



TAHIRIH JUSTICE CENTER

PROTECTING IMMIGRANT WOMEN AND GIRLS FLEEING VIOLENCE

a beacon of hope

Tahirih Justice Center is a national non-profit that protects courageous immigrant women and girls who refuse to be victims of violence by elevating their voices in communities, courts, and Congress.

Since 1997, we have assisted nearly 17,000 women and children seeking protection from gender-based human rights abuses such as rape, female genital mutilation, domestic violence, human trafficking, honor crimes, and forced marriage.

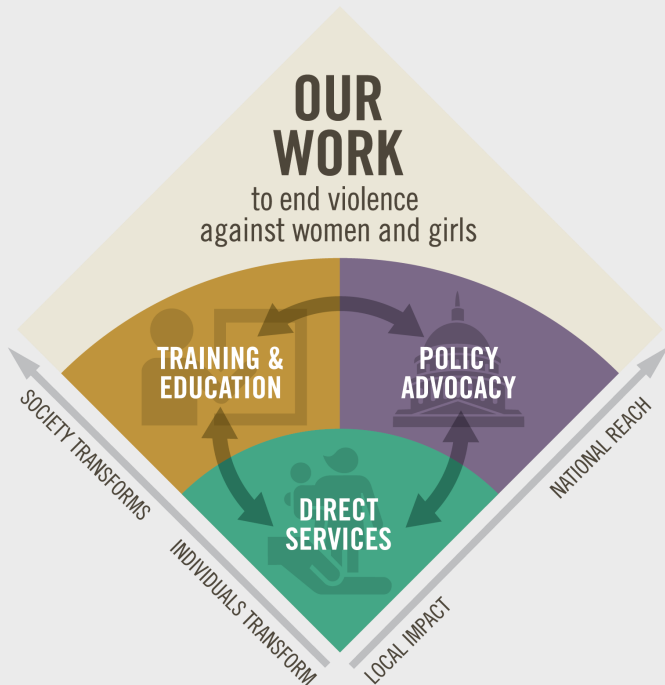
We help our clients achieve the legal status they are entitled to under U.S. law, so they can be free from violence and rebuild their lives in safety and with dignity.

Inspired by the principles of the Bahá'í Faith, Tahirih is committed to creating a world where all women and girls enjoy equality.



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WE TRANSFORM LIVES THROUGH OUR WORK IN COMMUNITIES, COURTS, AND CONGRESS



DIRECT SERVICES – We provide immigrant women and girls with a range of free legal services, and we connect them to the vital social services they need to rebuild their lives in safety and with dignity, including emergency housing, food assistance, and health care.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION – We educate thousands of frontline professionals – including attorneys, judges, police officers, healthcare staff, and social service providers – to create a community that is better able to respond to the unique needs of immigrant women and girls.

POLICY ADVOCACY – We engage in national and local public policy advocacy, elevating our clients' often unheard voices to important public debates across the country and transforming laws and policies to ensure systemic, lasting change.

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PROGRAM SERVICES
FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

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INTO
\$5 OF IMPACT

OUR AWARD WINNING MODEL OF SERVICE 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 \$5 by leveraging the pro bono services of more than 1,800 volunteer attorneys from 450+ top law firms.
- ✓ **INNOVATIVE:** We pioneer protections for our clients with an award-winning service model that has been replicated in Baltimore, Greater DC, and Houston.

IN 2014 ALONE, WE:

- ◆ Answered pleas for help from **1,780** individuals rejecting violence in their homes and communities.
- ◆ Protected **909** immigrant women and girls through free legal representation and advice.
- ◆ Connected **608** women and children with vital social services in the wake of trauma.
- ◆ Trained **7,079** professionals to better respond to the unique needs of immigrant women and girls.

WE PARTNER WITH 450+ LAW FIRMS AND CORPORATIONS, INCLUDING:

Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP	Deloitte	King & Spalding LLP
Arnold & Porter LLP	Direct Energy	Latham & Watkins LLP
Baker & McKenzie	DLA Piper	Marathon Oil Company
Baker Botts LLP	DVF	Mayer Brown LLP
Baker Hughes Inc.	Estée Lauder	PepsiCo
BP America Inc.	Exxon Mobil Corporation	Shell Oil Company
Capital One	Greenberg & Traurig LLP	Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher, & Flom LLP
Catapult	Hilton Worldwide	Steptoe & Johnson LLP
Caterpillar Inc.	Hogan Lovells	Venable LLP
	Jones Day	

“Now, I feel like I am flying. You can’t imagine me now. I am so, so, so happy.”

- Tahirih client



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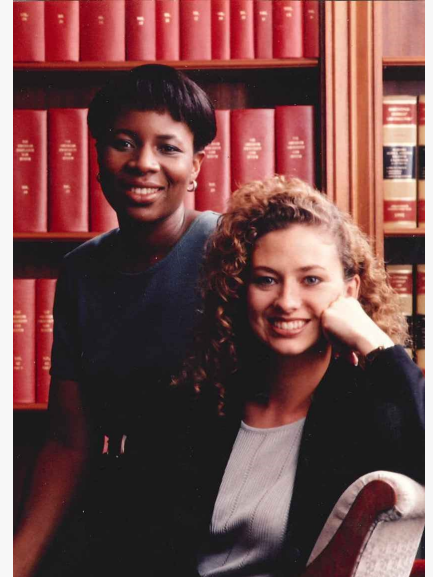
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Our History

Layli Miller-Muro founded Tahirih Justice Center in 1997 following her involvement as a student attorney in a high-profile case that revolutionized asylum law in the United States. Fauziya Kassindja, at the age of 17, fled her home country of Togo in fear of a forced 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.

While a student at American University's Washington College of Law, Layli helped bring Fauziya's case to the highest immigration court in the nation, and Fauziya was granted asylum in 1996 by the U.S. Board of Immigration Appeals. The decision set national precedent and established 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. She found few organizations able to assist. Using 100% of her proceeds from a book she and Fauziya co-authored, "Do They Hear You When You Cry," Layli created Tahirih Justice Center to protect women and girls in need.



Founder's Biography

Since 2001, Layli Miller-Muro has led Tahirih Justice Center in its service to nearly 17,000 women and girls seeking protection from gender-based human rights abuses such as rape, female genital mutilation, 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 Management Excellence and gained recognition 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 LLP where she practiced international litigation and maintained a substantial pro bono practice. Prior to joining Arnold & Porter, 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 TEDx, Fox News, CNN, NPR, PBS, The New York Times, and The Washington Post. She lives in the Washington, DC area with her husband and three children.

Layli has received numerous accolades for her work, including her most recent recognition as DC's 2015 Young Mother of the Year.

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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

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Violence Against Women and Girls



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WORLDWIDE:

- ◇ **1 in 3 women** will be raped, coerced into sex, or otherwise abused in her lifetime.¹
- ◇ **142 million girls** will be married before the age of 18 by 2020 if present trends continue.²
- ◇ **5,000 women and girls** are murdered every year for being a perceived dishonor to their families.³
- ◇ **30 million girls under age 15** are at risk of female genital mutilation.⁴

IN THE UNITED STATES:

- ◇ Every **6.2 minutes**, someone is raped.⁵
- ◇ As many as **3,000 known or suspected forced marriages** were reported in a two-year period.⁶
- ◇ An estimated **14,500 to 17,500 people are trafficked** every year, 80% of whom are women and girls.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
- ◇ **1 out of 5 battered immigrant women** cite immigration consequences as a reason for staying with her abuser.¹⁰
- ◇ Only **2% of immigrants** facing removal are able to obtain pro bono representation.¹¹

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