In a series of five new reports, the Women of Color Network (WOCN) examines the overarching economic barriers facing survivors of violence – and how we can all respond through enhanced policies, programs, and advocacy so as to ensure survivor safety and economic access.

The 2014 WOCN Reports from the Field emerged from advocate expertise during the 2011 National Economic Policy and Leadership Summit and a series of three regional convenings in 2013. The reports explore Strengthening Institutional Services; the need for Policy Advocacy; Reentry Populations; Tribal Sexual Assault; and T- and U-Visas, and present the direct expertise of advocates working to end violence across the country. The reports provide background, a scope of the problem, and offer targeted recommendations for advocates, agencies, and policymakers.

Economic security and violence against women are deeply connected across communities. In our challenged economy, we witness the disproportionate impact of economic inequities on survivors and communities of color. Through the release of these five Reports to the Field, WOCN aims to bring the expertise of advocates to policymakers so that we can close the gap in economic inequity while ensuring a safety net for survivors and strategic responses for economic security.

If you would like more information on the reports, please e-mail Purvi Shah, WOCN Economic Policy and Leadership Senior Consultant at purvishahwocn@gmail.com, contact WOCN at (800) 537-2238 #280, or visit the WOCN website. We look forward to your responses and to ensuring economic access for all survivors!

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