

Free Technical Assistance

For Judges and Courts Regarding: Immigrant and Refugee Victims of Domestic Violence, Child and Elder Abuse/Neglect, Sexual Assault, Stalking, Dating Violence and Human Trafficking

Provided by: NIWAP, American University, Washington College of Law

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NIWAP (pronounced *new-app*) offers **technical assistance, training, and written materials** to judges, law clerks, court staff, state court educators, and state court administrators on topics that assist courts in family, juvenile, civil and criminal court cases involving foreign born victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, dating violence, child and elder abuse, and human trafficking. We specialize on how immigration laws intersect with state family, protection order, custody, child support, public benefits and language access laws and providing courts with up-to-date legally correct information about immigration laws.

NIWAP's Technical Assistance Staff: Technical assistance to courts and judges is offered by a national team of NIWAP staff and judicial officers with expertise in hearing cases involving immigrant litigants and children in family, juvenile and criminal court cases. NIWAP's staff were involved in drafting the immigration crime victims' protections in the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) and have expertise in family law, public benefits, immigration and language access matters.

Our technical assistance covers the following topics:

- Legal rights of immigrant women and children and victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, elder abuse, human trafficking, and other crimes;
- Family Law: Special issues that arise in family court cases involving immigrants including civil protection orders, custody, child and spousal support, divorce, termination of parental rights and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status;
- Immigration Options for Immigrant Victims of Crime or Abuse: Immigration relief under the Violence Against Women Act, U –visas for crime victims, T –visas for trafficking victims, U and T visa certification by judges, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status findings, and VAWA confidentiality protections that limit immigration enforcement at courthouses and state court discovery of information about and contained in federal immigration cases;
- Access to Public Benefits and Victim Services: Immigrant access to federal and state-funded public benefits including healthcare, housing, educational benefits, victim services, driver's licenses, food and disaster assistance and access help for victims from the family, juvenile, criminal and civil courts;
- Language Access: Improving access for limited English proficient women, children and crime victims to assistance from police, prosecutors, courts, victim services, the justice, health care and social services systems;
- Referrals to programs nation-wide with experience and expertise serving immigrant victims of crime and abuse;
- Trainings and training materials: on legal rights and culturally and linguistically accessible court services;
- Strategies and Best Practices for state, local or federal court systems in improving access to justice for immigrant victims of crime, abuse and/or human trafficking and immigrant children.

Web Library and Directory of Service Providers:

NIWAP maintains an extensive **web library** of materials we have developed over the years, including bench cards, bench books, training manuals, state-by-state collections of laws, tools for states courts, legal and social science research, webinar recordings, and U.S. Department of Homeland Security and other federal government agency policies. These materials are available for download and free to use. Explore NIWAP's list of SJI training materials for courts at <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/sji-jtn-materials>. NIWAP has also developed a comprehensive state-by-state **Directory of Service Providers** with experience serving immigrant victims of violence. Access this directory at www.niwap.org/directory.

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FREE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, TRAINING, AND RESOURCES For Professionals Serving Immigrant and Refugee Women and Children

The National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project (NIWAP, pronounced *new-app*) is a national provider of training, legal, and social science research, policy development, and technical assistance to advocates, attorneys, pro bono law firms, law schools, universities, federal, state and local law enforcement, prosecutors, judges, court staff, social services and health care providers, justice system personnel, and other professionals who work with immigrant women, children, and crime victims. We offer assistance on a broad range of issues including access to services, safety planning, and legal rights.

If you are interested in having NIWAP develop a virtual or in-person training event for your community, state or organization please contact us at info@niwap.org or 202-274-4457

OUR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND RESOURCES COVER THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

