

CITY BAR JUSTICE CENTER
AT THE NEW YORK CITY BAR ASSOCIATION
**THE IMMIGRANT
WOMEN & CHILDREN PROJECT**



The Program

The Immigrant Women & Children Project (IWC) assists three target populations, immigrant survivors of:

- Domestic violence
- Human trafficking
- Violent, gender-based crimes

IWC began in the Spring of 1996 in response to new developments in immigration law brought about by the 1994 Violence against Women Act (VAWA). Since its inception, the program has assisted many women and their children to regularize their immigration status in the United States under VAWA, U or T visas.

Generally, a person is eligible for VAWA immigration relief if they are married to or a child of a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident who has abused them.

A survivor of human trafficking may also be eligible for special immigration and other relief under the Traf-

ficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000.

In addition, we assist immigrants in applying for U visas if they are victims of violent, gender-based crimes who have or are willing to cooperate with law enforcement.

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What We Do

IWC offers free legal assistance. We accept cases from the general public, as well as from community-based and domestic violence organizations. Clients come from countries around the globe —China, Dominican

Republic, Trinidad, Guyana, Great Britain, Colombia, Brazil, India, Nigeria, Russia and many others. We speak many languages in our office and have access to many others.

Once a case comes to our attention, IWC staff schedule a screening interview to determine whether the client is eligible for immigration benefits. If we determine a legitimate case exists, a trained volunteer attorney is assigned to prepare and submit an application to the U. S. Citizenship & Immigration Service. In rare instances it may also be necessary to represent the client in immigration court.

Contact us!

The IWC Project has in-house staff ready to help. We also provide training on these topics to other agencies. For more information, please contact Michelle Muñoz, Coordinator, at (212) 382-4711. All calls are strictly confidential.

