

U AND T VISA TRAINING MATERIALS¹

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If you are a victim advocate, attorney, judge, or other professional working with an immigrant victim and you would like to receive case specific technical assistance on immigration protections for immigrant survivors of domestic and sexual violence victims and their children, please call NIWAP for [technical assistance](#). (202) 274-4457 or email us at info@niwap.org.

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For more information on any of the immigration protections for immigrant crime victims and the U visa including statutes, regulations, policies and government publications see generally:

<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/topic/immigration/> and
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/topic/immigration/u-visa/>

NIWAP's Technical Assistance for Law Enforcement, Prosecutors, and Systems-Based Victim Advocates

- Technical Assistance and Training Flyer - Law Enforcement and Prosecutors (September 27, 2021) <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/ta-flyer-lea>
- Technical Assistance and Training on Legal Rights of Immigrant Crime Victims (September 27, 2021) <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/training-ta-flyer>

Forms of Immigration Relief for Crime Victims and Children

- Bench Card: Overview of Types of Immigration Status
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/bchcrd-immstatustypes>
- Family Court Bench Card on Immigration Rights of Battered Spouses, Children and Immigrant Crime Victims <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/judg-tkit-bchcrdvictimsimmrights10-11-13>
- Immigration Relief for Abused Children
http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/uscis_sijs_brochure
- Blue Card: Screening for Victims Who Qualify for Immigration Protective Relief (Squad Car Screening Tool) <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/screening-tool-victims-qualify>
- Bench Card: DHS Enforcement Priorities Information for State Court Judges
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/dhsenforcementpriorities-benchcard/>
- Comparison Chart of U visa, T Visa, Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Self-Petition, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS), and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/chart-vawa-t-u-sijs-daca/>

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- Policy Alert June 14, 2021: Bona Fide Determination Process for Victims of Qualifying Crimes, and Employment Authorization and Deferred Action for Certain Petitioners
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/u-visa-bona-fide>

Know Your Rights Information

- DHS Interactive Infographic on Protections for Immigrant Victims
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/dhs-protections-for-immigrant-victims>
- Immigration Options for Victims of Crime -DHS Brochure
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/imm-options-victims-of-crimes>
- Multilingual Materials for Victims and Advocates
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/multilingual-materials-by-language>
- Pathways to Immigration Relief for Students
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/screening-students-for-immigration-protections/>
- Information on the Legal Rights Available to Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence in the United States and Facts about Immigrating on a Marriage-Based Visa
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/marriage-based-legal-rights>
- Immigration Relief for Abused Children
http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/uscis_sijs_brochure
- Office on Trafficking in Persons Child Certification Handout
https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/child_eligibility_handout
- VAWA Confidentiality Protections, Courthouse Enforcement, and Sensitive Locations Policies at a Glance (December 27, 2021) <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/victims-and-protected-locations-policies-at-a-glance>

Glossary of Terms for Work with Immigrant Survivors

<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/appendix-z-glossary-of-terms>

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Tools for Attorneys and Advocates

Relief On-Line Learning Series

Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Self-Petition

- Pro bono Institute “Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Self-Petition” Training Module (June 18, 2018) <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pbti-vawa-training>
- Pro Bono Training Institute “U Visa” Training Module (June 21, 2018)
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pbti-u-visa-module>
- NIWAP, Newsletter USCIS Creates the HART Virtual Service Center for Humanitarian Immigration Relief and U.S. Department of Labor OSHA’s U and T Visa Certification Policy (March 30, 2023) <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/hart-dol-newsletter> **

How to Prepare and File a U Visa Case

- U Visas: Victims of Criminal Activity, Chapter 10, Empowering Survivors: Legal Rights of Immigrant Victims of Sexual Assault, (August 8, 2023)
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/u-visa-chapter-2023> *
- ASISTA Policy Alert: Bona Fide Employment Authorization for U Visa Petitions
https://asistahelp.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Policy-Alert_-Bona-Fide-Employment-Authorization-for-U-petitioners-1.pdf
- U-Visa: "Helpfulness" Checklist
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/u-visa-helpfulness-checklist>

