



TAHIRIH
JUSTICE
CENTER®



protecting COURAGEOUS IMMIGRANT WOMEN AND GIRLS FLEEING VIOLENCE

The Tahirih Justice Center is a national non-profit that protects courageous immigrant women and girls who refuse to be victims of violence. Our award-winning, holistic model for protection combines free legal and social services with bridge-building policy advocacy, training, and education.

Inspired by principles of the Bahá'í Faith, Tahirih is committed to promoting the equality of women and men and creating a world where all women and girls can live in safety and with dignity.

Since 1997, Tahirih has answered more than 22,000 pleas for help from women and girls seeking protection from gender-based human rights abuses such as domestic violence, female genital mutilation/cutting, forced marriage, honor crimes, rape, torture, and human trafficking.

DIRECT SERVICES

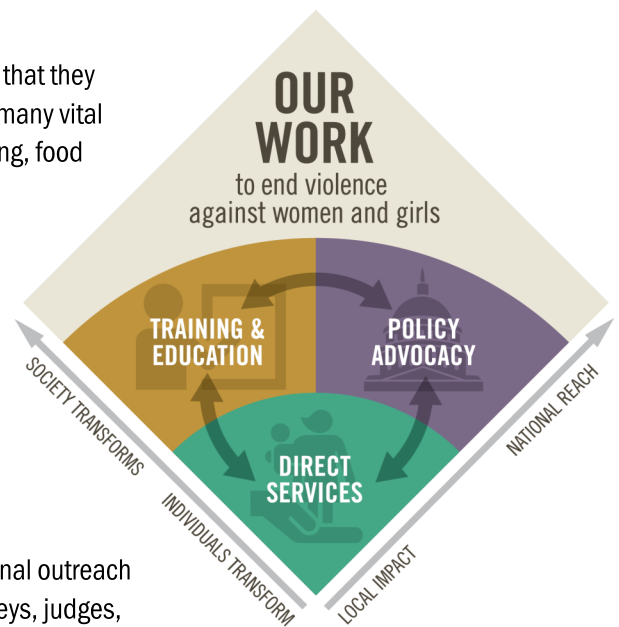
We are empowering survivors of violence through a range of free legal services that they need to achieve the legal status they are entitled to under U.S. law, as well as many vital social services that they need to rebuild their lives, including emergency housing, food assistance, and health care.

POLICY ADVOCACY

We are engaging in non-partisan public policy advocacy, elevating the voices of immigrant women and girls in communities, courts, and Congress to transform laws and policies to foster systemic, lasting change.

TRAINING & EDUCATION

We are enabling communities to meet the needs of survivors through educational outreach programs that provide thousands of frontline professionals — including attorneys, judges, police officers, healthcare staff, and social service providers — with the understanding of unique obstacles that immigrant women and girls face, as well as the essential tools needed to help.



OUR WORK IS



effective

We maintain a 99% litigation success rate despite the complex nature of the cases we accept



efficient

We turn every \$1 donated into \$4 of impact by leveraging the pro bono services of nearly 2,000 volunteers



mission-driven

93% of our spending goes to program services for women and girls

IN 2016, TAHIRIH

Achieved a major victory in how asylum applications are filed so that asylum applicants can meet critical filing deadlines

Won a new parole system for U visa waitlist derivatives, which will allow thousands of women eligible for U visas to bring their children to the U.S.

Secured a commitment from the Administration to begin a new trauma-informed program in immigration detention

Celebrated the announcement of a hard-won new policy allowing women who have experienced female genital mutilation/cutting to more readily win asylum protection

Convened 30 service providers, advocates, experts, and survivors from across the country for the first-ever national consultation on whether forced marriage should be criminalized in the U.S.

Published a groundbreaking report with a complete 50-state analysis of laws that allow child marriages to occur in the U.S.

OUR 2016 PARTNERS INCLUDE

Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP

Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer LLP

Baker & MacKenzie LLP

Baker Botts LLP

BP America Inc.

Citi Foundation

Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP

Cooley LLP

DLA Piper LLP

The Frees Foundation

George L Shields Foundation

Heising-Simons Foundation

Hewlett Packard Enterprise

Hilton Worldwide

Mayer Brown LLP

NOVO Foundation

PepsiCo, Inc.

Shell Oil Company

Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher and Flom LLP

Sodexo Inc.

Visa Inc.

