
DO YOU KNOW OF ANY DACA INDIVIDUALS THAT NEED REPRESENTATION?

Subject: A Message From The Loyola Immigrant Justice Clinic

Dear Loyola Law School Community,

On Tuesday, September 5, we received the truly disappointing news that the Trump Administration made the decision to rescind the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (“DACA”) Program, impacting hundreds of thousands of young adults and students in our nation. California is particularly impacted, as our state is home to the largest number of DACA recipients in the nation. Financially, the state will suffer a loss of more than \$11 billion annually, and nationally, our country will lose more than \$400 billion over the next decade.

Since the inception of the DACA program, the Loyola Immigrant Justice Clinic (“LIJC”) has proudly represented hundreds of youth and young adults throughout Los Angeles County who have contributed greatly to our communities. Our clients are single parents, college graduates, bank managers, music executives, pillars of their community, students at LMU and LLS, our friends, and so much more. From January 2016 to present, LIJC has assisted more than 420 DACA applications and renewals. We take today’s loss personally, as we are aware of the direct impact it will have on our clients, our students, their families and our nation’s future.

Now, more than ever, we at LIJC remain motivated to fight on the behalf of undocumented students and the immigrant community. We will not permit today’s loss to impact our momentum, but instead, use it as motivation to fight even harder for the rights of those with DACA to legally remain in the United States. The LIJC will continue to engage in community education, inform and support policy changes, screen hundreds of individuals for legal relief weekly and represent hundreds of community members.

During these times of uncertainty, LIJC also remains a committed resource to the LMU and LLS community and their families.

Many folks have asked us what they can do. Get involved if you are able to do so! Every Wednesday from 2:30-5:00 pm and Friday from 2:00-5:00 pm the LIJC offers free immigration legal consultations at Dolores Mission and Homeboy Industries respectively. We are always in need of translators and assistance both during consultations and in the office. We take on a large number of cases to support the community and cannot do

that without support. If you would like to assist us with our casework, please email us with your availability at lijc@lls.edu.

You also are welcome to attend these consultations to receive information yourself, or refer family and friends. We are happy to see if we may assist with individual cases. We will support clubs as they work to unpack this decision and will speak at club meetings should our schedule permit.

Importantly, we will be hosting a DACA renewal processing event on September 16, 2017 for 100+ individuals eligible to renew their DACA on campus in the Burns Lounge with the help our team, the staff of the clinic center, our instructional technology department, ISS and so many others for whom we are thankful.

Legal support at this event will be free and fees for Mexican Nationals will be generously reimbursed by our Co-Sponsor, the Mexican Consulate (registration link for volunteers and attendees forthcoming). Additional fundraising will be undertaken by Dolores Mission Church. If you, or anyone you know, has status that expires on or before March 5, 2017, please consider registering once our volunteer form is circulated. Faculty and Staff also are welcome.

Lastly, please also consider donating to the LIJC so that we may continue our work on behalf of the vulnerable, indigent immigrant community residing on the East Side of Los Angeles. You may do that by visiting <https://webdb.lls.edu/payments/gift/> and selecting "Loyola Immigrant Justice Clinic" as your designation.

We are so fortunate to be part of Loyola Law School, where we are truly trained to be lawyers for others. At LIJC, we believe that being a lawyer is about inclusion, acceptance, holding oneself to the highest ethical standards, and justice for all.

Should you have any additional questions and/or concerns please contact us at lijc@lls.edu.

In solidarity,
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RESOURCES

- <https://twitter.com/UNITEDWEDREAM/status/90510343203765452>
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- www.nilc.org/top-5-things-to-know-about-daca-ending/
- [https://www.nilc.org/issues/daca/about-daca-and-employment/](http://www.nilc.org/issues/daca/about-daca-and-employment/)
- [https://www.nilc.org/issues/daca/daca-termination-faq/](http://www.nilc.org/issues/daca/daca-termination-faq/)

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