

# ANTI-BIAS BASED POLICING AND IMMIGRATION POLICY OF THE STATE COLLEGE POLICE DEPARTMENT: RESOURCES

The [Center for Immigrants' Rights Clinic](#) at Penn State Law in University Park and the State College Police Department have created the following list of resources. Some of these documents include the position or views of police chiefs across the country and information about how law enforcement can play a meaningful role when immigrant victims of crime are seeking protection under the immigration laws.

1. [State College Borough Council, \*Resolution on Immigration Enforcement\* \(2017\)](#)  
On January 9, 2017, the State College Borough Council unanimously passed the above resolution to render support and promote the values of inclusion, equity and justice within its community.
2. [Police Executive Research Forum, \*Police and Immigration: How Chiefs Are Leading their Communities through the Challenges\* \(2010\)](#)  
This publication explores the role of six leading police departments in their communities. Its goal is to provide a base of information about what police are currently doing regarding immigration enforcement.
3. [Police Foundation, \*Local Police & Immigration Enforcement\* \(2015\)](#)  
This report presents findings and recommendation from the Police Foundation, who examined the implications of immigration enforcement at the local level. The project brought together key stakeholders like law enforcement executives, elected officials, policy makers, and includes research on the rights of undocumented immigrants and the legal framework for enforcement of immigration laws.
4. [International Association of Chiefs of Police, \*Police Chiefs Guide to Immigration Issues\* \(2007\)](#)  
This report focuses on the issue of immigration and the issues confronting federal, state, tribal and local law enforcement agencies within the United States of America. It provides police chiefs with an overview of the issues surrounding immigration, and information on the resources available to law enforcement.
5. [The Department of Homeland Security, \*U Visa Law Enforcement Certification Resource Guide for Federal, State, Local, Tribal and Territorial Law Enforcement\*](#)  
The Department of Homeland Security provides this document as guidance for law enforcement officers. It primarily consists of the issues surrounding law enforcement certifications for U non-immigrant visas and offers a list of FAQs to clarify any queries a law enforcement official may have.

6. **[The Department of Homeland Security, U and T Visa Law Enforcement Resources \(2017\)](#)**

The Department of Homeland Security has developed these resources for federal, state, local, tribal and territorial law enforcement officers concerning law enforcement certifications for the U and T non-immigrant status. This site provides two resources:

- (1) **[U and T Visa Law Enforcement Guide](#)** This Guide provides law enforcement officials with information about U and T visa requirements, the law enforcement certification process, and answers to frequently asked questions from law enforcement agencies to support investigations and prosecutions involving qualified immigrant victims of crime.
- (2) **[U Visa Immigration Relief for Victims of Certain Crimes: An Overview for Law Enforcement](#)** United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and DHS's Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties have developed a brief, two-page overview of the U visa and law enforcement's role in the certification process. This handout is intended to be a quick and convenient resource to address questions and concerns law enforcement might have about the U visa certification process.

7. **[National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project, The Vera Institute of Justice, and Legal Momentum, U Visa Toolkit For Law Enforcement Agencies And Prosecutors \(2012\)](#)**

This toolkit provides details and guidance on the U visa program for law enforcement agencies in general, and for police and prosecutors in particular. It also provides guidance on developing a U visa certification practice.

8. **[The National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project American University, Washington College of Law, U-Visa: "Helpfulness" \(2015\)](#)**

NIWAP's document explains what being "helpful" to law enforcement in the investigation and prosecution of serious crimes means and how victims can comply with the definition to receive their U visa certification.

9. **[The National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project, Washington College of Law, State Justice Institute, U Visa Case Scenarios \(2015\)](#)**

This document provides specific cases where people could qualify for U visa status, which helps law enforcement contextualize the qualifying crime and how to proceed with the investigation.