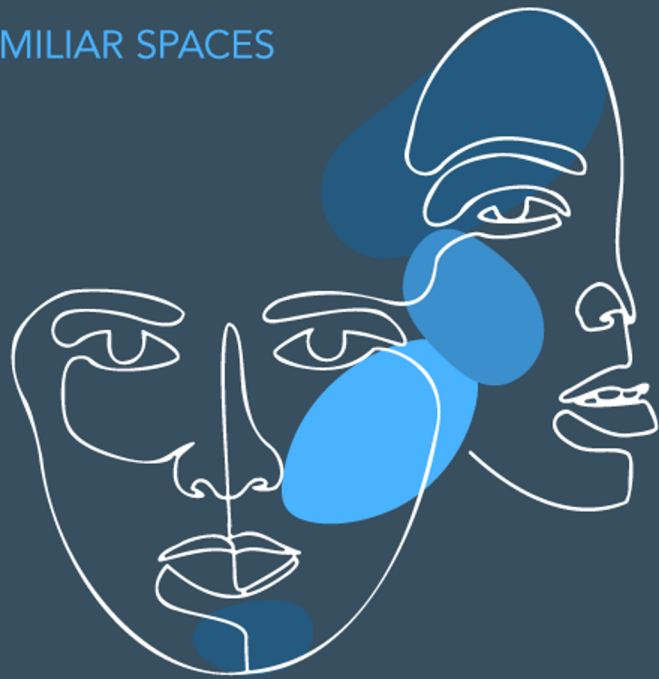


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SEXUAL VIOLENCE & SUPPORTING IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES

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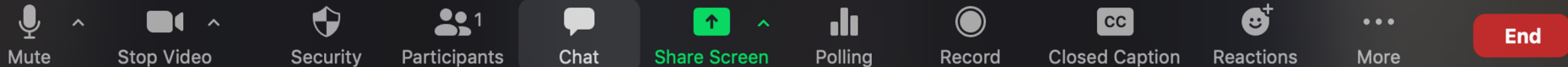
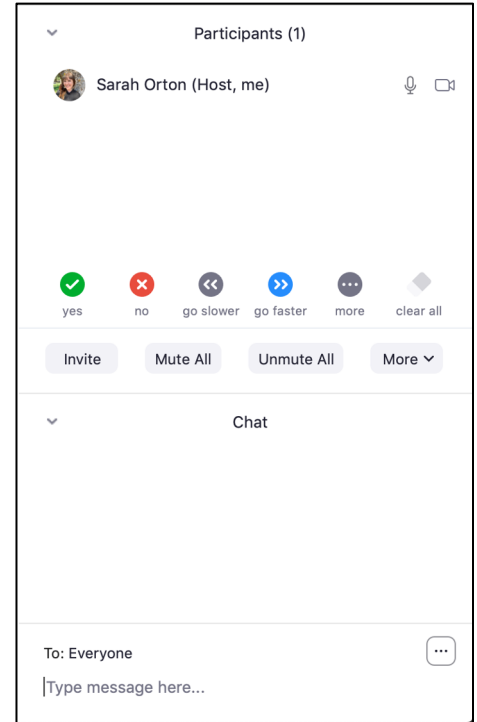
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- 09/22 How to Help: Referrals and Resources for Survivors of Sexual Violence
- 09/24 Essential and Vulnerable: Essential Workers and Sexual Violence
- 09/29 Dating App-Facilitated Assault: Dating Apps and Sexual Abuse

MEET THE CALCASA TEAM



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Learning Objectives

- Understand the experiences and vulnerabilities of immigrant communities in the intersection with sexual violence.
- Define culturally relevant and competent services.
- Explore local immigrant services for survivors.

Trauma-Informed Care Warning

Chat Question

What immigrant and or refugee communities do you work with?

What vulnerabilities do immigrants and refugees face?