- U Visa Protections for Family Members (July 3, 2020) <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/u-visa-family-member> *
- U Visa Regulations -Substantial Harm Factors in U visa Cases (January 7, 2015) <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/u-visa-substantial-harm>
- Evidence Checklist for Immigrant Victims Applying for the Crime Victim Visa <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/imm-checklist-evidenceforuvisa>
- Classification for Victims of Severe Forms of Trafficking in Persons; Eligibility for “T” Nonimmigrant Status (T Visa Final Rule April 30, 2024) <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/2024-t-visa-final-rule/>.
- T Visa Document Checklist (2011) <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/tvisa-doc-checklist>
- Comparison Chart of U visa, T Visa, Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Self-Petition, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS), and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/chart-vawa-t-u-sijs-daca/>
- Comparing Inadmissibility Waivers Available to Immigrant Victims in VAWA Self-Petitioning, U visa, T visa, and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Cases <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/inadmissibility-chart-vawa-t-u-sijs>
- “U Visa Timeline with Background Checks With 2021 Bona Fide Policy” (March 29, 2019, Update September 15, 2021) <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/u-visa-timeline> *

Trauma Informed Approach To Interviewing Immigrant Survivors Applying for U Visas

- Trauma Informed – Structured Interview Questionnaires for Immigration Cases (SIQI)(July 12, 2018) <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/siqi-trauma-informed-tool>
 - Spanish <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/trauma-informado-spanish>
 - Russian https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/siqi_russian_complete-9-2-15
 - Chinese <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/trauma-tool-chinese>
- Advocate's and Attorney's Tool for Developing a Survivor's Story: Trauma Informed Approach (July 20, 2017) <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/traum-qref-advocatetooldevelopingsurvivorstory-7-10-17>
- SAMSHA Concept of Trauma and Guidance for Trauma Informed Approach <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/samsha-concept-of-trauma-and-guidance-for-trauma-informed-approach>
- Sample Questions for Identifying a Trafficked/Enslaved Person <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/questions-for-identifying-trafficked-or-enslaved-persons>

Labor Trafficking and Involuntary Servitude and Domestic Violence

- Domestic Violence and Involuntary Servitude as Human Trafficking (August 17, 2023) <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/dv-involuntary-servitude-dhs>
- Labor Charts: Employment Based U Visa Criminal Activity State Charts (February 27, 2018) <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/comprehensive-charts-tracking-state-laws> * (217)
- Appendix I- States with Forced Labor Statutes” (December 29, 2021) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/appendix-i_forced-labor * (209)
- Appendix II-States with Forced Labor Mentioned in Other Statutes (December 29, 2021) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/appendix-ii_forced-labor * (210)
- Appendix III-States with Slave Trade Statutes (December 29, 2021) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/appendix-iii_labor-slave-trade * (211)

- Appendix IV-States with Involuntary Servitude Statutes (December 29, 2021)
https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/appendix-iv_involuntary-servitude-labor * (212)
- Appendix V-States with Involuntary Servitude Mentioned in Other Statutes (December 29, 2021)
https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/appendix-v_involuntary-servitude-labor * (213)
- Appendix VI-States with Involuntary Servitude and Slavery (Slave Trade) in the State Constitution and in Statute (December 29, 2021)
https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/appendix-vi_constitution-involuntary-servitude-slave-labor * (214)
- Appendix VII-States with Peonage Statutes (December 29, 2021)
https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/appendix-vii_peonage * (215)
- Appendix VIII-States with Peonage Mentioned in Other Statutes (December 29, 2021)
https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/appendix-viii_peonage-other-laws * (216)
- Appendix IX – Multi-State Overview: Forced Labor, Involuntary Servitude, Slavery and Peonage Definitions (December 31, 2021)
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/forced-labor-comparison-overview> * (12650)