Wells Fargo

Winston and Strawn LLP

2016 BY THE NUMBERS

2,516

Clients and their family members protected through free legal services

715

Clients and their family members connected to vital social services

1,976

Attorneys in our Pro Bono Network

11,662

Frontline professionals - including attorneys, judges, police officers, healthcare staff, and social service providers - trained

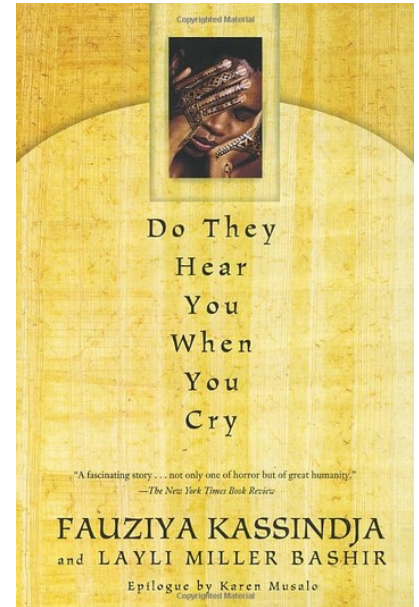


OUR HISTORY

At the age of 17, Fauziya Kassindja fled her home country of Togo in fear of a forced polygamous marriage and female genital mutilation. She sought asylum in the United States, but instead of finding protection, she spent more than 17 months in detention.

Layli Miller-Muro, a student at American University's Washington College of Law, heard of Fauziya's case and brought it to the highest immigration court in the nation. Finally, in 1996, Fauziya was granted asylum by the U.S. Board of Immigration Appeals and the revolutionary decision set national precedent, establishing gender-based persecution as grounds for asylum.

Following the publicity of the case, Layli received numerous requests for help from women in similar circumstances as Fauziya, but she found few organizations able to assist. Using 100% of her proceeds from the book she and Fauziya co-authored, *Do They Hear You When You Cry*, Layli created the Tahirih Justice Center in 1997 to protect women and girls in need.



CEO'S BIOGRAPHY



Since 2001, Layli Miller-Muro has led the Tahirih Justice Center in its service to more than 22,000 women and girls seeking protection from gender-based human rights abuses such as rape, female genital mutilation/cutting, domestic violence, human trafficking, honor crimes, and forced marriage. In recognition of its sound management and innovative programs, Tahirih won *The Washington Post* Award for Excellence in Nonprofit Management and received commendation for its innovative use of pro bono attorneys in the *Stanford Social Innovation Review*.

Prior to joining Tahirih as Executive Director, Layli was an attorney at the law firm of Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer where she practiced international litigation and maintained a substantial pro bono practice. Prior to joining Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer, Layli was an attorney-advisor at the U.S. Department of Justice, Board of Immigration Appeals. Layli received her JD and MA in International Relations from American University and BA from Agnes Scott College.

Layli is a frequent lecturer and has appeared in numerous news outlets, including *CNN*, *Fox News*, *The New York Times*, *NPR*, *PBS*, and *The Washington Post*. She lives in the Washington, DC area with her husband and three children.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Newsweek/Daily Beast's 150 Most Fearless Women in the World
Goldman Sach's Top 100 Most Innovative Entrepreneurs
Diane Von Furstenberg People's Voice Award
Meyer Award for Excellence in Non-Profit Management
DC's 2015 Young Mother of the Year



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VIOLENCE AGAINST *women and girls*

WORLDWIDE

Up to **70% of women** experience violence in their lifetime.¹

If present trends continue, **142 million girls** will be married before the age of 18 by 2020.²

5,000 women and girls are murdered every year for being a perceived dishonor to their families.³

More than 200 million women and girls alive today were subjected to female genital mutilation/cutting.⁴

IN THE UNITED STATES

Every 4.2 minutes, someone is raped.⁵

As many as **3,000 known or suspected forced marriages** were reported in a two-year period.⁶

In 2016, **more than 83%** of the cases reported to the National Human Trafficking Hotline involved female victims.⁷

IMMIGRANT WOMEN AND GIRLS ARE AT GREATER RISK

Immigrant women are **2x more likely** to experience domestic violence than the general population.⁸

72% of abusive partners fail to give their spouses legal immigration status as a tool of control.⁹

78% of agencies said that immigrant survivors of violence have concerns with contacting the police since the enactment of immigrant enforcement policies in early 2017.¹⁰

Only **2% of immigrants** facing removal from the United States are able to obtain pro bono representation.¹¹

RESOURCES

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