Intersecting Vulnerabilities

- Sexual violence in home country
- Sexual violence during migration
- Workplace sexual violence
- Shared housing situations
- Sexual violence in detention
- Female genital mutilation
- Human trafficking

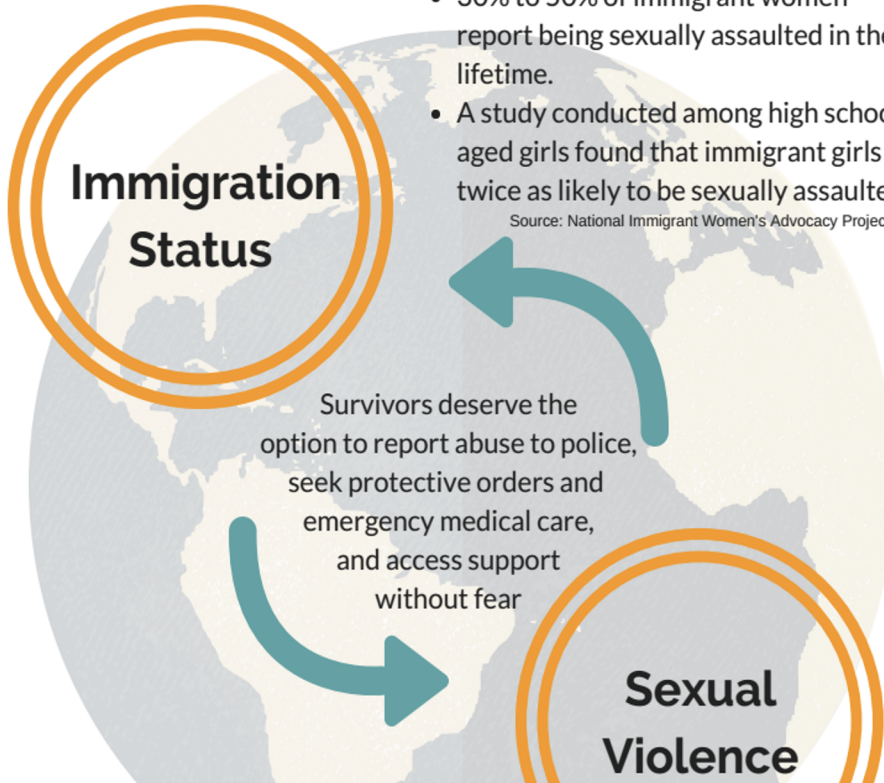


How does sexual violence impact immigrant communities?

- 30% to 50% of immigrant women report being sexually assaulted in their lifetime.
- A study conducted among high school aged girls found that immigrant girls are twice as likely to be sexually assaulted.

Source: National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project

Survivors deserve the option to report abuse to police, seek protective orders and emergency medical care, and access support without fear



UNDOCUMENTED & SURVIVOR

The aftermath of Sexual Assault



We know that being a victim of sexual violence is difficult, but being undocumented and being a victim of sexual violence is double the challenge since there are many more obstacles to overcome.

FEAR OF REPORTING

It is not that they don't want to report what happened, but for the fear of putting all their information in the hands of the police and being discovered that they do not have a legal status

LACK OF RESOURCES

Being a victim of a sexual assault requires time to take care of yourself, physically and mentally, time to cooperate with the investigation of the case.

FEAR OF NOT BEING BELIEVED

Living in a country without legal status and reporting sexual assault, we see how the same community does not believe people who are victims of sexual violence. They blame you for reporting abuse just for your own profit.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE, WE BELIEVE YOU!

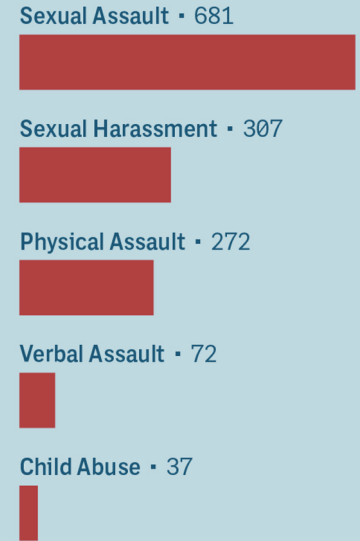
We are available to help our undocumented community, especially during those times when they need safe, confident, and bilingual help.

We have a bilingual 24/7 crisis line available to help you!



Breakdown of Sexual Abuse Complaints in Immigration Detention

Of 1,224 complaints obtained by The Intercept, 56 percent described instances of sexual assault, and 25 percent described sexual harassment without physical contact. Twenty-two percent described non-sexual physical violence, and 6 percent detailed some form of verbal abuse. In 37 complaints, the alleged victim was a minor.



