Immigration Reform: Is Your Library Ready?
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Session Overview

- Immigration policies update
- Overview of Administrative Relief programs
- How to be involved
- Examples of library programs
- Resources
- Questions
Immigration Reform Update

• Comprehensive immigration reform efforts have continued to stall in congress

• Estimated 11 million undocumented individuals nationwide

• On Nov 20th 2014, Obama took executive action by creating immigration administrative relief programs
  – Providing relief from deportation to an estimated 5 million undocumented individuals.

* Programs are stalled in courts. *
Immigration Administrative Relief

• Deferred Action programs
  Grant deportation relief to certain individuals whom are not deportation priorities based on the deferred action program guidelines

• Existing
  • DACA: Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals

• New proposed programs
  • DAPA: Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents
  • Expanded DACA
Initial DACA (June 15, 2012)

1. Were **UNDER** the age of 31 as of **June 15, 2012**;
2. Came to the U.S. before reaching 16th birthday;
3. Continuously resided in the U.S. since June 15, 2007;
4. Physically present in the U.S. and out of status on June 15, 2012;
5. Are **currently in school**, have **graduated** or obtained a certificate of completion from high school, have obtained a general education development (**GED**) certificate, or are an honorably discharged veteran of the Coast Guard or Armed Forces of the United States; and
6. Have no serious crimes.

The application cost is $465.
DACA Benefits

Benefits:
• Provides protection from deportation for 2 years.
• Allows applicant to seek work authorization that lasts 2 years, with possibility of renewal.
• May also apply for a social security number and, in some states, able: to apply for a driver’s license and access to other benefits.

DACA does NOT:
• Grant individuals permanent immigration status.
DAPA (Nov. 20, 2014)

1. They have least at one son or daughter who is a US citizen or Legal Permanent Resident, and who was born on or before November 20, 2014;
2. They have been living in the US since before January 1, 2010;
3. They were in the US and out of status on November 20, 2014; and
4. They have not been convicted of certain crimes or engaged in certain illegal activity.

The application cost will be $465.
DAPA Benefits

Benefits:
• Provides protection from deportation for 3 years.
• Allows applicant to seek work authorization that lasts 3 years, with possibility of renewal.
• May also apply for a social security number and, in some states, will be able to apply for a driver’s license.

DAPA does NOT:
• Grant individuals permanent immigration status.
Expanded DACA (Nov. 20, 2014)

• Upper age limit to apply eliminated.
  – Initial DACA: Needed to be under 31 as of June 15, 2012.

• Applicants must have lived continuously in the US since before January 1, 2010.

• DACA will be extended to last for 3 years instead of 2 years.
Caution!

• There is NO application process yet for DAPA and Expanded DACA.
• There are no lines or waiting lists for future applications.
• Immigrants should be warned to avoid unscrupulous persons who seek to defraud them.
• Interested persons should seek advice from a trusted community organization or an immigration lawyer.
Texas v. US Court Order

• Oral arguments at Supreme Court set for April 18th; we expect a positive decision.

• The order does not affect the Initial DACA program.

• Potential DAPA and Expanded DACA applicants should continue to collect their documents & save money for application fees.
Deferred Action for Unauthorized Immigrants Who Are Parents
What Do We Know About the DAPA-Eligible Population?

**SIZE**

3.6 million
Unauthorized immigrants potentially eligible for Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents (DAPA)

10 million
Total number of people living in households with at least one DAPA-eligible adult

**TOP STATES OF RESIDENCE**

Potential DAPA Beneficiaries

- **CA**: 1.1 million
- **TX**: 559,000
- **NY**: 231,000
- **IL**: 183,000
- **FL**: 150,000

Migration Policy Institute research finds that providing work authorization for these unauthorized immigrant parents could raise family incomes by 10%.
How to Prepare for the DAPA Program

Potential applicants should start **now** gathering documents that will help prove that they are eligible.
How to Prepare for the DAPA Program

- **Proof of identity**: such as a passport, *matrícula consular*, or birth certificate *and* a photo ID.

- **Proof that they were in the US on November 20th, 2014**.

- **Proof of a US citizen or Legal Permanent Resident son or daughter**: such as child’s birth certificate with parents’ name on it.

