



The Immigration Center for Women and Children (ICWC) is a non-profit legal organization providing affordable immigration services to underrepresented women and children in California. ICWC strives to provide security and stability for children who are abused, abandoned or neglected and for women and children who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or other violent crimes.

ICWC PROVIDES AFFORDABLE LEGAL SERVICES IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS)
- Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)
- Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act (T Visas and U Visas)
- Probate Guardianships



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OUR SERVICES INCLUDE:

Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS)

Through the Special Immigrant Juvenile Status law, ICWC assists undocumented children who have been abused, abandoned or neglected to become lawful permanent residents. Many at-risk children are missing out on this extremely important immigration benefit to which they are legally entitled.

Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act (T and U visas)

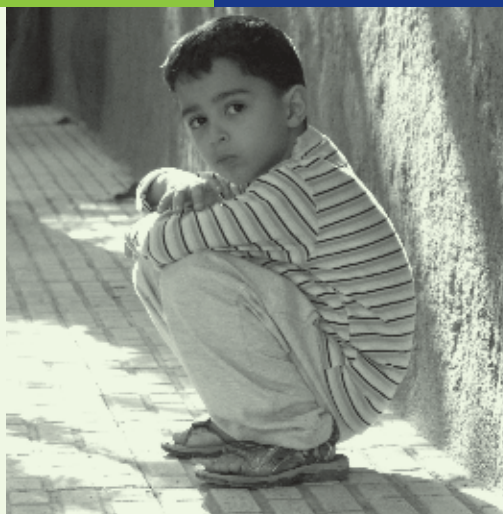
Through the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act, ICWC assists immigrants in obtaining T and U visas. T visas are available to victims of a severe form of trafficking. This includes sex trafficking of persons under 18 years of age or recruiting persons for labor or services through force, fraud or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude. U visas are available to immigrants who are victims of and possess information concerning a specified crime, including rape, domestic violence and sexual assault.

Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)

Through the Violence Against Women Act, ICWC works with victims of domestic violence, who are married to or recently divorced from U.S. citizens and legal residents, to leave their abusive relationships and independently petition for their immigration status. Many battered immigrant women report that they will not leave a violent relationship until their immigration concerns are addressed.

Probate Guardianships

Through the probate courts, ICWC works with children under 18 and potential guardians in obtaining legal guardianship. Many of these children are victims of abuse, abandonment or neglect who are not in the foster care system because a relative is available to be appointed legal guardian. A legal guardianship suspends parental rights, giving the guardian custody and care of the child.



THERE IS A DIRE NEED FOR ICWC SERVICES

- 1 in 5 U.S. children experience some form of child maltreatment
- 15.5 million U.S. children live in families where partner violence occurred at least once in the past year
- Each year people experience 7.7 million intimate partner related physical assaults and rapes
- On average more than three women a day are murdered by their husbands or boyfriends in the U.S.
- The U.S. Department of State estimates between 14,500-17,500 individuals are trafficked annually into the U. S.

Contact ICWC:

ICWC provides low cost legal services. If you or someone you know need our services, please call **213.614.1165 in Los Angeles**, **415.861.1449 in San Francisco** or **619-515-2200 in San Diego** to arrange for a consultation.