Source: Intercept analysis, Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General

76.25%

of advocates report that immigrant survivors have concerns about contacting police

“SURVIVORS ARE AFRAID THAT THEY WILL BE REPORTED TO IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT (ICE), AND BE REMOVED FROM THEIR CHILDREN. THIS HAS HAPPENED ON NUMEROUS OCCASSIONS IN OUR COMMUNITY AND CONTINUES TO HAPPEN.”

“MANY VICTIMS ARE AFRAID THEY WILL BE DEPORTED WHEN THEY REPORT THEIR DOMESTIC ABUSE OR SEXUAL ASSAULT. THEY ... ARE FEARFUL THAT ANY **CONTACT WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT PUTS THEM IN A MORE DANGEROUS POSITION THAN STAYING SILENT.**”

“IMMIGRANT SURVIVORS NO LONGER WANT TO GO TO FAMILY COURT. THEY ARE TOO SCARED. THEY PUT UP WITH ABUSE AND THEY REFUSE TO GET CHILD SUPPORT BECAUSE THEY ARE SCARED THEY WILL BE REPORTED TO IMMIGRATION [AUTHORITIES].”

“VICTIMS ALSO BELIEVE THAT COURTS WILL AUTOMATICALLY SIDE WITH THE ABUSER REGARDLESS OF EVIDENCE OR VICTIM'S TESTIMONY, SOLELY BECAUSE THE ABUSER IS A U.S. CITIZEN. **IT IS DIFFICULT TO ASSURE VICTIMS THAT COURTS ARE MEANT TO BE FAIR** AND LOOK THROUGH ALL INFORMATION, ESPECIALLY WHEN ... THE NEWS SOUNDS ANTI-IMMIGRANT.”

3 OUT OF 4 ADVOCATES

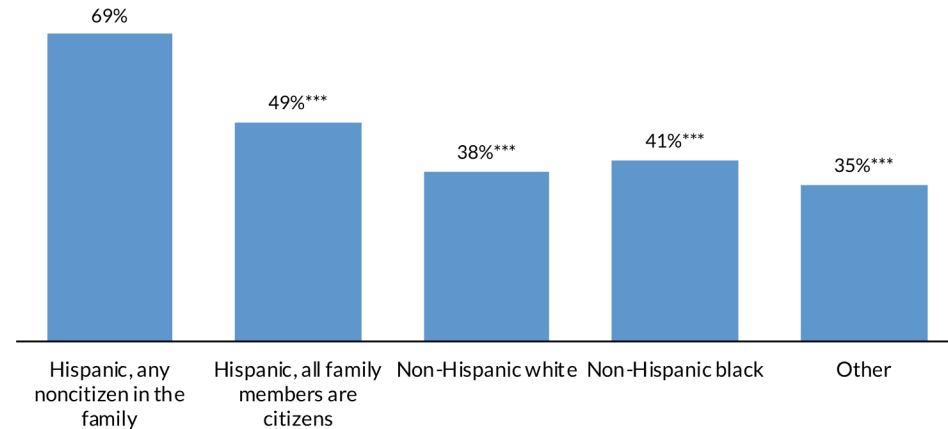


report that immigrant survivors have concerns about going to court for a matter related to the abuser/offender

What special needs do immigrant communities have?

- Increase vulnerability to re-victimization
- Trauma and systems pressures
- Immigration can be a traumatic experience

Share of Adults Ages 18 to 64 Whose Families Lost Jobs, Work Hours, or Work-Related Income Because of the Pandemic, by Family Citizenship Status and Race and Ethnicity, March and April 2020



