

The Impact of Violence on LGBTQIA+ Immigrant Survivors: Reflections and Resources June 2022

As we celebrate Pride this month, we reflect on the impact of intimate partner violence and hate violence on immigrant survivors who are LGBTQIA+. We know that intimate partner violence happens within LGBTQIA+ relationships, and that homophobia and threats of deportation are tools of abuse that aren't often recognized as such by the criminal legal system, with <u>especially harmful consequences</u> causing queer and trans immigrant survivors to fear that coming forward will will put their lives at even greater risk. ASISTA is proud to work with <u>partners</u> who <u>address</u> these concerns with care and respect, and celebrates our members who provide respectful and affirming services directly to LGBTQIA+ immigrants.

Six years after the <u>Pulse massacre</u> in Orlando that killed 49 mostly queer and trans Latinx people, we have yet to see a reckoning of the relationship between <u>intimate partner violence and mass murder</u>. We know that discrimination and hate beget more violence, both inside and outside of the home, and we stand with <u>Pulse survivors</u> calling for gun control, safety, and dignity for LGBTQIA+ people.

Because these issues are central to effective advocacy, we are sharing these toolkits for addressing hate and intimate partner violence in LGBTQIA+ communities from the <u>National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs</u>, which is coordinated by a longtime ASISTA member, the <u>NYC Anti-Violence Project</u>.

- Community Action Toolkit for Addressing Intimate Partner Violence Against Transgender People
- Community Action Toolkit for Addressing Hate Violence Against LGBTQ and HIV-Affected Communities
- Rapid Incident Response Toolkit for Responding to Violence in LGBTQ & HIV-Affected Communities
- Community Action Factsheet for Addressing Hate Violence Against Transgender
 Communities

Additional national resources for LGBTQIA+ immigrants include <u>Transgender Law Center</u>, <u>Immigration Equality</u>, and <u>Lambda Legal</u>.