

***Barren River Area Safe Space, Inc Presents:***

# **Effectively Addressing Crime Against Immigrant Victims: Language Access Under Title IV and U Visas**

***October, 13, 2011. 9:00 a.m-12:00 p.m.  
The Alive Center- 1818 31W Bypass, Bowling Green  
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***Many serious crimes against immigrants are difficult to investigate***

because victims are afraid to come forward due to fears of deportation, language barriers, and lack of knowledge of laws and services.

In 2000, Congress passed legislation creating the “U Visa” to assist law enforcement in getting immigrant victims to cooperate and to give victims humanitarian relief so that they could heal from the violence. As part of the application, prosecutors, police, judges or child protective services must certify that the victim has been cooperative in the case. In addition, in 2000, President Clinton signed an executive order mandating all programs receiving federal funding to provide “meaningful access” to individuals with “limited English proficiency.”

These laws enable victims to come forward to report serious crimes such as domestic violence, rape, and human trafficking in order to receive the services they need. Through lecture, discussion and case studies, this workshop will give participants the tools they need to improve safety for all victims in their community.

***Presenter: Gretchen Hunt is Training Coordinator at the Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs. There, she works under a Violence Against Women Act Grant to provide training and technical assistance on legal issues of violence against women, with a special focus on immigrant and refugee victims. Ms. Hunt has also worked as an immigration attorney representing immigrant victims of rape, domestic violence, and human trafficking and as an attorney with state government. She received her law degree from Boston College. She currently resides in Louisville, Kentucky with her husband and two children.***