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**Intake Line for New Legal Cases**

Toll Free: 888.817.3777

**Tenant Information Line**

Call for info related to tenants' rights and rental housing.  
(This line does not provide legal advice.)  
216.861.5955

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[www.lasclev.org](http://www.lasclev.org)

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**Cleveland & Administrative Offices**

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121 East Walnut Street, Jefferson, OH 44047

**Painesville Office**

8 North State Street, Suite 300, Painesville, OH 44077

*If you have a communications limitation, contact Legal Aid through the Ohio Relay Service at 800.750.0750.* 

*Legal Aid offers interpretation and translation services so those with limited English proficiency can communicate with Legal Aid staff in their dominant and/or preferred language.*

*The information in this brochure cannot take the place of advice from a lawyer. Each case is different and needs individual legal advice. You should contact a lawyer if you need representation or if you have questions.*



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# Legal Help for Immigrant Victims of Crime



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*If you are an immigrant and have been a victim of crime, contact Legal Aid or another attorney to see if these immigration laws can help you.*

## **U VISA for Victims of Crime**

You may be eligible for a U Visa if you:

- Have been the victim of a serious crime in the U.S. including domestic violence, rape, felonious assault and many others;
- Suffered physically or mentally because of the crime; and
- Helped in the investigation and/or prosecution of the crime.

If you are approved for a U Visa, you can:

- Get a work permit that is good for four years;
- Get permanent residency (a “green card”) after having the U Visa for three years; and
- Include certain family members in your application.

## **Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) for Victims of Domestic Violence**

Both men and women victims of domestic violence can apply on their own (self-petition). You may be eligible for VAWA if you are the:

- Spouse of an abusive U.S. Citizen (USC) or Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR);
- Spouse of a USC or LPR and that person is abusing your child;
- Former spouse of an abusive USC or LPR (if divorce or loss of abusive spouse’s immigration status was within the last two years);
- Child of an abusive USC or LPR; or
- Parent abused by your USC adult child.

If approved for a VAWA self-petition, you can get:

- A work permit;
- Apply for permanent residency (a green card); and
- Include certain family members in the self-petition.

## **Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) for Certain Juveniles**

You may be eligible for SIJS if you are under age 21, cannot be reunited with one of your parents because of abuse, neglect, or abandonment and you have been:

- Declared a dependent of a U.S. juvenile court; or
- Legally committed to or put in the custody of a state agency or individual and are eligible for long-term foster care.

An approved SIJS petition makes the petitioner eligible to apply for permanent residency (a green card).

## **T Visa for Human Trafficking**

Human trafficking occurs when a person is forced by fraud or coercion to work against their will in any industry. Human trafficking often occurs in restaurants, farms, construction, house cleaning, childcare and the sex industry.

You may be eligible for a T Visa if you:

- Are or were the victim of human trafficking in the U.S.; and
- Cooperate with any reasonable request from a law enforcement agency for help in the investigation and/or prosecution of the crime. Cooperation is not required if you are under the age of 18 or unable to cooperate because of physical or psychological trauma.

If approved for a T Visa, you can:

- Get a work permit that is good for four years;
- Apply for permanent residency (a “green card”) after having the T Visa for three years or after the investigation or prosecution is done, whichever is first; and
- Include certain family members in the application.