The Impact of Violence on LGBTQIA+ Immigrant Survivors: Reflections and Resources
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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 especially harmful consequences causing queer and trans immigrant survivors to fear that coming forward will put their lives at even greater risk. ASISTA is proud to work with partners who address these concerns with care and respect, and celebrates our members who provide respectful and affirming services directly to LGBTQIA+ immigrants.

Six years after the Pulse massacre in Orlando that killed 49 mostly queer and trans Latinx people, we have yet to see a reckoning of the relationship between intimate partner violence and mass murder. We know that discrimination and hate beget more violence, both inside and outside of the home, and we stand with Pulse survivors 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 National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs, which is coordinated by a longtime ASISTA member, the NYC Anti-Violence Project.

- 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 Transgender Law Center, Immigration Equality, and Lambda Legal.