Useful Additional Training Materials

- Bench Card on Trafficking Victim Benefits Eligibility Process
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/t-visa-benefits-eligibility>
- Bench Card on U Visa Victim Eligibility Process <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/u-visa-benefits-benchcard>
- T Visa Quick Reference for Law Enforcement & Prosecutors
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/t-visa-quick-reference-for-law-enforcement-prosecutors>
- T visa Process Timeline with Background Checks
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/t-visa-timeline>
- T visa Law Enforcement Resource Guide (October 20, 2021)
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/t-visa-law-enforcement-resource-guide>
- U visa Quick Reference Guide for Judges (October 14, 2020)
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/u-visa-quick-reference-guide-for-judges>
- Bench Card on U Visa Victim Eligibility Process <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/u-visa-benefits-benchcard>
- U Visa Certification Process Flowchart (August 30, 2021)
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/u-cert-process-flowchart>.
- U Visa Timeline with Background Checks <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/u-visa-timeline/>.
- U Visa Flow Chart <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/uvisaflowchart/>
- U-Visa Application Flow Chart (October 14, 2020)
https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/u-visa-flowchart_judges *
- T-Visa Application Flowchart (June 12, 2021)<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/t-visa-application-flowchart>.
- T-Visa Flow Chart <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/t-visa-application-flowchart>.
- Collection of U Visa News Articles http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/wp-content/uploads/2015/IMM-Tool_UVisaNewsArticles-10-1-13.pdf
- Chapter 10 U-Visas: Victims of Criminal Activity (2013)
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/ch10-u-visas/>.
- Human Trafficking and the T-Visa <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/ch11-human-trafficking-and-t-visa/>.

- Battering or Extreme Cruelty in the Context of Elder Abuse from APS Tool Kit
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/extreme-cruelty-elder-abuse-aps-tool>

U visa Certification & T Visa Declaration

- U visa Certification and T visa Declaration Toolkit for Law Enforcement Agencies and Prosecutors <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/u-visa-toolkit-police-prosecutors>
- U visa Certifications, T visa Declarations, and Continued Presence: Range of Potential Certifiers at the Local, State, and Federal Government Levels
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/u-visa-range-of-potential-fcertifiers>
- U Visa Certification Tool Kit for Federal, State, and Local Judges, Commissioners, and Magistrates and Other Judicial Officers:
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/judges-u-and-t-certification-toolkit-2>
- Hennepin County Attorney's Office U Visas and T Visas Certification Policy (March 7, 2024)
https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/u_t-visa_cert-policy-hennepin-county/
- U-Visa: "Helpfulness" Checklist
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/u-visa-helpfulness-checklist>
- Understanding Helpfulness for the U Visa Certification and the Ongoing Assistance Requirement, (April 13, 2022- Live; Recording two Parts June 23, 2022)
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/uvisa-helpfulness-webinar-april2022>
- NCJFCJ's Break from the Bench: What a judge needs to know about U Visas Responding to Immigrant Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence (April 27, 2021)
<https://www.ncjfcj.org/webcasts/responding-to-immigrant-victims-of-domestic-and-sexual-violence/>
- U Visa Certification Process Flowchart (August 30, 2021)
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/u-cert-process-flowchart>.
- State U Visa Certification Laws
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/state-u-visa-certification-laws/>
- U Visa Certifications: Range of Potential Certifiers <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/u-visa-range-of-potential-fcertifiers>.
- Understanding the Judicial Role in U-Visa Certification, American Journal of Family Law
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/judicial-role-u-visa-cert/>
- Immigrant Crime Victims and U Visa Certification – What is it and Why Should Judges Care? (National) (July 8, 2015)
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/national-uvisa-judicial-training-update/> +
- Immigrant Crime Victims and U Visa Certification – What is it and Why Should Judges Care? (Minnesota) (July 8, 2015) <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/minnesota-uvisa-judicial-training-update/> +
- U Visa Certification by Judges: Minnesota Board of Judicial Standards Opinion (June 26, 2015)
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/mn-board-judicial-standards-opinion-2015-2-final/> +
- Guide to Obtaining U visa Certifications Practice Advisory (July 2017)
- USCIS, U Visa Certification Resource Guide (February 28, 2022)
https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/u_visas_law_enforcement_resource_guide.
- USCIS, T Visa Certification Resource Guide (October 20, 2021)
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/t-visa-law-enforcement-resource-guide>
- DHS: U and T Visa Law Enforcement Resource Guide
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/dhs-updated-u-certification-resource-guide-2015>
- USCIS U Visa Certification Fact Sheet Q&A <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/imm-relief-victims-trafficking-and-other>

