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2017 as opportunities to:

- **network** and **problem-solve** with other CCR/SART teams across the state
- **learn** about the latest research, trends, and best practices at local, state and national levels
- **strengthen** coordinated community efforts

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LEGAL PROTECTIONS FOR IMMIGRANT & REFUGEE SURVIVORS

Thursday, December 14th 2017
10:00 - 11:30 AM

Presented by:

- **Robin Dalton – Senior Immigration Attorney**
- **Gricel Santiago-Rivera – Director of RISE Law Center**
- **Amber Raffet August – Immigration and Family Law Attorney**

Navigating the web of systems can be difficult for any survivor - but for immigrant and refugee survivors of sexual and domestic violence there are often additional barriers. Be it language access or conflicts with cultural expectations, a holistic approach which takes into consideration ones background and coordination amongst systems facilitates better access to legal protections for these survivors.

This webinar will address protections for immigrant survivors in family and immigration court and in front of department of homeland security. This will include language access in the courtroom, orders and restrictions on traveling and passports, guardianships and powers of attorney for children with under-documented parents, VAWA Self Petition, U Nonimmigrant Status and more. It will address what you can screen for to see if a survivor you are serving has legal protections and best practices when working with legal service agencies. Also how these legal protections can help empower survivors facilitating greater access to services and support.

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Presenter Bios



Robin Dalton is a proven leader and respected advocate against sexual and domestic violence in Wisconsin. The Senior Immigration Attorney at RISE Law Center, a nonprofit law office, she represents underserved immigrant and refugee survivors primarily in U, T, and VAWA petitions. In addition to client representation, Robin provides training, mentorship and technical assistance for other attorneys, legal advocates, law enforcement and students. As part of her national advocacy on humanitarian issues, she serves as Chair of AILA's National U/T/VAWA Committee and is an AILA Artesia Bulldog. Robin is also the past president of the Wisconsin Asian Bar Association and past Board of Governor for the State Bar of Wisconsin. Recently the YWCA, for her commitment and work within the immigrant and refugee community, honored her as a Woman of Distinction.



Attorney Gricel Santiago-Rivera is the Director of the RISE Law Center, where she provides legal representation mainly to immigrants in matters relating to family law and protection orders. Additionally, Gricel serves as Guardian ad Litem in cases related to legal custody and physical placement disputes, especially when there are issues involving domestic abuse or understanding of cultural dynamics within a custody/placement dispute. Gricel is a former Board of Directors member of UNIDOS Against Domestic Violence, a culturally specific domestic and sexual abuse program serving mainly Latina/o victims and survivors. Gricel currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Child Advocacy Centers-Wisconsin Chapter, where she provides her perspective and expertise around issues relating to physical and sexual abuse of children. In 2014, Gricel was the Program Chair of the State Bar of Wisconsin's CLE "Shelter from the Storm: Domestic Violence and Family Law." She also served on the State Bar of Wisconsin's Legal Assistance Committee for 3 years. Recently, Gricel presented at the State Bar of Wisconsin's Minor Guardian ad Litem training, as well as the Seminar "Domestic Abuse for GALs: A Four-Step Framework." This most recent Seminar summarized the work from the Domestic Abuse Guidebook for Wisconsin Guardians ad Litem, which Gricel assisted in writing. Gricel is committed to immigrant issues, the provision of legal assistance to low income individuals, and issues of social justice.



Amber Raffet August is a Bi-lingual Immigration and Family Law Attorney at RISE Law Center of End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin, representing clients in humanitarian immigration matters, divorce, custody and placement issues, and restraining orders. She earned her Juris Doctorate from the University of Wisconsin Law School in 2013 and her Bachelor's Degree in Spanish and Legal Studies from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2010. In addition to her work at RISE Law Center, Amber sits on the Board of Directors for the Community Immigration Law Center (CILC), is the Community Outreach Director for the Wisconsin Association of African American Lawyers (WAAL), and is the Literacy Committee Chair of Women In Focus, Inc. Amber is also a member of the Wisconsin Bar Association, the Dane County Bar Association and the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA).