

MISSION

NIWAP amplifies the voices of immigrant survivors of abuse and their advocates and builds the capacity of professionals to eliminate the systemic barriers faced by survivors.



At NIWAP, we envision a world with equitable access to justice for immigrant abuse survivors and their children to heal and thrive.

NIWAP BY THE NUMBERS

- 40,115+ personalized answers to technical assistance calls
- 39,568+ professionals helped
- 802 training events conducted
- 51,864+ people trained by NIWAP
- 17,020+ subscribers to our newsletter
- 1172 legal, social science, training materials, and policy publications created
- 2,578,779+ downloads of NIWAP materials from our free web library

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Immigrant Women's
Advocacy Project

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AREAS OF FOCUS

Domestic violence
 Child abuse, abandonment, and neglect
 Sexual assault
 Human trafficking
 Immigration law
 Family law
 Health care, housing, and public benefits
 Trauma-informed victim services
 Language access

NIWAP is the "go-to" organization for professionals on these topics for the following audiences

AUDIENCES

Advocates
 Attorneys
 Judges
 Law enforcement
 Prosecutors
 Forensic nurses & health care providers

OUR HISTORY

Established in 2012, our staff has over four decades of training, technical assistance, legal, and advocacy experience. NIWAP's trainers include expert judicial and law enforcement partners from jurisdictions across the country. NIWAP's Director Leslye E. Orloff and NIWAP staff Rocio Molina and Rafaela Rodrigues have been actively involved in drafting and assisting government officials in implementing the immigration protections, access to legal services, and public benefits provisions of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), the Trafficking Victim's Protection Act, and other federal legislation.



PROGRAMS

Education: Capacity Building to Make Laws More Effective

Enhancing the knowledge and capacity of professionals to better serve immigrant survivors.

- **TRAININGS** – Individually designed in-person and virtual events with our expert faculty.
- **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE** – Free legal consultations on case and policy strategies impacting immigrant survivors.
- **DIRECTORY OF SERVICE PROVIDERS** – A national directory of organizations serving immigrant and limited English proficient victims.
- **PUBLIC BENEFITS MAPS** – Interactive maps and charts outlining public benefits eligibility based on state and immigration status.

Research: Transformation through Documentation

Identifying complex legal issues encountered by immigrant victims/survivors of abuse.

- **RESEARCH** – Legal and social science research documenting emerging gaps and trends for immigrant survivors in law, policy, and practice.
- **PUBLICATIONS** – Reports, model policies, bench cards, training materials, practice tools, memoranda, and journal articles.
- **WEB LIBRARY** – Free online access to all of our training materials, publications, and other resources.

Policy: Amplifying Voices through Advocacy

Building networks and advising key decision makers to promote justice.

- **PUBLIC POLICY ADVOCACY** – Engaging with public officials to address the needs of vulnerable immigrant women and victims.
- **INFORMED SOLUTIONS** – Using research and collaborating with partners to inform solutions improving immigrant survivors' and children's lives.