



Legal Services Committee
January 19, 2023

Amy Smith	HCDVCC
Thecia Jenkins	HCDVCC
Jessica Howton	Tahirih Justice Center
Katisha Chaney	BATP
Maisha Coulter	AVDA
Stefanie Hayes	HCDVCC

Amy Smith opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Amy announced that TCFV/TAASA's Capitol Day will be on Thursday February 16th.

Thecia Jenkins and Jessica Howton announced a 3-part training on Helping Immigrant Survivors:

Thursday February 23rd 10:30 – Noon

Session 1: Immigration Landscape (Karla Perez, Senior Staff Attorney & Corina Azpurua, Legal Advocate and BIA Accredited Representative)

- Immigration 101
- Immigration Safety Planning
- Notario Fraud and what to do about it
- CPS & Mandated reporting
- FOIAs

Session 1 Facebook Live (15-20 min) (Spanish) summarizing the important points directly for survivors

Thursday March 16th 10:30 – Noon

Session 2: Immigration Relief (Isabel, Social Services Program Manager + Attorney)

- Tahirih forms of relief & issue spotting eligibility
- Evidence that advocates can help collect
 - Letters of support, FOIAs, etc.
- Inadmissibilities / don't make promises
- (connects to) unauthorized practice of law
- (connects to) notario fraud & how to avoid it
- DACA/TPS/other benefits

Session 2 Facebook Live (15-20 min) (Spanish) summarizing the important points directly for survivors

Tuesday March 28th 10:30 – Noon

Session 3: Community building & resources, Survivors as advocates (Alondra, Senior Community Engagement Coordinator & Laura Hernandez, Social Services Advocate) Public charge

- Benefits eligibility
- Social services
- community resources
- Grassroots organizing & empowerment

Session 3 Facebook Live (15-20 min) (Spanish) summarizing the important points directly for survivors
Eventbrite links are being created and should be in our next newsletter.

Katisha Chaney gave an update on Bay Area Turning Point. They in full force planning for Teen Dating Violence and will be hosting an Art Contest.

Maisha Coulter gave an update from AVDA. They will be hosting a Townhall on Teen Dating Violence and have several outreach activities planned. They are also having a contest with Baylor Medical Students with Tik Tok videos. She also announced they are looking for a Managing Attorney.

Stefanie Hayes gave an update on HCDVCC's Expect Respect Program. Her groups are making Valentine's Cards to give out at Capitol Day.

Thecia Jenkins announced HCDVCC is resuming her listening sessions at local libraries. And would like to identify the different types of information we give out so we could perhaps create a one-pager for everyone to use so will can be consistent with our message. Amy announced the Death Review Team is creating a flow chart for survivors about the Criminal Justice System and who they might speak to during each phase.

Meeting adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled on the same day as Capitol Day so we will not meet. The next meeting will be the Immigration Training on March 16th.