- <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/ilrc-u-visa-practice-advisory>
- Building Trusting Relationships: A Guide for Advocates/Attorneys Working With Law Enforcement On U-Visa Certification Issues
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/advocate-law-enforcement-guide> Bench Card: U and T Visa Certification Reporting Requirements in California (June 25, 2020)
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/ca-bench-card-u-t-reporting> * (50)
- U and T Visa Certifications and Certification Reporting Requirements in California (June 25, 2020) <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/ca-u-t-visa-certification-reporting> * (51)
- California: U visa certification law (2016)- statute and fact sheet (September 9, 2017)
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/california-sb-674-u-cert-law> * (38)
- Chevron Doctrine and U Visa Certification (April 2, 2019 (Updated June 12, 2021))
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/wp-content/uploads/Chevron-doctrine-and-U-visa-certification-RR-3.26.19.pdf> * (72)

U and T Visa Model Policies

- Hennepin County Attorney's Office U Visas and T Visas Certification Policy (March 7, 2024)
https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/u_t-visa_cert-policy-hennepin-county
- Model U and T Visa certification Protocol for State Courts (October 29, 2020)
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/u-t-visa-certification-protocol-courts> *
- San Francisco Superior Court Civil Division U-Visa Certification Protocol (October 27, 2017)
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/san-francisco-court-civil-division-u-visa-certification-protocol>
- International Association of Chiefs of Police 2018 Resolution on Education and Awareness of U and T Visa Certifications <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/iacp-support-for-education-and-awareness-on-u-visa-certifications-and-t-visa-declarations>
- Model Policy for Interactions with Immigrant Victims of Crime and Human Trafficking & Signing of U Visa Certifications and T Visa Declarations (October 31, 2016)
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/proposed-model-u-visa-policy>
- Discussion Paper for Model Policy for Interactions with Immigrant Victims of Crime and Human Trafficking & Signing of U Visa Certifications and T Visa Declarations (October 31, 2016)
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/discussion-paper-model-policy-u-visa-certification-may-2016>
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U and T visa and VAWA Confidentiality

- Legislative History of VAWA (94,00,05) T and U visas, Battered Spouse Waivers, and VAWA Confidentiality https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/wp-content/uploads/2015/VAWA_Leg-History_Final.pdf
- Three Prongs of VAWA Confidentiality
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/conf-vawa-bro-3prongsofconfidentiality/>
- Chapter 3 of Empowering Survivors: VAWA Confidentiality, History, Purpose, DHS Implementation, and Violations of VAWA Confidentiality Protections
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/ch3-vawa-confidentiality-history-purpose/>
- Utilizing VAWA Confidentiality Protections in Family Court Proceedings**
<https://www.civicrosearchinstitute.com/online/article.php?pid=6&iid=1270>
- Court Rulings Confirm Federal VAWA Confidentiality Protections Bar Discovery of VAWA Confidentiality Protected Information in State Family Court Proceedings
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/conf-vawa-tool-hawkedemajfactsheet>
- Courthouse Immigration Enforcement: Steps State Courts Are Taking (2018)
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/courthouse-protections-and-crime-victims>

- Family Court Bench Card on VAWA Confidentiality
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/family-court-bench-card-va-wa-confidentiality>
- VAWA Confidentiality Statutes, Legislative History and Implementing Policy (2.23.17)
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/vawa-confidentiality-statutes-leg-history/>

Department of Homeland Security Publications

Resource Guides

- U visa Law Enforcement Resource Guide (2022) <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/u-visa-certification-resource-guide-2022>
- DHS: U and T Visa Law Enforcement Resource Guide (2015)
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/dhs-updated-u-certification-resource-guide-2015>
- USCIS U Visa Certification Factsheet Q&A <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/imm-relief-victims-trafficking-and-other>
- USCIS, T Visa Certification Resource Guide (October 20, 2021)
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/t-visa-law-enforcement-resource-guide>
- U and T Visa Law Enforcement Resource Guide DHS published resource guide for law enforcement, prosecutors, judges, and other certifying officials.
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/dhs-updated-u-certification-resource-guide-2015>
- Blue Campaign: What You Can Do- Recognizing and Supporting Trafficking Victims in the Courtroom <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/bc-pamphlet-judicial-english>
- USCIS Continued Presence & Temporary Immigration Status for Victims of Human Trafficking
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/continued-presence-temp-imm-status>
- USCIS: U Visa Demographics: U Visa Report (March 2020)
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/uscis-u-visa-demographics>
- USCIS U Visa Report: U Visa Filing Trends (April 2020)
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/u-visa-filing-trends>
- USCIS: Trends in U Visa Law Enforcement Certifications, Qualifying Crimes and Evidence of Helpfulness (July 2020) https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/u_vis_a_lea-certs-report
- USCIS U Visa Report Technical Appendix (July 2020)
https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/technical_appendix_for_u_vis_a_report USCIS U Visa Certification Fact Sheet Q&A (October 22, 2011)
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/imm-relief-victims-trafficking-and-other> + (269)

