



****APNA GHAR ADVISORY****

Challenges faced by Immigrant and Refugee Survivors of Gender-Based Violence

- ❖ Survivors of family violence (partner abuse, child abuse, elder abuse) face an increase in the frequency and severity of violence.
- ❖ Survivors of sexual violence and trauma, trafficking and other forms of gender-based violence face also increased risks.
- ❖ Survivors from marginalized and vulnerable communities are at risk of greater harm.
- ❖ Crises exacerbate existing inequalities.

Thus, Apna Ghar, Inc. is raises awareness to ensure adequate financial, emotional and physical resources, as well as culturally and linguistically appropriate support.

	PROBLEM STATEMENT	OUR SOLUTIONS
1.	<p>Housing Insecurity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Home is not a safe place for survivors of family violence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional safe housing options for survivors • Rental assistance to seek apartments for survivors and their children / families • Landlord education and advocacy • Housing rights materials in multiple languages
2.	<p>Food Insecurity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Grocery stores, food banks and drive-through food assistance is not accessible for survivors trapped at home, or for those without access to transportation. ➤ Withholding food and nutrition, controlling movement are forms of abuse 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gift cards • Transportation support • Delivery of food and essential items • Grocery stores can create partnerships with Apna Ghar and partner organizations to provide vouchers for free or discounted shopping for survivors
3.	<p>Healthcare Insecurity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The trauma from abuse is further compounded by housing, food, and economic insecurity and leads to increased anxiety. ➤ Immigrants and refugees having difficulty in accessing health care due to language, status, transportation and financial barriers ➤ Immigrants and refugees are often uninsured or underinsured; and lack access to public benefits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to and partnerships with healthcare providers • Low cost or free testing and healthcare support • Healthcare information in multiple languages • Access to masks and protective gear • Tele-health and tele-therapy options • Mental health support and advocacy • Transportation support
4.	<p>Technology Insecurity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Lack of access to and comfort with technology ➤ Many survivors we serve have smart phones but not laptops or tablets ➤ Slow or no internet access 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing laptops, tablets, phones for survivors and their children / families • Providing and installing useful software • Low-cost internet access • Technology companies can partner with Apna Ghar to support the survivors we serve



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4.	<p>Legal Insecurity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Lack of knowledge of legal rights ➤ Misinformation of legal rights ➤ Manipulation by those who cause harm ➤ Manipulation by people in positions of authority 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety Planning • Access to and partnerships with legal aid, volunteer, and pro-bono attorneys • Access to and partnerships with law enforcement and the court system • Information on legal rights, options, and remedies in multiple languages • Immigration system advocacy • Language access
5.	<p>Financial Insecurity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Abuse increases in homes where abusers have lost employment. ➤ Survivors who leave are often unemployed or under-employed ➤ Some survivors are not eligible or cannot access relief 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct financial assistance • Connection to resources and support • Emotional and planning support
6.	<p>Employment Insecurity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Lack of employment ➤ Inability to keep employment due to increased childcare and homeschooling needs ➤ Lack of access to public benefits ➤ Survivors whose immigration status is tied to either their abuser’s or their own employment face increased job insecurity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct Financial Assistance • Assistance with food and household items • Assistance with diapers and children’s items • Employment training and support • Immigration advocacy • Connection to resources and support

<https://www.aclu.org/know-your-rights/immigrants-rights>

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