



REAUTHORIZATION OF THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT



"It was an honor to be at the White House to commemorate the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act. There's still plenty of work to be done for immigrant survivors, and we are determined to continue pushing for change." -- Kirsten Rambo, ASISTA Executive Director



On March 16, 2022, ASISTA was at the White House for the commemoration of the [reauthorization of the Violence Against Women act \(VAWA\)](#).

VAWA is a key part of ASISTA's history: our founders helped write the immigration provisions of VAWA and the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Prevention Act (TVPA), affording legal status to hundreds of thousands of immigrant survivors and their children since 1994. This latest reauthorization is long overdue, since the previous version of VAWA was only authorized through 2018.

We are thankful to all those who helped to make this reauthorization happen: President Biden and the White House's Gender Policy Council, Congressional leadership and members of Congress who moved the bill forward—and, critically, our partners in this work: the dedicated survivors and advocates who urged Congress to pass VAWA and who work on behalf of immigrant survivors every day. *As President Biden observed at the event commemorating VAWA's passage, "The reason we've been able to do so much, make so much progress.... is because of all of you."*

We are glad that VAWA 2022 provides additional funding for culturally specific programs and maintains existing protections specific to immigrant survivors. Yet there is much more that needs to be done. At ASISTA, we are absolutely committed to strengthening and expanding those vital protections, and so we continue our advocacy beyond VAWA to ensure that immigrant women and their families suffering violence may seek safety and justice without fear of deportation.



For more details on this latest version of the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2022, see the White House fact sheet [here](#).



ASISTA's mission is to advance the dignity, rights, and liberty of immigrant survivors of violence.

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