Policy Updates and Directives

- Using a Victim-Centered Approach with Noncitizen Crime Victims (August 10, 2021)
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/ice-victim-centered-directive-11005-3>
- Prosecutorial Discretion: Certain Victim, Witnesses and Plaintiffs
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/discretion-victims-witnesses-plaintiffs/>
- USCIS Policy Manual Volume 3, Part C Victims of Crime (March 7, 2024)
<https://www.uscis.gov/policy-manual/volume-3-part-c>
- USCIS Policy Manual Chapter 5—Bona Fide Determination Process (March 7, 2024)
<https://www.uscis.gov/policy-manual/volume-3-part-c-chapter-5>
- UDCIS Appendix: Bona Fide Determination Process and Administrative Procedure Act Considerations (March 7, 2024) <https://www.uscis.gov/policy-manual/volume-3-part-c-chapter-5>
- USCIS Policy Manual Chapter 6—U visa Waiting List (March 7, 2024) <https://www.uscis.gov/policy-manual/volume-3-part-c-chapter-6>

- USCIS Policy Manual – U visas – Chapter 7 – Final Adjudication (March 7, 2024) <https://www.uscis.gov/policy-manual/volume-3-part-c-chapter-7>
- USCIS Bona Fide Determination Process Flowchart (June 14, 2021) <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/u-bona-fide-flowchart>
- USCIS Policy Manual Updates: T visa Status for Victims of Severe Forms of Trafficking in Persons (October 20, 2022) <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/uscis-policy-manual-t-visa-update-10-20-21>
- DHS Policy Answers to Law Enforcement Reasons for Not Certifying <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/dhs-answers-to-reasons-for-not-certifying>

Forms

U visa Forms (Current forms are available at <https://www.uscis.gov/I-918>)

- DHS: Form I-918 for U visa Applicant <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/form-i-918>
- DHS: Form I-918, Supplement A for Qualifying Family Member, <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/u-visa-qualifying-family-member-form-december2021>
- DHS: Instructions for I-918 and Supplement A, <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/u-visa-and-qualifying-family-supplement-instructions>
- DHS: Form I-918, Supplement B, for U visa Certification <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/i918-supb-certification>
- DHS: Instructions for Form I-918, Supplement B, for U visa Certification <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/instructions-i918-unonimm-status>

T visa Forms (Current forms are available at <https://www.uscis.gov/i-914>)

- DHS: Form I-914, <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/form-i-914>
- DHS: Instructions for Form I-914, <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/i-914-instructions>
- DHS: Form I-914, Supplement B for T visa Endorsement <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/i-914-supplement-b-instructions>
- DHS: Instructions for Form I-914, Supplement B <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/i-916-supplement-b-instructions>

Webinars

- Pro Bono Institute “U Visa” Online Training Module (Online Course): <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pbti-u-visa-module>
- Understanding Helpfulness for the U Visa Certification and the Ongoing Assistance Requirement, (April 13, 2022- Live; Recording two Parts June 23, 2022) <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/uvisa-helpfulness-webinar-april2022>
- U Visa: Overview of Certification Presented by Investigator Michael LaRiviere, Salem Police Department
 - *In order to reach this module you will need to sign-in for free access to course* <https://pbtraining.org/course/u-visa-overview-of-certification/>
- October 14, 2022: “What Judges, Attorneys, and Prosecutors Need to Know About How VAWA Confidentiality Impacts Discovery in Cases Involving Immigrant Survivors: <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/vawa-confidentiality-webinar-oct-22>
- August 24, 2021: “Legal Rights of Immigrant Survivors: Immigration Relief, Public Benefits, and Protection Orders” (Webinar) <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/otsego-part-ii-21>

