

National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Women

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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING OFFERED BY

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Technical Assistance

The National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Women offers technical assistance to advocates, attorneys, social services and health care providers, justice system personnel and other professionals who encounter battered immigrant women, immigrant victims of crime, sexual assault or trafficking in their work. **Our technical assistance focus is to support attorneys, advocates and service providers in providing comprehensive services to their clients. We do not provide direct services to individuals. Individual callers are referred to appropriate local programs and we ask that the referred organization call us for assistance.**

Network technical assistance is offered by the three co-chair organizations thorough phone, e-mail, and fax communication. Contact information for each organization is listed above. Which organization specializes in which types of technical assistance will be noted by the following initials: Immigrant Women Program of Legal Momentum (IWP); Family Violence Prevention Fund (FVPP), Advanced Special Immigration for Survivors Technical Assistance (ASISTA). Our technical assistance covers the following topics:

- Battered immigrant's legal rights:
 - To access public benefits for themselves and/or for their children (IWP)
 - To attain legal immigration status (IWP, ASISTA)
 - Under family law (IWP)
 - Under state protection order laws (IWP)
 - As a victim in the criminal justice system (IWP, ASISTA)
 - To access shelter and domestic violence services (IWP, FVPP, ASISTA)
- The legal rights of victims of sexual assault:
 - To access sexual assault services (IWP, FVPP, ASISTA)
 - To attain legal immigration status (IWP, ASISTA)
- The legal rights of trafficking victims:
 - To access services for trafficking victims (FVPP, IWP, ASISTA)
 - To access public benefits (IWP)
 - To attain legal immigration status (IWP, ASISTA)
- Provision of culturally competent services to battered immigrants and immigrant victims of sexual assault (FVPP, IWP, ASISTA)
- The dynamics of domestic violence experienced by immigrants (FVPP, IWP, ASISTA)
- Organizing immigrant survivors of domestic violence (FVPP, ASISTA)

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The types of technical assistance we offer include:

- Legal advice, consultations and assistance to advocates, attorneys and other professionals on individual cases (IWP, ASISTA)
- Development and discussion of legal strategies (IWP, ASISTA)
- Basic information about the immigration legal rights of battered immigrants (IWP, FVPPF, ASISTA)
- Information for advocates and attorneys helping immigrant victims of domestic violence and sexual assault about VAWA and U visa immigration relief (IWP, ASISTA)
- Advanced information for immigration lawyers on VAWA and U visa immigration relief including cases in removal proceedings (ASISTA)
- Review of pleadings and filings (IWP, ASISTA)
- Assistance in preparing cases for appeal and filing of amicus briefs on appeal (IWP)
- Referrals to immigrant rights, battered immigrant women's and battered women's advocates and to attorneys in each state who can work together on cases of battered immigrants (IWP, FVPPF, ASISTA)
- Assistance with justice system advocacy with regard to systemic problems and barriers (IWP, ASISTA)
- Assistance with public benefits systems advocacy for immigrant victims (IWP)
- Assistance with INS handling of cases of battered immigrants (IWP, ASISTA)
- Assistance with accessing victim's services, social services and health care by immigrant victims (IWP, FVPPF)
- Community based advocacy, organizing and leadership development for immigrant survivors (FVPPF, ASISTA)
- Provision of training materials and power point presentations that can be used in local trainings (IWP, FVPPF, ASISTA)
- Provision of legal memoranda that can be used in local family court cases (IWP), public benefits cases (IWP) and federal immigration cases (ASISTA)
- Providing callers access to research findings on the dynamics of domestic violence in immigrant families (IWP)

Training

Staff of National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Women coordinating organizations are available to serve as faculty for trainings on a variety of topics including:

- Battered immigrant and sexual assault victims' options for attaining legal immigration status including the immigration provisions of the Violence Against Women Act and the new U visa for crime victims (IWP, ASISTA)
- Public benefits access for immigrant victims of domestic violence and their children (IWP);
- Special issues in family law and with regard to protection orders in cases of battered immigrants (IWP)
- Working in a culturally competent manner with battered immigrants who are victims in the criminal justice system (IWP, ASISTA)
- Training on the legal rights of battered immigrants for judges, police and prosecutors (IWP, ASISTA)
- Training on the legal rights of battered immigrants for defense attorneys and immigration attorneys (ASISTA)
- Trainings for advocates (IWP, ASISTA) and non-immigration lawyers (IWP, ASISTA) on immigrant victims legal rights
- Trainings for advocates for immigrant victims on provision of a broad range of services to immigrant victims (FVPPF, IWP, ASISTA)
- Trainings for immigrant survivors on leadership, organizing and domestic violence (FVPPF)
- Trainings for immigrant survivors on legal rights (IWP, FVPPF, ASISTA)
- Training for health professionals on their role in working with battered immigrant women and battered women (IWP, FVPPF, ASISTA)
- Improving the cultural competency of the services offered to battered immigrants and immigrant victims of sexual assault (FVPPF, IWP, ASISTA)
- Battered immigrants' and immigrant crime victims' legal rights to access domestic violence, sexual assault and other services necessary to protect life and safety (IWP, ASISTA)