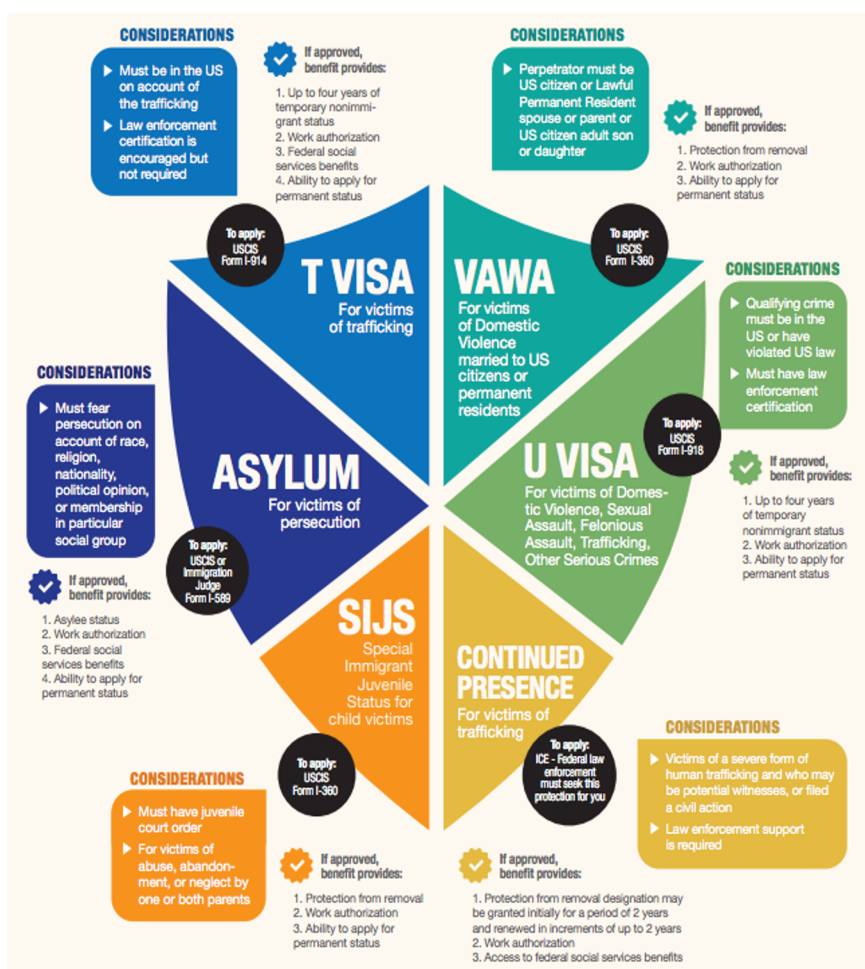
Source: Health Reform Monitoring Survey, first quarter of 2020. The survey was conducted between March 25 and April 10, and 74.5 percent of respondents completed the survey by March 31.

Note: "Other" includes non-Hispanic adults who are not black or white or are more than one race.

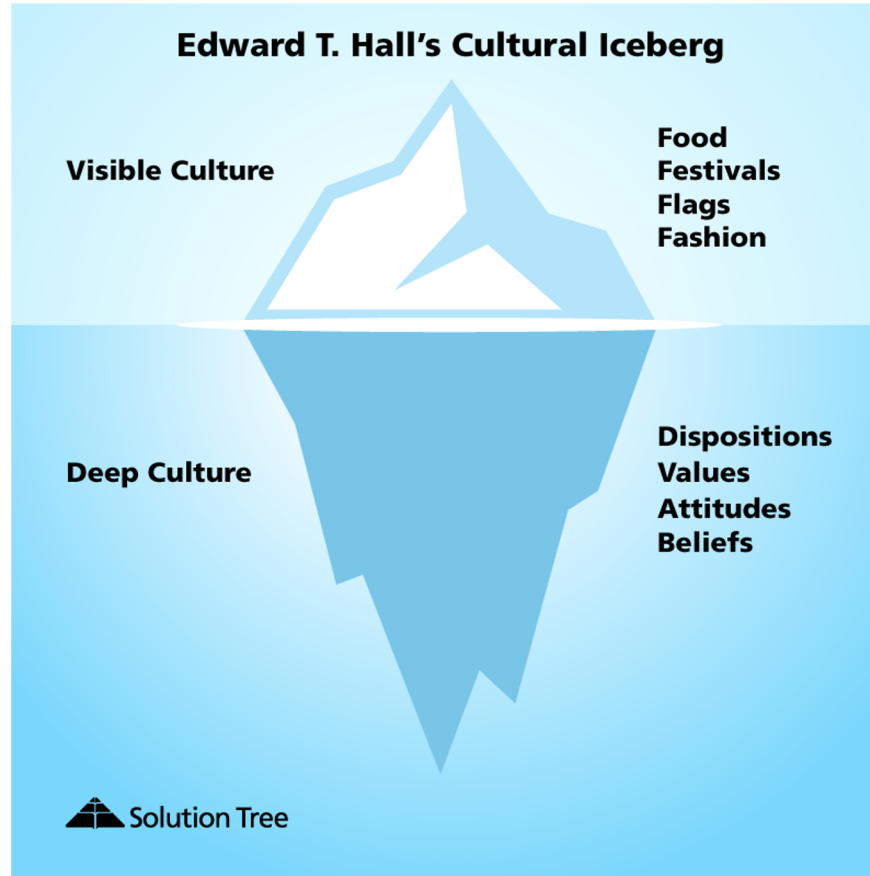
*/**/**** Estimate differs significantly from Hispanic adults living with any noncitizen family member at the 0.10/0.05/0.01 level, using two-tailed tests.