- February 20, 2020: “The U Visa As a Crime-Fighting Tool: How Certification Improves Domestic and Sexual Violence Investigations and Prosecutions” (Webinar)
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/u-visa-2020>
- January 30, 2020: “Best Practices and Tools That Build the Capacity of Adult Protective Services to Serve Immigrant Domestic and Sexual Violence Victims” (Webinar)
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/webinar-aps>
- November 19, 2019: In Accordance with the Law: When Your Victim Witness Speaks Limited English <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/in-accordance-lep-nov19>
- October 31, 2017: “VAWA Confidentiality and Protections for Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence” (Webinar) <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/oct2017vawaconfidentialitywebinar>
- February 18, 2015: “Battered Women’s Justice Project (BWJP) Immigrant Crime Visas: Law Enforcement’s Tool to Strengthen Community Policing” (Webinar)
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/february-18-2015-crime-visas-bwjp>
- April 10, 2015: “Assessing Helpfulness for Immigrant Crime Victims Battered Women’s Justice Project (BWJP)” (Webinar)
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/april-10-2015-assessing-helpfulness-bwjp>
- December 1, 2014: “Expert Advice for Judges: How to Handle U Visa Certification and T Visa Endorsement Requests” (Webinar)
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/december-1-2014-expert-advice-for-judges-webinar>
- March 19, 2014: “Trauma-Informed Care, Part 2: The Nuts and Bolts of Immigration Story Writing Intervention” (Webinar)
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/march2014trauma2webinar>
- February 24, 2014: “Helping Survivors in Crisis: Hands On Training for Advocates and Attorneys on Trauma-Informed Work with Immigrant Women Who Are Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (Video)
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/february-24-2014-hands-on-training-for-advocates-and-attorneys-on-trauma-informed-work-with-immigrant-women-who-are-survivors-of-domestic-violence-and-sexual-assault>
- February 20, 2014: “Obtaining U Visa Certification from Judges in Protection Order, Family, Criminal, and Other State Court Proceedings” (Webinar)
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/webinar-u-visa-certification-by-state-court-judges>
- September 26, 2013: “Roll Call Videos for Law Enforcement on U Visa Certification and T Visa Endorsement” <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/dhs-roll-call-videos>
- February 15, 2013: “Lessons Learned from Law Enforcement: How Collaborations That Result in U visa Certifications Support Safer Communities”
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/lessons-learned-from-le-webinar>
- October 5, 2011: “Law Enforcement and Advocates Partnering to Better Serve Immigrant Crime Victims” (Webinar)
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/webinar-law-enforcement-collaboration>
- July 18, 2011: “Law Enforcement Use of the U Visa” (Podcast)
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/uvisa-podcast-bja>
- February 10, 2011: “An Introduction to Law Enforcement Use of the U-Visa” (Webinar)
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/uvisa-intro-webinar-bja>
- DHS U and T Visa Training Videos (September 25, 2013)
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/dhs-roll-call-videos>

U Visa as a Crime-Fighting Tool

- Stories From the Field: The Crime Fighting Effectiveness of the U Visa (August 23, 2021)
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/u-visa-crime-fighting-stories>

- The Importance of the U visa as a Crime-Fighting Tool for Law Enforcement Officials - Views from Around the Country <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/uvisa-crime-fighting-tool>
- Overcoming Fear and Building Trust With Immigrant Communities and Crime Victims (Police Chief Magazine April 2018) http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/policechief_april-2018_building-trust-immigrant-victims/
- Protecting Our Communities and Officer Safety http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/may_june_sheriff
- February 20, 2020: “The U Visa As a Crime-Fighting Tool: How Certification Improves Domestic and Sexual Violence Investigations and Prosecutions” (Webinar) <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/u-visa-2020>
- Transforming Lives Study Provides Evidence-Based Support for The Effectiveness of the VAWA and U Visa Programs and the DHS U Visa Bona Fide Policy That Provides Earlier Access Deferred Action and Work Authorization To Applicants (June 14, 2021) <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/transforming-lives-study-21>
- Promoting Access to Justice for Immigrant Crime Victims and Children: Findings of a National Judicial Survey and Recommendations <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/trends-in-state-courts-survey-findings/>
- Tip Sheet for Courts Developing U Visa Certification Protocols <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/tips-for-courts-u-visa-cert-protocols>
- The U visa: An Important Tool for Community Policing <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/uvisa-community-policing-tool>
- How Law Enforcement is Using the U visa: Practice Brief <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/imm-qref-uvisapracticebrief-10-11>
- U Visa Legal Advocacy: Overview of Effective Policies and Practices <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/uvisa-collaboration-policy-brief>

