

**We Can Offer In Your Jurisdiction:**

**JUDICIAL TRAINING FOR JUDGES AND COURT STAFF**

**To promote the fair administration of justice in cases involving immigrant families  
and immigrant crime victims**

**National Judicial Training and Immigration Experts Offer SJI Funded Training:**

- **Plenary sessions or workshops for state-wide judicial trainings**
- **Training could include training for a mixed audience of judges, police, prosecutors, attorneys and victim advocates**
- **Customizable to your jurisdiction needs**

*How does information about immigration policies and laws protecting immigrant crime victims promote help state courts promote the fair administration of justice in cases involving immigrant families?*

In the past decade, the U.S. has experienced an unprecedented increase in the number of linguistically and culturally diverse foreign-born individuals living in the country. State courts are among the first in the justice system called upon to provide access to justice for these new immigrant populations and their children. Understanding the intersections between state court proceedings and immigration law helps ensure that courts have accurate information about immigration law. With accurate information, courts are in the best position to accurately determine whether immigration relief information should be admitted as relevant if the information creates bias. If the information is admitted as evidence in the case, access to accurate information helps promote just outcomes. The proposed training promotes the fair administration of justice.

*What is the training that NIWAP will offer?*

- Legally accurate information about DHS policies, immigration enforcement priorities and immigration law options that provide protection from deportation, legal immigration status and work authorization for immigrant victims of domestic violence, child abuse, elder abuse, sexual assault, stalking, human trafficking and other crimes.
- NIWAP's collection of SJI-approved tools for state courts on immigration relief for immigrant crime victims and children,<sup>1</sup> and addressing immigration law issues that arise in state court proceedings involving immigrant family members which may be accessed here: [www.niwap.org/go/sji](http://www.niwap.org/go/sji).
- Faculty for the training will include Leslye E. Orloff, NIWAP's Director, John Martin of CPPS, and one of our judicial training faculty who is a state court judge with expertise in family law, immigration benefits, U visa certification and the judicial process.
- Individual technical assistance for judges, court staff, law enforcement officials, and advocates is available at [niwap@wcl.american.edu](mailto:niwap@wcl.american.edu) or (202) 274-4457.

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