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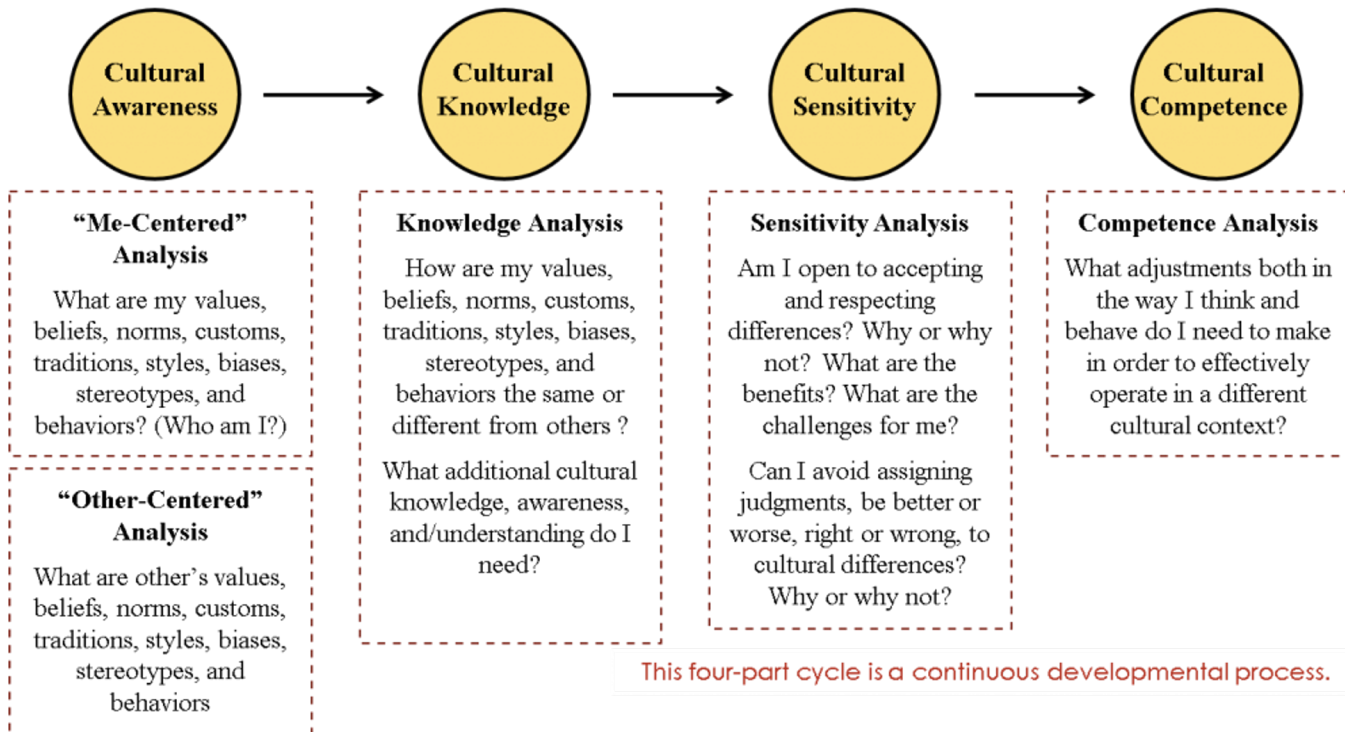