- ✓ Legal rights under immigration, family, protection order, public benefits, health, housing, victim assistance and language access laws for immigrant survivors of family violence, sexual assault, stalking, dating violence, human trafficking, and other crimes
- ✓ Immigrant access to public benefits, legal, social, and victim services, the justice system, legal immigration status, work authorization, and preventing immigration enforcement, detention, and removal of immigrant victims
- ✓ Understanding and enforcing VAWA's confidentiality protections for immigrant survivors
- ✓ Special issues that arise in family court cases that involve immigrant survivors and children: custody, protection orders, divorce, discovery, child support, economic relief, abuse and neglect, special immigrant juvenile status, and termination of parental rights,
- ✓ Assistance for judges and court staff to best serve immigrant survivors, children and litigants in court
- ✓ Promoting U and T visa certification and language access increasing trust in law enforcement, prosecutors, courts, and other government agencies and improving access to justice for immigrant survivors
- ✓ Assistance with advocacy and case strategies for cases involving immigrant survivors
- ✓ Developing and implementing policies, protocols, procedures, and best practices that improve assistance for immigrant survivors
- ✓ Curricula development, training, and capacity building on any of these issues

MATERIALS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEB LIBRARY

- ✓ Fact Sheets, Training Materials, Toolkits, Screening Tools
- ✓ Bench Cards
- ✓ Guides and Manuals
- ✓ Immigration Relief Comparison Charts
- ✓ State by State Comparison Charts: Demographics, Public Benefits, VOCA, Health Care, Family Law, Service of Process and Jurisdiction
- ✓ Techniques for Trauma Informed Care
- ✓ Legal & Social Science Research, Articles & Policy Analysis
- ✓ Samples forms and motions
- ✓ Webinars, Videos, Pod Casts, On-line learning
- ✓ Government Resources: statutes, regulations, policies, publications, legislative and regulatory history

NATIONAL DIRECTORY OF EXPERIENCED PROGRAMS

- ✓ Referrals to programs with expertise serving immigrant survivors including shelters, domestic and sexual violence victim advocacy and legal services programs
- ✓ Contact us to add your program to NIWAP's directory

FREE WEBINARS AND COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE

- ✓ Up to date information on laws, policies, and regulations
- ✓ Presentations on best practices and emerging needs
- ✓ Peer-to-peer learning opportunities for law enforcement, prosecutors, victim advocates, family lawyers and judges

LIVE VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON TRAINING

- ✓ NIWAP staff and partners are available to deliver a training for advocates, attorneys, police, prosecutors, judges, and courts.

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We Can Offer Free Training in Your Jurisdiction
**LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PROSECUTION BEST PRACTICES:
IMMIGRANT DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE VICTIMS, LANGUAGE
ACCESS AND THE U AND T VISA**

NIWAP offers free training on U and T visa certification and language access best practices for serving immigrant victims of domestic and sexual violence and enhancing victim, officer and community safety.

This training is a collaboration between the National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project, AEquitas, National Sheriffs' Association and Asian Pacific Institute on Gender Based Violence.

The training will provide law enforcement and prosecution agency staff with information on the U and T visa programs and the role they play in effective community policing. The training will improve attendees understanding of how investigations can be improved by using language access tools; how agencies can more effectively hold offenders accountable by using the U Visa and T Visa certification as a crime fighting tool and how the safety of law enforcement officers, victims, and the community can be strengthened building collaboration to increase the likelihood of battered immigrants to report and provide helpfulness in the criminal investigation and prosecution of the crime.

This training will be delivered by a national team of law enforcement and prosecutor instructors and subject matter experts that may include the following:

- Jane Anderson, AEquitas
- Christopher Freeman, Prosecutor, Hennepin County, Minnesota
- Shannon Archer, Prosecutor, Polk County, Iowa
- Elliott Casey, Virginia Commonwealth Attorney's Services Council
- Sharla Jackson, Prosecuting Attorneys Council of Georgia
- Investigator Michael LaRiviere, Salem Police Department, Massachusetts
- Detective Stacy Ivie, Alexandria Police Department, Virginia
- Inspector Sgt. Antonio Flores, San Francisco Police Department, California
- Detective Shelli Sonnenberg, Boise Police Department, Idaho
- Commander Giovanni Veliz, Minneapolis Police Department, Minnesota
- Leslye E. Orloff and Rocio Molina, National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project, American University Washington College of Law
- Canon Han, Senior Project Manager, Asian Pacific Institute on Gender Based Violence

All attendees will receive training materials on best practices on U and T visa certification, work with immigrant survivors, language access at crime scene investigations, a U and T visa tool kit, and links to these and other valuable screening tools and materials.

To have us design a free training to your jurisdiction contact:

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