

The goal of this project is to improve access to culturally and linguistically responsive legal services to immigrant survivors of intimate partner violence, sexual assault, stalking and human trafficking. ICADV attorneys will assist immigrant survivors who may qualify for immigration relief under the Violence Against Women Act and the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act.

ICADV's regional program advocates have been trained to work with survivors. They can refer cases for ICADV staff attorneys to review. They can also provide survivors with referrals and confidential program services including emergency shelter, safety planning and additional support services.

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## RESOURCES

### TO BEGIN:

Contact your local member program of the Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence

A list of programs around the state is available online at [www.icadvinc.org/get-help/all-services-in-indiana/](http://www.icadvinc.org/get-help/all-services-in-indiana/)

Or, call or email ICADV to locate a program in your area:  
[icadv@icadvinc.org](mailto:icadv@icadvinc.org)  
317.917.3685 or  
800.538.3393

### Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence

One in four women has been the victim of severe physical violence by an intimate partner; one in five children live in families where this has occurred. Since 1980, the Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence has worked to ensure that people who help survivors have the information and resources they need. To prevent future violence, ICADV advocates for change through public policy, informational campaigns to increase awareness and educating young people on the cyclical nature of violence so we can all say "No More" in Indiana.

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# Immigrant Legal Project

## Legal remedies for immigrant victims of crime



INDIANA SAYS  
**NO MORE**  
TOGETHER WE CAN END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEXUAL ASSAULT

## Self Petition

If you are a victim of domestic abuse, you may submit a confidential application to the US Citizenship and Immigration Services for an immigrant visa under the Violence Against Women Act – without a fee. This allows you to seek both safety and independence from your abuser, who is not notified about the filing. The law applies equally to abused men and women.

### You may qualify if you are:

- a current or former spouse, child or parent of an U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident who has abused you, and
- subjected to battery or extreme cruelty by the abuser, and
- living with or have lived with the abuser, and
- a person of good moral character.

### If you are approved, you may:

- be entitled to work in the United States.
- take steps toward lawful permanent residency to receive a green card.



## Nonimmigrant Status / U visa

U visas offer protection for non-citizen victims of certain types of crimes who do not have legal immigration status. You do not have to be related or married to the perpetrator of the crime and the perpetrator does not have to be in any specific immigration status. You can also apply on behalf of certain family members.

Qualifying crimes include (this is not a complete list):

Abduction	Manslaughter
Abusive sexual contact	Murder
Hostage	Rape
Domestic violence	Sexual assault
False imprisonment	Sexual exploitation
Felonious assault	Slave trade
Involuntary servitude	Stalking
Trafficking	Kidnapping
	Witness tampering

### You may qualify if you:

- are a victim of qualifying criminal activity and have suffered substantial physical or mental abuse as a result of the crime, and
- are in possession of credible and reliable information about the qualifying criminal activity, and
- are, have been, or are likely to be helpful to the investigation and/or prosecution of that qualifying criminal activity, and
- are a victim of criminal activity that violated a US law.

### If you are approved you may be able to:

- work in United States.
- maintain your status for four years (extensions may be available).
- petition to become a lawful permanent resident.

## Nonimmigrant Status / T visa

Sex and labor trafficking are forms of modern-day slavery. T visa offers protection from severe forms of human trafficking even if you do not have legal immigration status. You can also apply on behalf of certain family members.



### You may qualify if you are:

- a victim of a severe form of human trafficking, and
- physically in the United States because of the trafficking, and
- complying with any reasonable requests for assistance in the investigation or prosecution of trafficking, and
- suffering extreme hardship involving unusual and severe harm if removed from the United States.

### If you are approved you may be able to:

- work in United States.
- maintain your status for four years (extensions may be available).
- transition to lawful permanent resident.
- be eligible for federal refugee benefits.

