



## Webinar: DACA Decision and What it Means for Higher Education

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In an **HOURL**, the Foundation for California Community Colleges in partnership with the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office, CSU Chancellor's Office, Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC) and the Immigrant Legal Defense (ILD) will the informational webinar:

**DACA decision and What it Means for Higher Education, from 12:00-1:30 PM.**

Experts from the ILRC and ILD will share more the about the Supreme Court decision, its impact on DACA recipients, next steps recipients can take in light of the decision, and resources available for DACA recipients including students, faculty and staff at higher education institutions and their families.

Please register for the webinar [here](#) if you have not done so, and to receive the recording after the webinar. The webinar will also be live streamed online by using this [link](#) for those that prefer not to register.

If you have any questions regarding the webinar, please contact Alonso Garcia at [algarcia@foundationccc.org](mailto:algarcia@foundationccc.org).

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If you'd like to share resources for future updates, have any questions or additional feedback,

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## Meeting notes:

Alfonso Garcia host

- I. **Background:** Background was shared on the legislative development of the DACA program which was created by the Obama Administration in 2012.
  - a. Legislative updates were shared. The U.S. Supreme court rules in favor of the continuing of the DACA program which rejected the administrative decision to terminate this program in 2017.
  - b. What does this mean?
    - i. This means that the DACA program will continue and applicants can continue to submit applications for renewals.
    - ii. DACA initials should be accepted by USCIS
    - iii. The USCIS has not been favorable towards dreamers. The current USCIS website has not been updated per with information regarding the new legislative decision.
    - iv. There is once again the possible of advance parole for Dreamers.
  - c. What does this NOT mean?
    - i. DACA is not a legal program
    - ii. There is no legal protection from this DACA possibly being terminated in the future.
    - iii. End the Fight, there is a possibility for more litigation coming up.
    - iv. We will hear from the administration again regarding the possible termination of the program. It is not clear what the timeline will look like.
    - v. It was high suggested and made clear that it is very important for people to remain informed.
- II. **Immigration Legal Defense: Presenter Barbara Pinto, Esq.**
  - a. The organization that Barbara Pinto is connected with is 1 out 4 non-profits which provide legal defense to CSU campuses. The following support is provided for dreamers on CSU campuses
    - i. Immigration Consultation
    - ii. Help with DACA applications
    - iii. Assistance with families of Dreamers going through a petition process
    - iv. Immigration defense:

- v. The best suggestion presented by Barbara Pinto is to urge all Dreamer students to take to an attorney to receive guidance. It is NOT recommended that they speak with a Notary or an Immigration Attorney consultant.
- vi. Q: Should student renew DACA now? Or what if someone has a recent arrest or conviction or have never applied before? What are the risks or benefits?
  - 1. This will vary and not all risks are possible for all applicants. Each case is different.
- vii. What about those that are on Advance Parole?
  - 1. DACA is back to the version it was in 2012. The DACA parole should accept those convictions.
- viii. DACA does allow for a special permit for the receipts to travel out of the country and they can apply for admissions back into the US if they leave.
  - 1. This is also on a case by case and is at the discretion of the immigration department.
- ix. If a student is eligible what is needed to apply?
  - 1. All students should discuss and consult with an immigration attorney regarding what will be needed for them to apply. It was also made clear that receiving DACA status is NOT a permanent legal status.
    - a. Other options should be explored such as can the individual receive or apply for a green card or a U VISA. There are also other legal status that can be granted in an individual is under the age of 21 and was a victim of case of domestic violence.
- x. If DACA goes away, what are student rights? What does a student do if they come in contact with an ICE agent?
  - 1. There are some things students and their families can do such as do not open the door to an ICE agent or having the right to remain silent.

### III. **Resources where shared that are available and can be found at:**

[www.ilrc.org/daca](http://www.ilrc.org/daca). Some resources are included or will be included soon:

- a. DACA annotated application
- b. Tool kit which details about rights for individuals within different categories for permanent lawful status.
- c. FAQ, which will answer questions regarding the Supreme Court decisions.

### IV. **CSU Dreamer Resources: Presenter, Dr. Ana Aguayo-Bryant**

- a. The current CSU has a total of 23 campuses total.
- b. There has always been an issue with financial resources
- c. All CSU's have a Dreamer Ally representative which can be faculty or staff. This is someone who is there to provide support for Dreamers.
- d. The Dreamer Centers are located on all campuses
- e. CSU Legal Partners:
  - i. Has partnered with a legal attorney through a partnered organization
  - ii. Offers FREE legal services on all 23 campuses.

- iii. Services available through CHIRLA such as at CSU Humboldt, CHICO and SONOMA state.
- iv. Attorney will fly out to meet with student at various campuses.
- v. There is legal assistance for students also at various CSU satellite campuses
- vi. The following website: <http://calstate.edu/resources-for-undocumented-students> which contains links to attorneys by country. In addition, this link provides information for people who are also not CSU students. There is information on education and outreach

V. **Resources are available at the Foundation for CCC's** and has created both a newsletter. The **State Chancellors office (CCCCO)** will also have resources for Dreamer students soon via their website.

#### VI. **FAQ:**

- a. *Question:* There is a pending case in Texas that may impact DACA which is being argued regarding should DACA continue what are your thoughts on this issue?
  - i. *Answer:* Now that the Supreme Court has made their decision it will be up to the Dept. of Immigration to make further decision on the program. This *item is pending and it is not clear what will happen in the near future.*
- b. *Questions:* What can individual do to prepare for the DACA application if it's available?
  - i. *Answer:* Best thing to do is to speak with an immigration attorney. The individual can collect various files and documents to bring to attorney.
- c. *Questions:* Can a family member of a Dreamer student also receive legal assistance?
  - i. *Answer:* Yes, a family member can get legal assistance
- d. *Question:* With few classes being offered at CSU's in the fall will legal providers still be available?
  - i. *Answer:* Yes, legal services will still be provided. While CSU's will receive request on a larger scale for these services the CSU's are preparing for the higher demand due to the recent DACA decision.
- e. *Question:* Are these services available to all on campus such as faculty and staff at CSU's?
  - i. *Answer:* Yes, these services are available to all seeking these services. Priority will be given to all current faculty and staff employee data CSU's.