

## **SPECIFIC ACTIONS for Victim Advocates to Respond to SB 1070 in Arizona**

The following action steps developed by Arte Sana and ALAS have been endorsed by:

- **The National Alliance to End Sexual Violence**
- **The Texas Association Against Sexual Assault**
- **The California Coalition Against Sexual Assault**
- **The North Carolina Coalition Against Sexual Assault**
- **The Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence**
- **Organización en California de Líderes Campesinas, Inc.**
- **The Louisiana Foundation Against Sexual Assault**
- **Casa de Esperanza**
- **Women of Color Network (WOCN)**

### **1. Check your agency policies**

Has your agency developed a policy regarding reaching all victims regardless of their immigration status or is it implied in your code of ethics? Have you translated this message of inclusiveness and made it public?

**2. Check your outreach efforts** to quell fears and reassure survivors of their rights. What is the public perception: is there a clear delineation between law enforcement and ICE personnel duties or are they perceived as one in the same?

Do you offer Community Education in Spanish?

Do you include content in Spanish on your website and it is accessible through an "Español" tab?

### **3. Educate others on the social layers of victimization**

Integrate a segment in your outreach efforts on the relationship between different forms of violence and oppression.

#### **4. Check your own backyards**

Hate rhetoric and legislation is nothing new; German, Italian, Irish, Japanese and Haitian communities have been among those targeted in the past. Check for legislation modeled after Arizona's SB 1070 being considered in your state and join others who are defending immigrant human rights in your region. Many states have already considered a variety of anti-immigrant legislation proposals such as: trying to block citizenship for babies born in the U.S. to undocumented immigrants and extra taxes on hard-earned money sent from the U.S. to family in Latin American. The following states are considering adopting similar measures to those included in Arizona's SB 1070:

- Georgia
- Maryland
- Ohio
- Texas
- Utah

It is important that victim advocates be aware of all legislation that may directly or indirectly contribute to immigrant re-victimization.

#### **5. Get involved!**

Take action at whatever level you have time for and feel comfortable with.

##### **Speak up**

Talk to your fellow classmates, your co-workers, your neighbors, your church congregation and the media – show your solidarity in your local Spanish language media.

##### **Write to your representatives**

Let them know of your concerns as a victim advocate and as a fellow human being.

##### **Join the mobilizations**

Exercise one of our nation's fundamental rights of free assembly and join others to express our concerns through an agency/center banner, t-shirt, button, or other peaceful activities.

***No to bystander silence!***

***Victim Rights are Human Rights!***

***¡Ya basta con la violencia de cualquier tipo!***



Initiated in 2004 by Arte Sana, ALAS is a national Latina-led membership network of victim advocates working to address and prevent sexual violence. Through collaborative efforts and cyber activism, ALAS promotes the leadership of Latina victim advocates and develops models, resources and policies to empower communities and eliminate access barriers for survivors. ALAS honors the diversity of the Latin@ culture by respecting the similarities and differences of our languages and histories.



**Arte Sana**  
Victim Advocacy *SIN Fronteras*  
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Founded in 2001, Arte Sana (art heals) is a national Latina-led nonprofit committed to ending sexual violence and other forms of gender-based aggressions and engage marginalized communities as *agents of change*. Arte Sana promotes awareness, healing, and empowerment through bilingual professional training, community education, and the arts.