Prosecutor’s Tools Enhancing Work with Immigrant Crime Victims

- October 14, 2022: “What Judges, Attorneys, and Prosecutors Need to Know About How VAWA Confidentiality Impacts Discovery in Cases Involving Immigrant Survivors: <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/vawa-confidentiality-webinar-oct-22>
- What's Immigration Status Got to Do with It? Prosecution Strategies for Cases Involving Undocumented Victims <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/pretrial-strategies-7-24-17-final-with-logos/>
- VAWA Confidentiality and Criminal Cases: How Prosecutors Should Respond to Discovery Attempts for Protected Information <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/discovery-and-vawa-confidentiality-tool-final-7-24-17/>
- Certifying Early: When Should You Sign a U or T Visa Certification for a Victim? <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/certifying-early-7-24-17-final-w-logo/>
- Quick Reference Guide for Prosecutors: U Visa and VAWA Confidentiality Related Case Law <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/case-law-quick-reference-tool-7-24-17-final-w-logo/>
- How VAWA Confidentiality Impacts Discovery in Cases Involving Immigrant Survivors <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/discovery>
- How to Argue or Rule on VAWA Confidentiality Protections in Discovery Involving Immigrant Survivors <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/how-to-vawa-confidentiality-discovery>
- Discovery and Use of Immigration Information in Court Checklist <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/ca-discovery-vawa-confidentiality-bench-card>

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U and T Visas

U-Visa Introduction (44 minutes)

An introduction to the U-Visa featuring Tara Patet, a prosecutor in St. Paul, MN, and Investigator Michael LaRiviere from the Salem, MA Police Department, along with Rocio Molina, Deputy Director of NIWAP. This podcast covers the basics and fundamentals about what a U-Visa is, including certification and the concept of “helpfulness.”

- [Spotify: U-Visa Intro Podcast](#)
- [SoundCloud: U-Visa Intro Podcast](#)

T-Visa Introduction (25 minutes)

An introduction to the T-Visa featuring Stacey Ivie, a Detective and Task Force Officer with the City of Alexandria, Va., police department, along with Leslye Orloff, Director of NIWAP.

- [Spotify: T-Visa Podcast](#)
- [SoundCloud: T-Visa Podcast](#)

U-Visa FAQ's (22 minutes)

Frequently asked questions about the U-Visa featuring Stacey Ivie, a Detective, and Task Force Officer with the City of Alexandria, Va., police department. This podcast debunks some commonly-held myths and answers some common questions.

- [Spotify: U-Visa FAQ Podcast](#)
- [SoundCloud: U-Visa FAQ Podcast](#)

Certifying Early (32 minutes)

This podcast emphasizes the importance of certifying early in the U-Visa and T-Visa processes. Featuring Christopher Freeman, a prosecutor from Hennepin County, MN, and Jane Anderson, a former prosecutor who now works at Aequitas, a resource for prosecutors on violence against women.

- [Spotify: Certifying Early Podcast](#)
- [SoundCloud: Certifying Early Podcast](#)

Building Relationships

A two-part episode featuring Sgt. Inspector Tony Flores, San Francisco Police Department, Officer Irene Lee Klein, West Hartford, Connecticut, Police Department, and Sharla Jackson, Prosecuting Attorney's Council of GA.

Part One – Best Practices Working with Immigrant Victims (26 minutes)

Focuses on Best Practices for Working with Immigrant Victims.

- [Spotify: Building Relationships - Part 1](#)
- [SoundCloud: Building Relationships - Part 1](#)

Part Two – Working with NGOs and Applying Trauma-Informed Practices (47 minutes)

Focuses on working with NGOs and Applying Trauma-Informed Practices in work with immigrant survivors.

