maryland Meeting with Dave Pantzer Maryland State Law Library Maryland Court of Appeals (August 17, 2016)

Training Opportunities for Collaboration in Training Maryland Family Law Attorneys on Immigrant Victims Legal Rights Meeting with Sharon Goldsmith of the Pro Bono Resource Center of Maryland (August 8, 2016)

Needs of Programs Serving Immigrant Victims in Maryland for Training and Technical Assistance Discussion with Morgan Weibel of the Tahirih Justice Center's Baltimore office (July 27, 2016)

Meeting with the State STOP Grant Administrator for the District of Columbia discussing needs of programs serving immigrant victims of domestic violence and child abuse in D.C. (July 22, 2016)

Special Issues Arising in Work With Immigrant Domestic Violence Victims consultation with Leigh Goodmark University of Maryland School of Law (July 8, 2016)

Legislative Reforms on Age of Consent to Marry to Combat Forced Marriage Consultation with The Tahirih Justice Center regarding proposed Virginia state legislation. Falls Church, Virginia (January 4, 2016)

Policy Advocacy Papers

Wojciech Koval, Testified in support of adding a catch all provision to Maryland's protection order statutes in HB 225, at a Legislative Hearing before the Maryland House of Delegates. (February 27, 2015)

Wojciech Koval and Leslye Orloff, "Statement of The National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project in Support of HB 225 Submitted to The Maryland House of Delegates Judiciary Committee" Discussing Maryland H.B. 225. (February 2015)