Judicial Training Network Overview of Project and State Team Expectations

First Annual Multi-State Training
Albuquerque, New Mexico
April 20, 2018

Judicial Training Network is Designed to:

- Build in-state judicial expertise on the immigration issues and questions arising in state court proceedings
- Provide judge-to-judge mentorship that provides information when judges need it
- Improve access to justice for immigrant children, children in immigrant families and immigrant crime victims

Judges Perspective on Project Goals

States Participating

- Louisiana
- Michigan
- Missouri
- Mississippi
- New Mexico
- Florida (pending)
- Potential future new states

Training Agenda Overview

- This session focus on state team work following this training
- Evaluation discussions – 2 one next and one Saturday afternoon
- Substantive workshops
  - Interactive
  - Designed both for train the trainers and mentoring judges

Grant Term and Trainings

- 2017 through the spring of 2021
- 3 Multi-state trainings
  - 2018 –New Mexico
  - 2019 – New Orleans
  - 2020 – Mississippi

Trainings

- Annual trainings in each state designed to
  - Meet the needs of state court judges
  - Reach judges who most need the information
  - Over time reach significant numbers of judges who see in court
    - Immigrant children
    - Immigrant crime victims
    - Children in immigrant families
- Open to more than one per year if staffing with judicial faculty possible

State Judicial Trainers

- Year one in-state trainings national faculty
- State judicial leadership team choice year 2 and 3
  - In state trainings combined national and state judicial faculty
  - As state judges gain knowledge of the curriculum state judges take over training with support of national faculty

Judge - to - Judge Mentoring

- One-on-one technical assistance to judges who
  - Need assistance with cases
  - Have questions they would like answered
- Delivered by state leadership team judges
  - Delivery system developed in each state
  - With back up of national partners and national judicial experts

Improving Access to Justice for Immigrant Children, Immigrant Crime Victims and Children in Immigrant Families

- NGO Partners
  - Outreach to programs serving immigrant and LEP children, victims and families
  - Identify barriers to accessing the courts
  - Meet with court partner and state judicial leadership team to develop and implement plans for improving access to justice
  - Carry out plan collaborating with other NGOs in the state

Improving Access to Justice for Immigrant Children, Immigrant Crime Victims and Children in Immigrant Families

- Court Partners and Judicial Leadership Team
  - Meet with NGO partners to discuss barriers to access to justice for immigrant and LEP litigants
  - Identify areas in which local courts and courts statewide could implement improvements
  - Identify ways courts can work with NGO partners
  - Develop and implement a work plan for implementing identified improvements

State Team Meetings

- Goal of next activities is to discuss, list and share with the large group ideas, plans and work underway
- For each of the project components
- Hear ideas from other states to learn from each other

Small group activity
Training and Materials

- Identify priority training topics for your state
- List training materials/research you would like to have

Training and Materials

- Report back

Small group activity
Mentoring

- Discuss ideas for informing judges in the state about the project, trainings available, technical assistance (mentoring)
- Discuss approach for creating a system that will give judges access to state judicial leadership team judges to answer questions when issues arise in case they are hearing

Judicial Mentoring

- Report back

Small group activity
Access to Justice

- Identify strategies the NGO partners might use to collect information about needs of immigrant and LEP victims and children
- Discuss frequency, when and where NGO-Judicial Leadership Team meetings could occur
- Outline an initial timeline for this work

Access to Justice

- Report back

Large Group Discussion

- Questions about plans going forward, next steps with the project
- Discuss and address any issues that might impede implementation of the project in you state

Training Materials and Technical Assistance Back up

- Provided by AU and MSU
- We will
  - Provide direct technical assistance, connect you with a national judicial faculty member, or other national expert
  - Connect you with existing written training materials
  - Conduct research and draft new training tools to address issues identified by state judicial leadership team judges or other judges in your state

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NIWAP is the nation's expert on the rights and services available to immigrant victims of domestic and other violence, sharing this expertise through training, comprehensive publications, and technical assistance for lawyers and advocates nationwide. NIWAP leads national advocacy efforts for legal protection, social services, and economic justice for immigrant women.

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