Technical Assistance, Training, and Resources

For Professionals Serving Immigrant and Refugee Women and Children

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

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TOPICS
Legal rights for immigrant survivors of domestic violence, child abuse, elder abuse, 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

VAWA's confidentiality protections for immigrant survivors

Special issues in family court cases, immigrant survivors, and children: custody, protection orders, divorce, discovery, child support, economic relief, abuse and neglect, special immigrant juvenile status, and U and T certification by judges

Assistance for judges and court staff to best serve immigrant survivors, limited English proficient, children, and litigants in court and provide access to justice

Promoting U and T visa certification and language access by law enforcement, prosecutors, courts, and other government agencies to improve 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 and language access for immigrant survivors

Curricula development, training, and capacity building on any of these issues

VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON TRAINING
• NIWAP staff and partners are available to deliver a training for advocates, attorneys, police, prosecutors, judges, and courts.

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

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

MATERIALS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEB LIBRARY
• Fact Sheets, Training Materials, Toolkits, Screening Tools, Manuals
• Bench Cards
• Immigration Relief Comparison Charts
• State-by-State Comparison Charts: Demographics, Public Benefits, VOCA, Health Care, State Family Laws, Service of Process and Jurisdiction
• Techniques for Trauma-Informed Care
• Public Benefits Map
• Webinars, Videos, Podcasts, Online learning
• Government Resources: statutes, regulations, policies, publications, legislative and regulatory history

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Training and Technical Assistance for Judges and Courts - Topics include:

Legal protections for Immigrant and Refugee Victims of Domestic Violence, Child and Elder Abuse/Neglect, Sexual Assault, Stalking, Dating Violence and all victims of Human Trafficking

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National Judicial Network

Forum on Human Trafficking and Immigrants in State Courts (Judicial Officials only)

The Network provides a forum for judges to engage in peer-to-peer learning sessions with judges from across the country.

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Communities of Practice for Family Attorneys, Advocates, and Law Enforcement and Prosecutors

Communities of Practice provide opportunities for peer-to-peer learning by meeting virtually throughout the year with others from across the country working in your profession and serving immigrant victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, child abuse, and human trafficking.

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