

Sexual Assault of Immigrants in Detention



RESOURCES FOR VICTIMS, SURVIVORS AND FAMILY MEMBERS

A. IMMIGRATION RESOURCES

Immigrants in the United States have the right to an attorney to represent them in immigration proceedings but do not have the right to a court-appointed attorney. There are a number of pro bono immigration providers listed via the links below.

- **Immigrant Services Providers:** <http://www.aclu.org/immigrants-rights/immigrant-services-directory-public-resource-intake-referrals>
- **American Immigration Lawyers Association** - <http://aila.org/>

B. U-VISA INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

Q & A

What is a U-visa? A special visa set aside for victims of crime.

Who can qualify for a U-visa?

- Immigrants who have been the victim of criminal activity in the United States; and,
- who have suffered substantial mental or physical abuse as a result of the criminal activity, and,
- who are willing to assist law enforcement agencies or government officials in investigating the criminal activity.

How do I apply for a U-visa?

- Obtain a U visa certification (Form I-918, Supplement B) from a certifying agency
- Submit the certification and a completed form

For more information, see

- US Citizenship and Immigration Services Immigration Options for Victims of Crimes – <http://www.uscis.gov/USCIS/Humanitarian/Battered%20Spouse,%20Children%20&%20Parents/Immigration%20Options%20for%20Victims%20of%20Crimes.pdf>
- US Citizenship and Immigration Services Q & A on U-visas: <http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis/menuitem.5af9bb95919f35e66f614176543f6d1a/?vgnnextoid=1b15306f31534210VgnVCM100000082ca60aRCRD&vgnnextchannel=ee1e3e4d77d73210VgnVCM100000082ca60aRCRD>

- ASISTA – A non-profit dedicated to centralizing assistance for advocates and attorneys facing complex legal problems in advocating for immigrant survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault
<http://www.asistahelp.org/index.cfm?nodeID=23546&audienceID=1>

A. Sexual Assault/Survivor Resources

National Sexual Assault Hotline | 1.800.656.HOPE(4673) | Free. Confidential. 24/7.

Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN)

<http://www.rainn.org/>

2000 L Street, NW

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Women's Health.Gov - Violence Against Immigrants and Refugee Women - <http://www.womenshealth.gov/violence%2Dagainst%2Dwomen/types%2Dof%2Dviolence/violence-against-immigrant-refugee-women.cfm>

Listing of Providers with Experience Helping Immigrant Women Survivors of Sexual Violence-
<http://iwp.legalmomentum.org/reference/service-providers-directory>

B. Advocacy Resources

Families for Freedom - <http://www.familiesforfreedom.org/>

Detention Watch Network - <http://detentionwatchnetwork.org/>