Cultural Iceberg



Culturally Relevant and Competent Services

Cultural Competence Model™



Cultural Awareness

- Self-compassion
- Universal elements of compassion
- Philosophies and religions

Cultural Competence

- Compassionate assessment
- Compassionate care giving
- Courage and compassion
- Barriers and challenges of compassion

Compassion

Cultural Knowledge

- Cultural compassion beliefs
- Cultural similarities and differences in understanding compassion

Cultural Sensitivity

- Giving and receiving appropriate compassion
- Forming compassionate therapeutic relationships

Cultural Competency

- Inclusivity
- Humility
- Representation

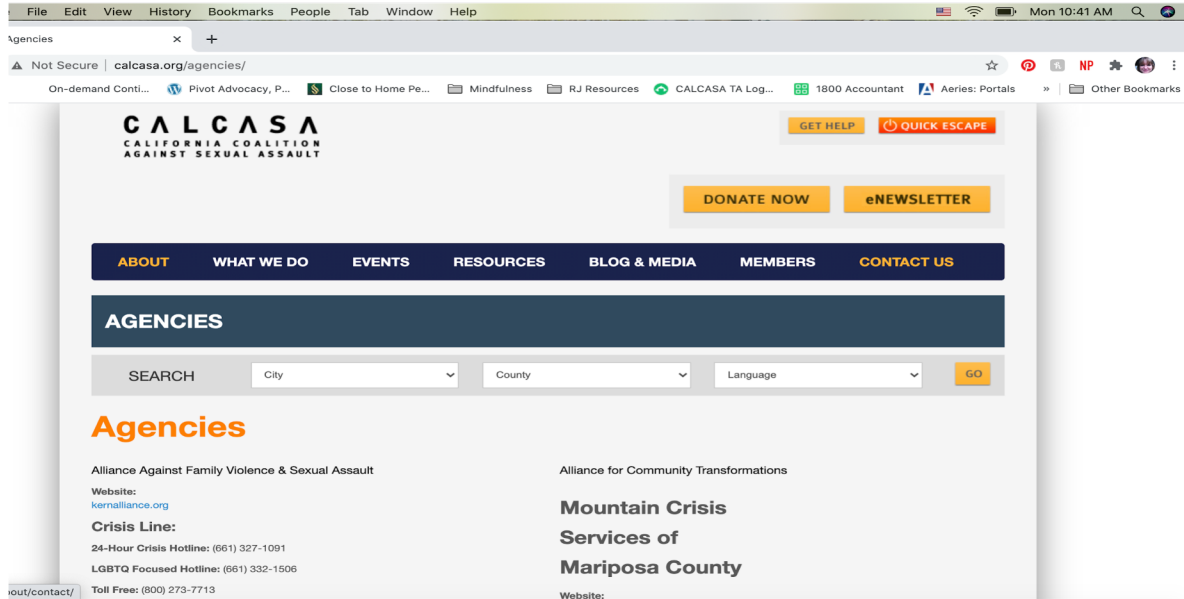


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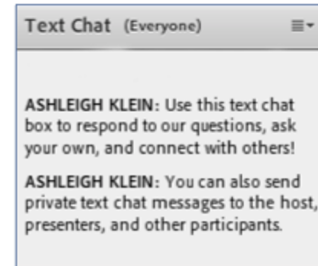


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- National Sexual Violence Resource Center <https://www.nsvrc.org/sarts/toolkit/6-12>
- ASISTA (legal services for immigrants) <https://asistahelp.org/>
- Arte Sana (Latin@s services) <http://www.arte-sana.com/>
- Casa de Esperanza (Latin@s services) <https://casadeesperanza.org/>
- Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence <https://www.api-gbv.org/>
- Women's Health—Immigrant and Refugee Women's Resources <https://www.womenshealth.gov/relationships-and-safety/other-types/immigrant-and-refugee-women>
- More Resources: VAWNET <https://vawnet.org/sc/sexual-violence-immigrant-communities>

Questions?

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That's all Folks!