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## Resources:

### Trainings

NIWAP is pleased to announce that we can **bring training to your state.** We provide training on for police, prosecutors, judges, advocates and/or attorneys. Thanks to State Justice Institute (SJI) grant and the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), NIWAP is developing curricula for law enforcement on best practices, language access, and the U visa. NIWAP has also developed and tested workshops, half day and full day trainings around the country for judges and court staff. Training faculty includes NIWAP Director, Leslye Orloff, and a special team of law enforcement, judges, prosecutors, and other subject matter experts from around the country to best address the needs of your jurisdiction. Contact us at [info@niwap.org](mailto:info@niwap.org) or 202-274-4457 with training requests. Visit our website for materials from past trainings-

**For More Information on NIWAP see our brochure**

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**Be Sure to Check out our Web Library:**

This Resource Library and Technical Assistance Center provides timely information on a vast array of topics of interest to those working across the country to help immigrant victims, women and children. The NIWAP library contains a wide range of materials, including legislative history, training manuals, toolkits, sample briefs and motions, factsheets, practice tools, research reports, benchcards, tools for law enforcement, and government policies and regulations. This **searchable library** of resources is designed to be used by OVW grantees and other advocates, attorneys, judges and service

Judicial Trainings: [niwap.org/go/sji](http://niwap.org/go/sji)

LEA trainings:

<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/manual/police-prosecutors-training-manual/>:

**Law Enforcement interested in a training in their jurisdiction can also fill out this online form to request a training.** (link)

### **JUST ANNOUNCED: NIWAP Conference in New Orleans, LA**

NIWAP will be hosting its annual OVW sponsored national conference on July 29-30, 2015: **Community of Responders: A Holistic Approach to Survivors of Abuse.**

This conference will feature plenaries discussing sexual violence in the workplace, trauma informed approaches, building partnerships between law enforcement and advocates, and best practices for working with immigrant survivors in rural communities. Faculty will include experienced judges, attorneys, advocates, and law enforcement. Please make plans to join us and stay tuned to this newsletter and our website for more information or email [info@niwap.org](mailto:info@niwap.org). To view materials from last year's training, visit our web library at [www.niwap.org/go/nola](http://www.niwap.org/go/nola)

### **Webinars**

**[Healthcare: Understanding the Affordable Care Act and How it Affects Immigrant Survivors.](#)** - This webinar will provide information and resources on current laws governing access to healthcare, insurance and subsidies for immigrant survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, dating violence and human trafficking. It will be presented by NIWAP in partnership the California Coalition against Sexual Assault. This free webinar will take

providers.

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### **We're on Youtube & Twitter:**

NIWAP has its own **[youtube channel](#)**. New to an issue? Access NIWAP training videos 24-7. We have posted our recent webinars. Topics include "Training for Advocates and Attorneys on Trauma-Informed Work with Immigrant Women", "Obtaining U Visa Certification from Judges," "An Introduction of Law Enforcement to the U Visa," and "Law Enforcement and Advocates Partnering to Serve Immigrant Crime Victims." These videos are helpful for new and seasoned immigrant advocates, attorneys, law enforcement, judges, court staff, and students. To view other materials from these webinars, visit the **[NIWAP library for training materials](#)**. You can also use our **[Twitter](#)** feed to receive interesting and relevant updates.

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place **April 16, 2015**.

## **Free Technical Assistance for Judges, Law Enforcement, Attorneys, and Advocates**

NIWAP offers **technical assistance** to advocates, attorneys, social services and health care providers, justice system personnel, and others working with immigrant victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking. To submit your questions, email [info@niwap.org](mailto:info@niwap.org) or you can call NIWAP at **202-274-4457**. Be sure to provide a description of the issue so we can better assist you. Examples of questions we've addressed in the past:

- Who can certify a U visa and under what circumstances? What does a U visa certification actually mean to the certifier?
- How does VAWA confidentiality operate in a family court context?
- Are courts required to have interpreters for limited English proficiency (LEP) speakers and deaf persons?
- What public benefits are available to VAWA self-petitioners, U visa, and T visa applicants?
- Who can certify a U visa and under what circumstances?
- What are immigrant's options to attain legal immigration status and protection from deportation?
- What vital documents should my agency and translate and in what language?

## **Find Professional Resources in your Area via our Directory**

NIWAP's **web directory** offers a nationwide list of programs in your state and community that have expertise working with immigrant victims, women and children. Use our directory to make referrals and find assistance for immigrant crime victims. You can search by location, language, and organization type. Be sure to check that your organization is listed and all of your information is accurate. With your assistance, we can create a comprehensive list of where immigrant victims can turn to for help when in need.

### **Our Directory:**

*For immigrants looking to be connected to advocates, attorneys, and organizations.*

NIWAP.ORG/DIRECTORY

## **Get to Know NIWAP**

Meet the **NIWAP staff:**

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Immigrant Women Law

NIWAP offers technical assistance for attorneys, advocates, court staff, judges, law enforcement, and other professionals in the field. We have staff available to answer questions about law or policy, assist with case strategy, offer referrals, and provide materials.

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## Recent Publications

- **Building Trusting Relationships; A Guide for Advocates/ Attorneys working with Law Enforcement (LE) on U Visa Certifications.** This flowchart guides attorneys and advocates through the process of building strong, mutually beneficial relationships with local law enforcement.  
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/advocate-law-enforcement-guide>
- **VAWA Unit Memo.** This memorandum summarizes potential improvements that could be made in the processing of specialized visa applications.
- **How Training and Expertise Improve VAWA Immigration Case Processing: The Efficacy and Legislative History of the Specialized VAWA Unit.** This report provides an overview of the history and purpose of VAWA immigration laws that led to the specialized Vermont Service Center.  
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/efficacy-legislative-history-specialized-vawa-unit>
- **Immigrant Demographics in your State.** Visit [niwap.org/benefitsmap](http://niwap.org/benefitsmap) for a state-by-state breakdown of the immigrant population in your state. We are currently in the process of updating this chart to include 2014 data. This map also includes information about a range of benefits available by state including childcare, SSI, and TANF.

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