The U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women & Legal Momentum in partnership with NIWAP (National Immigrant Women’s Advocacy Project, pronounced new-app)

Invite you to a conference

“Serving Immigrant Victims of Sexual Assault: Best Practices”

When: June 26 – 27, 2013
Where: Omni Providence Hotel
One West Exchange Street
Providence, R.I. 02903

We are offering the following interactive two day training for advocates, attorneys, and justice system personnel who are working with survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking.

Through interactive skills building exercises, practice opportunities and group discussions, participants will learn strategies that focus on a range of trauma-informed services, benefits access, and legal representation of immigrant survivors of sexual assault and trafficking with a particular focus on options available in the civil and criminal justice systems. Plenary sessions and workshops will address the best practices in screening and working with sexual assault survivors and will provide practical tools to assure access to justice system, immigration, public benefits, and creative advocacy options for immigrant sexual assault survivors. Two days of interactive workshops will provide opportunities for in-depth information on identifying and healing from trauma, language assistance and working with interpreters, safety planning for immigrant sexual assault survivors, access to subsidized health care, housing and other public benefits, immigration relief provided by U and T visas and VOCA funded victim services.

This conference is open on a first-come, first-served basis to Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), STOP, Legal Assistance for Victims (LAV), Culturally and Linguistically Specific Services Programs, and Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders grantees and grant partners. All other OVW grantees and subgrantees must receive prior approval from their OVW Program Specialist to attend this training. Travel scholarships are available to STOP grantees that do not have travel funds in their budgets.

Registration is limited to 70 persons for this event; please limit to two attendees per organization. Registrations are accepted on a first come, first served basis. Once we have reached capacity, a waiting list will be created. Online registration is now open at www.niwap.org/conference/providence.htm. Registration will be open until Friday, May 31st, or when the training is filled.

Contact: For questions or comments on this conference please contact Rocio Molina at (202)274-4393 or Molina@wcl.american.edu.

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