



## **We Can Offer Training in Your Jurisdiction Best Practices: Immigrant Crime Victims, Language Access and the U Visa**

**NIWAP provides free training on the use of the U and T visa and crime scene language access best practices to improve law enforcement's and prosecutors' work with immigrant and Limited English Proficient (LEP) victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking.**

The U and T Visas were created as crime fighting tools that remove the fear of deportation and encourage immigrant crime victims to report crime victimization to police and participate in criminal investigations and prosecutions. Provision of language access to police assistance at crime scenes results in improved accuracy of police reports, better crime scene investigations and more successful prosecutions. These trainings will discuss how providing qualified interpreters at crime scenes and U visa certification play crucial roles in improving community, victim, and law enforcement officer safety. Attendees will build their skills for effective use of the U visa and provision of language access when working with immigrant and Limited English Proficient victims and witnesses and to improve community policing in immigrant communities.

This training is funded by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), and will review the use of innovative approaches that assist law enforcement and prosecutors in using the U visa and language access as vital crime fighting tools to hold perpetrators accountable for violent crimes.

The training faculty may include the following:

- Investigator Michael LaRiviere, Salem Police Department
- Sgt. Inspector Antonio Flores, San Francisco Police Department
- Detective Shelli Sonnenberg Wardle, Boise Police Department
- Detective Stacie Ivie, Alexandria Police Department
- Jane Anderson, Former Miami Prosecutor, Aequitas
- Other members of our law enforcement and prosecutor team
- Leslye Orloff, Director, National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project, American University Washington College of Law
- Rocio Molina, Assistant Director, National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project, American University Washington College of Law
- Edna Yang, American Gateways

The faculty consists of experts on violence against immigrant victims of crime who train nationally on the U and T visas and language access as tools to assist law enforcement in the detection and investigation of crimes committed against immigrant victims in their communities, including crimes such as domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. **All attendees will receive training materials on best practices for language access at crime scene investigations, a U visa tool kit, and other valuable screening tools and materials.**

To sign up to have us bring a free training to your jurisdiction go to: <http://www.niwap.org/request-training/>

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## FREE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND RESOURCES For Professionals Serving Immigrant and Refugee Women and Children

The National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project (NIWAP, *pronounced new-app*) is a national provider of training, legal and social science research, policy development and technical assistance to advocates, attorneys, pro bono law firms, law schools, universities, federal, state and local law enforcement, prosecutors, judges, court staff, social services and health care providers, justice system personnel and other professionals who work with immigrant women, children and crime victims<sup>1</sup>. We offer assistance on a broad range of issues including access to services, safety and legal rights.

### OUR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND RESOURCES COVER THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

- ✓ Building relationships with law enforcement, prosecutors and other government agencies that promote U Visa certification, T Visa endorsement, language access to law enforcement assistance and improved justice system access for immigrant survivors
- ✓ Legal rights under the immigration, public benefits, health care, family, language access and other federal legislation for immigrant survivors of domestic abuse, sexual assault, stalking, human trafficking, and other crimes
- ✓ Immigrant access to public benefits, victim services, criminal justice system, legal immigration status, work authorization and preventing immigration enforcement, detention and removal of immigrant victims
- ✓ Understanding and enforcing VAWA protections for immigrant victims
- ✓ Special issues that arise in family court cases that involve immigrant survivors and children, including custody issues, protection orders remedies, child support, abuse and neglect, special immigrant juvenile status, and termination of parental rights
- ✓ Assistance for judges and court staff with best serving immigrant litigants in court
- ✓ Assistance with advocacy that benefits immigrant survivors (e.g. improving language access policies at courts and with law enforcement, U visa certification and T Visa endorsement)
- ✓ NIWAP staff and partners are available to serve as faculty for trainings for advocates, attorneys, police, prosecutors, judges and courts.

### MATERIALS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEB LIBRARY

- ✓ Fact Sheets
- ✓ Bench Cards
- ✓ Guides and Manuals
- ✓ Comparison Charts
- ✓ State by State Demographics and Information on Public Benefits
- ✓ Webinars
- ✓ Videos
- ✓ Tool Kits
- ✓ Samples
- ✓ Training Materials
- ✓ Articles
- ✓ Government Resources
- ✓ Screening Tools
- ✓ Techniques for Trauma Informed Care
- ✓ Many more, contact for additional information.

### NATIONAL DIRECTORY OF EXPERIENCED PROGRAMS

- ✓ Referrals for victims to shelters, and domestic abuse and sexual assault and legal services
- ✓ Contact us to be added to our directory

### FREE WEBINARS

- ✓ Up to date information on new laws and regulations
- ✓ Presentations on common issues and trends

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