

***Strengthening Community and Organization Responses:
Serving Immigrant Victims of Intimate Partner Violence, Sexual Assault,
and Stalking***

Portland, Oregon – October 4, 2023

AGENDA

AUDIENCE: Law Enforcement, Prosecutors, Systems-Based Victim Advocates,
and Certifying Agency Staff

OVERALL GOALS: By the end of this workshop, you will be better able to:

- Describe who qualifies for U and T Visas
- Sign U Visa and T Visa applications to increase victim stability and safety
- Collaborate to improve trust with immigrant communities
- Develop strategies to overcome common defenses in cases involving immigrant victims

8:00am – 8:15am Registration

8:15am – 8:30am Welcome, Housekeeping, Introductions

8:30am – 9:45am Dynamics of Intimate Partner Violence, Stalking, Sexual Assault,
and Human Trafficking involving Immigrant Victims

- Describe your community's demographics
- Identify how offenders use immigration status to assert power and control
- Minimize barriers to victim disclosures

9:45am – 10:00am Break

10:00am – 11:30pm History and Purpose of the U and T Visa Programs and VAWA's
Immigration Protections

- Describe why immigration relief is available to victims of certain crimes
- Determine which forms of immigration relief may be available to crime victims
- Increase law enforcement safety and victim participation by supporting applications for immigration relief

11:30pm – 12:30pm Lunch

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- 12:30pm – 1:45pm U Visas as a Crime Fighting Tool
- Articulate U Visa requirements
 - Improve investigations and prosecutions by enhancing victim safety and stability
 - Analyze “helpfulness” in U Visa cases
- 1:45pm – 2:00pm Break
- 2:00pm – 2:30pm Immigration Relief and Human Trafficking
- Define Human Trafficking for purposes of immigration relief
 - Describe the difference between a T Visa, Continued Presence, and Deferred Action
 - Articulate offender tactics to assert “force, fraud, and coercion”
- 2:30pm – 2:40pm Break
- 2:40pm – 3:00pm Certification
- Protect victims from offenders and deportation by certifying early
 - Stabilize victims by providing them access to work authorization
 - Articulate U Visa review process
- 3:00pm – 4:00pm Holding Offenders Accountable
- Ethically protect victim privacy
 - Litigate admission of evidence pretrial
 - Develop offender-focused trial strategies

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