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Best Practices for Responding to, Investigating and Prosecuting Cases Involving Immigrant Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence

October 27, 2025, 9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Location : 41605 Courthouse Drive, Leonardtown, Maryland 20650

In-Person Training for Prosecutors, Law Enforcement, and System-Based Advocates

(**MPCTC Inservice Credits Approval - Pending**)

Immigrant victims of crime are often reluctant to call the police for help or to participate in the criminal justice process. In cases involving domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking the barriers are compounded, as victims often face immigration-related abuse and threats of deportation. This training will provide law enforcement, prosecutors, systems-based victim advocates, child welfare, and state agency staff, with information on the U and T visa programs, including how these programs stabilize victims and improve victim and community safety by increasing victims' justice system participation, which enhances offender accountability. Participants will also learn prosecution best practices in the context of immigrant victim and offender dynamics, including pretrial and trial strategies to counter common defenses in cases involving immigrant victims of crime.

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