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**IMMIGRANT WOMEN AT GREATER RISK OF INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE
RESEARCH PUBLISHED IN SPECIAL ISSUE OF *VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN* FROM SAGE**

Los Angeles, London, New Delhi, and Singapore (June 18, 2007) – Studies show that one in four American women has been a victim of intimate partner violence (IPV) during her lifetime and one in five has experienced rape. Immigrant women, however, are at a heightened risk for IPV. As the population of immigrant women in the US continues to grow, it's important to provide service providers with research to help them more effectively serve that unique group of victims.

Violence Against Women, from SAGE, has published a special issue, focusing on the reasons for the immigrant women's vulnerability to gender-based violence and how to offer assistance to them. It also provides thoughts on how service providers can help offer victims protection against future violence, help them overcome the effects of IPV, and rebuild their lives. The issue looks at the entire scope of violence against immigrant women, covering such subjects as:

- * The Violence Against Women Act and the Trafficking Victim's Protection Act
- * International marriage brokers
- * Immigrant women's particular vulnerabilities to sexual violence
- * Medical case studies
- * Prostitution
- * Immigrant girls' risks
- * Forced prostitution
- * Sexually transmitted diseases
- * Culturally relevant services
- * Male (including immigrant) perpetrators
- * Unique cultural aspects, including the Islamic perspectives on wife-beating
- * Batterer intervention programs

"Gender-based violence cuts across lines of race/ethnicity, class, and age, but immigrant women in the US face unique vulnerabilities," write guest editors, Anita Raj, M. Christina Santana and Leslye E. Orloff, in the introduction. "As the number of immigrant women in our country increases, the number of victims of will likely increase. Only by offering culturally competent legal and social relief to immigrant victims can we really begin to address the issue of gender-based violence against immigrant women."

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