- [Spotify: Building Relationships - Part 2](#)
- [SoundCloud: Building Relationships - Part 2](#)

Language Access

- Immigrant and LEP Victims' Access to the Criminal Justice System
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/importance-of-collaboration-victims>
- Serving Limited English Proficient Immigrant Victims**
<https://www.civresearchinstitute.com/online/article.php?pid=6&iid=1269>
- Language Access Materials for Police and Prosecutors (Updated 10/16/2019)
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/language-access-materials-for-police-and-prosecutors>

- Language Access Training Materials (Updated June 18, 2019)
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/language-access-materials>
- Questions to Use for Crime Scene Identification of LEP
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/crime-scene-identification-of-lep-persons>
- Why Using an Interpreter is Beneficial to Law Enforcement
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/law-enforcement-benefits-of-qualified-interpreters>
- Dos and Don'ts to Help Law Enforcement Identify Victims, Witnesses, and Other Persons Who Are Limited English Proficient and Need An Interpreter
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/dos-and-donts-to-identify-lep-persons>
- Important Tips to Remember When Using an Interpreter
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/interpretation-tips>
- Working Effectively with Telephone Interpreters
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/imm-qref-workingwithtelephoneinterp>
- U.S. Department of Justice Sample Limited English Proficiency Guidelines from Office of Justice Programs "Center City Police Department"
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/sample-limited-english-proficiency-guidelines-from-the-office-of-justice-programs>
- Federal Register: Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency: Executive Order 13166 (August 11, 2000)
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/lang-gov-exor1316608-11-00>
- DOJ Letter to State Chief Justices and State Court Administrators on Access for Limited English Proficient Persons to State Court Proceedings
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/lang-access-doj-courts-letter>
- Judicial Bench Card for Court Interpretation
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/ncsc-bench-card-language-access>

VAWA Self-Petition

- VAWA Self-Petitioning Introduction and Flow Charts
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/vawa-self-petitioning-intro-and-flow-charts-pdf/>
- VAWA Self-Petitioning Flow Chart for Child Applicants
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/vawa-flow-chart-child/>
- Flowchart: VAWA Self-Petitioning Eligibility for Elder Abuse Survivors
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/imm-chart-vawaselfpetitionelders>
- Flowchart: VAWA Self-Petitioning Eligibility for Adults
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/vawa-self-petitioner-flow-chart-for-adults>
- Battering or Extreme Cruelty: Drawing Examples from Civil Protection Order and Family Law Cases
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/extreme-cruelty-examples-protection-order-2>
- VAWA Self-Petition: Protections for Immigrant Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Abuse by Abusive Spouses and Parents (Webinar – April 22, 2020, with Materials and Q & A Answers)
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/2020-vawa-self-petition-webinar>
- VAWA Self-Petition Timeline with Background Checks (June 12, 2021)
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/vawa-timeline>

Battered Spouse Waiver

- Battered Spouse Waiver Training Materials (November 18, 2021)
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/bsw-training-materials>

Public Benefits for Systems-Based and Other Victim Advocates

- Public Benefits Flow Charts: VAWA Self-Petition and Cancellation, U visas, T visas, and SIJS
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/public-benefits-flow-charts>

- Interactive State Benefits Map <http://map.niwap.org/>
- Guide to the Public Benefits Map
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/guide-to-public-benefits-map/>
- Programs Open to Immigrant Victims and All Immigrants Without Regard to Immigration Status
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/programs-open-to-all-immigrants>
- Privacy Protections for Immigrants Applying for Public Benefits
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/limits-on-required-government-agency-reporting#>
- Family Court Bench Card on Immigrant Crime Victim Access to Public Benefits and Services
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/pb-bchcrd-pubbenefits>
- Flow Chart Public Charge Test and Housing Benefits
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/flow-chart-public-charge-test-housing-benefits-2>
- All State Public Benefits Charts and Interactive Public Benefits Map (2022)
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/all-state-public-benefits-charts>
- Multilingual Materials for Victims and Advocates
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/multilingual-materials-by-language>
- Anti-Discrimination Provisions that Apply to Programs Receiving Federal Funding Serving Victims of Violence Against Women Crimes
<https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/pb-tool-antidiscrimlaws>

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