

## FREE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE 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 and legal rights.<sup>1</sup>

### OUR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND RESOURCES COVER THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

- ✓ Legal rights under federal legislation (including immigration, public benefits, health care, family, language access) 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 and confidentiality protections for immigrant victims
- ✓ Special issues that arise in family court cases that involve immigrant survivors and children, including custody, protection orders remedies, child support, abuse and neglect, special immigrant juvenile status, termination of parental rights, and discovery
- ✓ Assistance for judges and court staff to best serve immigrant litigants in court
- ✓ Building relationships with law enforcement, prosecutors and other government agencies that promote U Visa certification, T Visa endorsement, language access to law enforcement assistance, and improved justice system access for immigrant survivors
- ✓ Assistance with advocacy that benefits immigrant survivors (e.g. improving language access, U visa certification, and T Visa endorsement policies)
- ✓ Special issues arising for rural service providers
- ✓ Best practices for judges, police, prosecutors, advocates/attorneys working with immigrant survivors

### MATERIALS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEB LIBRARY

- ✓ Fact Sheets
- ✓ Bench Cards
- ✓ Guides and Manuals
- ✓ Comparison Charts
- ✓ State by State Demographics and Information on Public Benefits
- ✓ Webinars
- ✓ Videos
- ✓ Tool Kits
- ✓ Samples
- ✓ Training Materials
- ✓ Legal and Social Science Research, Articles and Policy Analysis
- ✓ Government Resources
- ✓ Screening Tools
- ✓ Techniques for Trauma Informed Care

### NATIONAL DIRECTORY OF EXPERIENCED PROGRAMS

- ✓ Referrals to shelters, domestic and sexual violence victim advocacy, social services and legal services programs.
- ✓ Contact us to be added to our directory

### FREE WEBINARS

- ✓ Up to date information on new laws and regulations
- ✓ Presentations on common issues and trends

### LIVE IN-PERSON TRAINING

- ✓ NIWAP staff and partners are available to serve as faculty for trainings for advocates, attorneys, police, prosecutors, judges and courts.

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**We Can Offer Training in Your Jurisdiction  
Best Practices: Immigrant Crime Victims, Language Access and the U Visa**

**NIWAP provides free training on the use of the U and T visa and crime scene language access best practices to improve law enforcement's and prosecutors' work with immigrant and limited English proficient (LEP) victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking.**

The U and T Visas were created as a crime fighting tools that remove the fear of deportation and encourages immigrant crime victims to report crime victimization to police and participate in criminal investigations and prosecutions. Provision of language access to police assistance at crime scenes results in improved accuracy of police reports, better crime scene investigations and more successful prosecutions. This training will discuss how providing qualified interpreters at crime scenes and U visa certification play crucial roles in improving community, victim and law enforcement officer safety. Attendees will build their skills for effective use of the U visa and provision of language access when working with immigrant and Limited English Proficient victims and witnesses and to improve community policing in immigrant communities.

This training is funded by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), and will review the use of innovative approaches that assist law enforcement and prosecutors in using the U visa and language access as vital crime fighting tools to hold perpetrators accountable for violent crimes.

The training faculty may include the following:

- Investigator Michael LaRiviere, Salem Police Department
- Sgt. Inspector Antonio Flores, San Francisco Police Department
- Detective Shelli Sonnenberg Wardle, Boise Police Department
- Detective Stacie Ivie, Alexandria Police Department
- Jane Anderson, (Former Miami Prosecutor, Aequitas
- Other members of our law enforcement and prosecutor team
- Leslye Orloff, Director, National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project, American University Washington College of Law
- Rocío Molina, Assistant Director, National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project, American University Washington College of Law
- Edna Yang, American Gateways

The faculty consists of experts on violence against immigrant victims of crime who train nationally on the U and T visas and language access as tools to assist law enforcement in the detection and investigation of crimes committed against immigrant victims in their communities, including crimes such as domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. **All attendees will receive training materials on best practices for language access at crime scene investigations, a U visa tool kit, and other valuable screening tools and materials.**

**To sign up to have us bring a free training to your jurisdiction go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RequestLEtraining>**

**For more information contact:** Rocío Molina: office 240.480.6378 | | molina@wcl.american.edu.

## 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 litigants that include victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, 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.

**NIWAP's Technical Assistance Staff:** Technical assistance to courts and judges is offered by a national team of judges with expertise in hearing cases involving immigrant litigants in family, juvenile and criminal court and by NIWAP's staff who were involved in drafting the immigration crime victims' protections in the Violence Against Women Act and who have expertise representing immigrant victims in family law and immigration 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 Crime Victims:** Violence Against Women Act, U –visa crime victim, T –visa trafficking victim immigration relief, U visa certification by judges, and VAWA confidentiality protections that limit immigration enforcement at courthouses and state court discovery of information about federal immigration cases;
- **Access to Public Benefits and Victim Services:** Immigrant access to federal and state-funded public benefits, health care, housing, educational benefits, victim services, the civil and criminal justice systems;
- **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 crime victims;
- **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 crime victims and immigrant crime victims 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 manuals, brochures in several languages, bench cards, screening tools, sample legal documents, training materials, research and journal articles, and more. These materials are available for download and free to use. Explore your issues of interest at [niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu](http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu).

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](http://www.niwap.org/directory). For information on upcoming training and webinars, visit [www.niwap.org/training](http://www.niwap.org/training).

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