The Tahirih Justice Center is a national, nonprofit organization that protects courageous immigrant women and girls who refuse to be victims of violence such as rape, domestic violence, female genital mutilation/cutting, forced marriage, and human trafficking. Our holistic model for protection combines free legal services and social services case management with bridge-building policy advocacy and research-based training and education.

Our programs efficiently and effectively leverage donated professional services from a vast network of attorneys, medical professionals, and other experts to multiply the impact of every dollar invested.

By elevating the voices of women and girls seeking justice in communities, courts, and Congress, Tahirih’s mission is to create a world where women and girls enjoy equality and live in safety and with dignity.

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

We leverage the pro bono services of more than 2,500 volunteers, tripling the impact of every dollar donated.

88% of our spending goes directly to program services for immigrant women and girls fleeing violence.

We empower survivors of violence by providing free legal services that they need to achieve the immigration 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 shelter, food and clothing, and healthcare.

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

We enable communities to meet the needs of survivors through outreach programs that provide thousands of frontline professionals — including attorneys, judges, police officers, healthcare staff, and social service providers – with an understanding of unique obstacles that immigrant women and girls face in the wake of violence, giving communities the essential tools they need to help survivors in crisis.
Our Impact

Celebrated 21 years of answering more than 27,000 calls for help from women and girls seeking safety and justice

Educated over 100 members of Congress about the impact of major shifts in immigration policy on women and girls fleeing violence and encouraged oversight; published over a dozen rapid, unique analyses and testimonies to inform Congress on issues such as increasing arrests, detention, and deportation of survivors, legal decisions that limit eligibility for asylum, and changing border practices such as family separation and prosecution of asylum seekers

Led advocacy for reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) in partnership with national domestic violence and sexual assault organizations, and served as an expert to law makers on the need for legal protections for immigrant survivors of violence

Litigated to defend constitutional rights and legal protections for immigrant women in federal court, submitting briefs in 15 different cases

Triaged 156 emergency requests from advocates, allies, and other professionals, helping a total of 246 individuals fleeing forced marriage issues—from 25 states and nearly every region of the globe—and equipped 1,178 frontline professionals with critical tools to identify forced marriage and protect victims

Educated the public and influenced the national dialogue about the impact of federal and local policies on immigrant women and girls fleeing violence through 1,145 articles, radio and television spots in prominent media, including The New York Times, The Washington Post, TIME Magazine, CNN, Associated Press, and Reuters

2018 BY THE NUMBERS

3,492
Clients and their family members protected through free legal services

2,569
Attorneys in our Pro Bono Network

633
Clients and their family members connected to vital social services

15,093
Community members and frontline professionals trained

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