

Vision

NIWAP envisions a world with equitable access to justice that ensures a safe, supportive environment for immigrant survivors of abuse and their children to heal and thrive.



Our Focus

- Domestic Violence
- Child Abuse, Abandonment and Neglect
- Sexual Assault
- Human Trafficking
- Immigration Law and Victim Relief
- Family Law
- Health Care, Housing, and Public Benefits
- Trauma-Informed Victim Services
- Language Access
- The intersections of these laws in the lives of immigrant victims, women and children

NIWAP's experts support and train advocates, attorneys, law enforcement agencies and courts who serve immigrants on the local, state and national level.



Between 2012 and 2016, NIWAP has...

- Provided answers to 4,963 Technical Assistance requests from 3,123 attorneys, advocates, police officers, judges, prosecutors and other callers, over 9,000 of whom subscribe to NIWAP's network.
- Delivered 221 trainings to 16,965 professionals across the United States.
- Developed 255 publications and resource tools, ranging from bench cards for judges to toolkits for law enforcement officials, resulting in over 390,000 downloads of our materials and resources from NIWAP's web library.

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What Is NIWAP?

Our Team

NIWAP was established in 2012 and is based at American University Washington College of Law. Our staff of lawyers, advocates, fellows, and volunteers has more than 42 combined years of legal and advocacy experience working on behalf of immigrant women, children and survivors of violence. NIWAP's expert trainers include expert judicial and law enforcement partners from jurisdictions across the country. NIWAP's Director, Leslye E. Orloff and Associate Director, Rocio Molina 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.

Our 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.



Our Programs

Training: Capacity Building to Make Laws Effective

Through its local, state, and national training programs, technical assistance, and extensive national network of advocates, attorneys, court staff, prosecutors, and law enforcement officials, NIWAP identifies complex legal issues encountered by immigrant victims/survivors of abuse.

- **TRAININGS:** NIWAP provides in-person and online training and technical assistance that supports advocates, attorneys, police, prosecutors, judges and other professionals who are working with immigrant victims/survivors of abuse in communities across the country.
- **LEGALLY ACCURATE RESOURCE MATERIALS:** NIWAP provides bench cards, factsheets, sample briefs and motions, multi-lingual brochures, demographic data, charts comparing federal and states laws, and other resource tools and training materials on immigration, family, public benefits, and language access laws.
- **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:** NIWAP provides strategy consultations on individual cases free of charge to enhance local, state and national efforts to successfully provide services that directly impact survivors' safety, well-being and ability to succeed.
- **STATE-BY-STATE DIRECTORY:** NIWAP maintains a directory of programs with expertise serving immigrant and limited English proficient victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking.



Research: Transformation through Documentation

NIWAP enhances the knowledge and capacity of advocates, attorneys, law enforcement agencies, and courts to better serve immigrant victims/survivors through training, technical assistance, public policy advocacy, and strategic research and analysis.

- **RESEARCH:** NIWAP conducts statutory and case law, legislative history, and social science research documenting emerging trends and gaps in services for immigrant survivors in law, policy, and practice.
- **PUBLICATIONS:** NIWAP produces reports, journal articles, model policies, memoranda and documentation of best practices based on story collection and field studies designed to foster systemic and policy change.
- **WEB LIBRARY:** NIWAP maintains and provides free online access to all its training materials, resources tools, and published research along with government policies, publications, regulations, and other resources on immigrant victims' and children's' legal rights.

Policy: Amplifying Voices through Advocacy

NIWAP builds networks, and educates and advises key government decision makers to remove systemic barriers and create innovative, cross-cultural solutions that improve legal protections for immigrant women, children, and families.

- **PUBLIC POLICY ADVOCACY:** NIWAP directly engages with state and federal government officials to promote effective implementation of laws, regulations, policies, and practices that address the pressing needs of vulnerable immigrant women, children, and survivors of crime victimization.
- **INFORMED SOLUTIONS:** NIWAP utilizes findings from its research and collaborates with its partner professionals in the field to inform and support innovative, politically possible solutions that will work to improve the legal rights and the lives of immigrant survivors and their families.