

# U-Visa Certification in North Carolina

## Case Studies



Durham, NC



Charlotte, NC

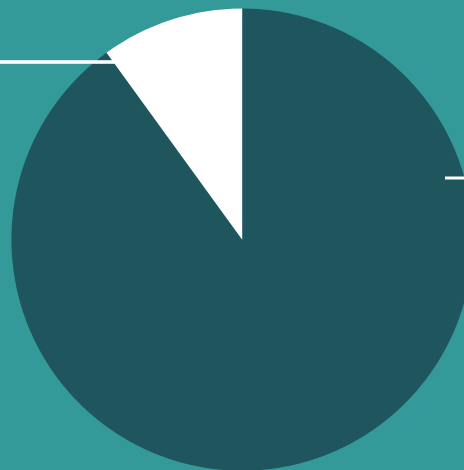
# Law Enforcement Agencies Reporting

Public Record Requests were sent to each law enforcement agency requesting information about:

- Considerations when certifying
- Certification Policy
- Community outreach practices
- Number of certifications

## Separate Policy

Some agencies incorporated additional considerations into their certification practices.



## Federal Policy

The majority of agencies simply referenced the federal guidelines: substantial physical or mental abuse, must have information, "helpful" with law enforcement.

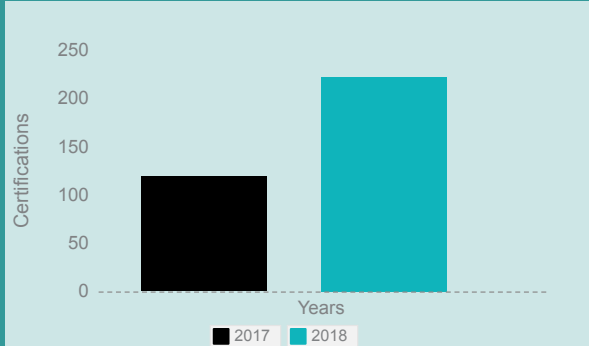
■ Federal Policy (90%)

■ Separate Policy (10%)

## Certification Policy

# Agency Specifics

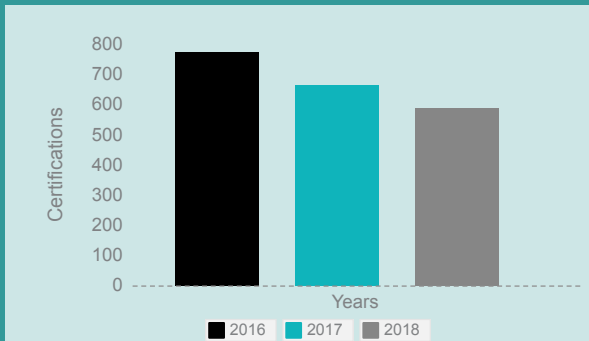
## Durham Police Department



## Greensboro Police Department

293 from 2012-2018

## Charlotte Police Department



## Siler City Police Department

1-2 per month

# Discussion Questions

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Should there be statewide policies?

How else are individuals learning about U-Visa certifications?

How will increased ICE activity impact reporting/certifying, given the following considerations?

- Poor Data Tracking
- No Public Facing Agency Outreach
- Variation in Policies

