



WORKING WITH SURVIVORS WHO ARE IMMIGRANTS

- » Survivors who are immigrants can face additional barriers to services. It is important for survivors to know and assert their rights in encounters with immigration and government officials. Check out the [National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project](#) for extensive resources on immigrant rights.
- » Regardless of status, immigrant survivors have the right to:
 - police assistance and protective orders;
 - an attorney or agency specializing in immigration law;
 - a hearing before an Immigration Judge;
 - contact with their country of origin's Consulate;
 - an interpreter at every level of the court system; and
 - file a suit addressing financial support and custody of their children.
- » Regardless of status or when they entered the country, immigrants are eligible for emergency benefits including:
 - family violence services and shelter;
 - emergency medical care;
 - mental health & substance abuse services
 - Medicaid;
 - immunizations and diagnosis/treatment of communicable diseases;
 - Summer food programs and school lunch programs;
 - WIC benefits; and
 - Any program necessary to protect life and safety that is not income conditional (ie. food banks).

IMMIGRATION OPTIONS

- » Domestic violence survivors & their families may have immigration options available to them including:
 - VAWA self-petition
 - U Visa: Crime Victim Visa & T Visa: Trafficking Victim Visa
 - Gender Based Asylum
 - Deferred Action
- » Immigrant survivors interested in applying for any of these legal remedies are strongly encouraged to speak with an attorney or certified legal services advocate.
- » Check out TCFV's webinar on [Immigration Safety Planning for your Client](#).

ADDITIONAL TOPICS AND RESOURCES

- » [Casa de Esperanza](#) - National organization that provides technical assistance when working with domestic violence and the latin@ community. Check out their [webinar resources](#) for great resources in working with this population. Call: 651-646-5553.
 - » [ASISTA - Clearinghouse](#) of resources for working with immigrant survivors.
 - » [National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project](#) - Information and tools to use when supporting immigrant women and children with immigration options, access to legal services, and more. Call: 202-274-4457
 - » [Texas Civil Rights Project](#) - Provides free immigration services to immigrant survivors of abuse (physical, psychological, sexual, or economic abuse) living in rural and underserved areas. Call: 1-888-855-8292.
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