



## How to Get Involved With NIWAP

NIWAP is an organization that is a leading national resource center that maintains expertise in immigration, family, public benefits, and language access laws, as well as legal and victim services. NIWAP has worked with Congress and Department of Homeland Security staff to secure advances in laws and the implementation of regulations and policies that improve protections for immigrant victims of crime and their children.

During the semester, students work alongside NIWAP Director Leslye E. Orloff and Deputy Director Rocio Molina to offer technical assistance to a diverse group of professionals working with immigrant victims and their children on a wide range of legal issues and social service needs. Students research, documentation and legal analysis would be combined to help draft journal articles, model policies, training tools for professionals that are based in best practices; and memoranda and policy reports that are submitted to government agencies and used for training judges, police, prosecutors and victim advocates and attorneys with the goal of improving access to justice and improved policies and practices that benefit immigrant survivors and children. Additionally, these documents are maintained on an online library, giving students the opportunity to have work published.

There are many ways that you can get involved with our organization. We offer the following:

- **Dean's Fellowships**: This is a paid fellowship that is open to current WCL students. Work includes developing training materials, conducting research, and responding to technical assistance requests from state, local, and federal agencies. We also have positions open for L.L.M. and J.D. students.
- **Volunteer Opportunities**: NIWAP is especially interested in individuals with foreign language skills. We are seeking assistance in translating critical resources into multiple languages.
- **Speaker Series**: NIWAP holds its speaker series throughout the academic semester. These discussions feature various professionals working in immigration law to offer unique insights into the field.
- **Pro Bon Hours**: Working on NIWAP projects provide students an opportunity to develop much needed tools for training judges, police, prosecutors, advocates and attorneys while earning credit toward the law school pro bono requirement or the pro bono requirement for the New York Bar
- **Independent Study**: Working alongside NIWAP Director Leslye E. Orloff, students can apply for an independent study with NIWAP. All projects build skills useful to students interested in pursuing careers as public interest lawyers, public policy advocates, or lawyers working on legislation and administrative law issues. Our independent study opportunities meet WCL's Upper-Level Writing and Professional Experience Requirements.

Alumni of NIWAP and its seminar class have gone into careers related to government agencies, international organizations, public interest, legal services, and public policy organizations.