

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING OFFERED BY THE IMMIGRANT WOMEN PROGRAM OF LEGAL MOMENTUM

Technical Assistance

The Immigrant Women Program offers technical assistance to battered women's advocates, attorneys, advocates for victims of sexual assault, social services and health care providers, justice system personnel and other professionals working who encounter battered immigrant women or immigrant victims of sexual assault in their work.

Our technical assistance covers the following topics:

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

The types of technical assistance we offer include:

- Legal advise, consultations and assistance to advocates, attorneys and other professionals on cases of individual battered immigrants;
- Development and discussion of legal strategies;
- Information about the legal rights of battered immigrants;
- Review of pleadings and filings being prepared by advocates and attorneys;
- Assistance in preparing cases for appeal and filing of amicus briefs on appeal;

- 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 immigrant;
- Problem solving both in individual cases and with regard to systemic problems and barriers that cut battered immigrants off from services and assistance;
- Provision of training materials, legal memoranda and power point presentations that can be used in local trainings, and
- Providing callers access to research findings on the dynamics of domestic violence in immigrant families.

Training

The immigrant women program of Legal Momentum staff are available to serve as faculty for trainings on a variety of topics including:

- Battered immigrant and sexual assault victim's options for attaining legal immigration status including the immigration provisions of the Violence Against Women Act and the new U visa for crime victims.
- Public benefits access for immigrant victims of domestic violence and their children.
- Special issues in family law and with regard to protection orders in cases of battered immigrants.
- Working in a culturally competent manner with battered immigrants who are victims in the criminal justice system.
- Training on the legal rights of battered immigrants for prosecutors.
- Training for health professionals on their role in working with battered immigrant women and battered women.
- Improving the cultural competency of the services offered to battered immigrants and immigrant victims of sexual assault.
- Battered immigrant's and immigrant crime victim's legal rights to access domestic violence, sexual assault and other services necessary to protect life and safety.

If you wish to receive technical assistance or if you wish us to serve as faculty for trainings you are planning, you can contact us by phone, fax, e-mail or letter.

If you are contacting us with regard to immigration issues ask for Moira Fisher Preda.

If you are contacting us with regard to public benefits issues ask for Amanda Baran.

If you are contacting us with regard to family law issues ask for Joyce Noche.

If you are contacting us about any other matter ask for Harriet Lewis or an Immigrant Women Program intern who will direct your call to the appropriate staff member.

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