

Immigration: Obstacles and Relief for Sexual Assault Survivors

Course Description: Immigration survivors of sexual abuse and domestic violence face several challenges disclosing the abuse due to their status. This presentation will cover possible immigration relief available to survivors and the special vulnerabilities they may encounter.

Learning Objectives:

- Obtain a basic understanding of the vulnerabilities faced by immigrants as well as cultural barriers
- Learn about the different forms of immigration relief for survivors
- Gain awareness of current border and asylum issues

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Nathalie S. Guerrero is managing attorney at RAICES and focuses on representing victims of crime in their immigration matters. Nathalie worked at Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma, where she was the statewide immigration coordinator and the embedded attorney at the Latino Community Development Agency's Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Department. While there, she represented survivors of crime in their family, immigration, and protective order cases. Nathalie previously worked at the Tulsa Immigrant Resource Network where she represented migrant survivors of crime. She is licensed in Oklahoma and Texas.

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