- **Proof that of residence in the US since before January 1, 2010**: Collect documents that include their name and the date to show that they have been in the US since before January 1, 2010 up to the date of the application.
How to Prepare for the DAPA Program

Examples of documents that may be used to show residence in the US:

• Leases, rental agreements, property titles (house, car)
• Medical records: the applicant’s or the applicant’s child’s if it includes the applicant’s name
• Driver’s license or photo ID (the date issued on the card can be used)
• School records or other attendance certificates (if it is a child’s record, it should have the applicant’s name on it)
What Can Libraries Do?

• Be sources of reliable information
  ─ Post flyers & contact information for reliable local service providers in waiting rooms and common areas.
  ─ Outreach staff can answer questions and dispel misinformation

• Be prepared to provide library records to potential applicants or their children

• Help individuals collect their documents: go through a checklist with them or before they go to a legal clinic

• Host DACA and Naturalization clinics, consider DAPA

• Consider providing legal services through non-attorneys, through BIA program
Potential Partnerships

• Citizenship is focus this year
  – Over 9 million individuals across the country that are eligible to become citizens today.

• Many immigrant serving organizations statewide collaboratives have been created

• Si Se Puede® Network
  – UFW Foundation’s network helping to assist organizations seeking to provide legal services or be sources of information to the community.
How is the San Diego County Library Preparing?

- 6 ESL classes: 7,129 attendees
- 15 citizenship classes: 3,165 attendees
- 9 conversation cafés: 1,917 attendees
- 2 citizenship workshop series: 171 attendees and 58 applications completed
- 2 DACA workshop series
- Immigration 101 Training: 25 staff attendees
- Immigration Integration Information Committee
Partnerships: Bring in the Experts

- UFWF
- Alliance San Diego
- San Diego Immigrant Rights Consortium
- Legal Aid Society
- NALEO
- Laubach
- Dreamer Assistance Network
- San Diego Naturalization Collaborative
- USCIS
Library Programs for Undocumented Residents

DARE TO DREAM WORKSHOP SERIES
Meet Nancy
Who Will Help Us?
I don’t know where to start.

Begin with our DACA Informational Forum.
I need to renew my DACA.

Reserve an appointment at our DACA Renewal Legal Workshop.
Legal Workshop Set-Up

Stations 1 & 2: Check-In & Orientation
Legal Workshop Set-Up

Stations 3: Form Preparation
Legal Workshop Set-Up

Station 4: Legal Review
Legal Workshop Set-Up

Station 5: Check Out
I got my DACA. But now what?

Join us for our Life After DACA Presentation.
Can I go to college?

Drop in on our DREAMer College Fair & Financial Aid Presentation.
I got my employee authorization card. But how do I get a job?

Get expert advice at our Millennial Job Workshop.
One-on-One Career Advising
Resumes, cover letters, interview practice, career counseling
Professional Clothes Giveaway
They just passed a new law. I don’t know what it means.

Learn more at our Executive Action Informational Forum & Spanish Language DMV Review Class.
Mistakes
Lessons
Tips

Me several times the last few years
Tip #1:
Maintain Political Neutrality.

KEEP CALM AND STAY NEUTRAL
Tip #2: Do Lots of Outreach Outside the Library.

Of 217 survey respondents from our first workshop series, 40 had never been in a public library before the workshop they attended.
Outreach Resources

Getting out the word:

• Email lists from trusted non-profit organization partners
• Spanish language church services
• Spanish immersion charter schools
• Facebook groups and pages (e.g. Ready Now San Diego)
• HHSA’s Family Resource Center
• Posting flyer in non-profit health clinics, dental offices
• Emailing AVID teachers, counselors, academic advisors, social workers
Tip #3:
Have a Staff Co-Coordinator at Your Big Events.
Tip #4:
Timing is Key.
Tip #5: Have a Back-Up Plan for Presenters.

- Confirm, confirm, confirm.
- Be prepared for unforeseen circumstances and illnesses.
- Have your presenter’s cell phone number in case of emergencies.
- Have a back-up plan for each speaker.
Tip #6: Be Especially Careful of Customer Privacy, Confidentiality & Safety.

• Be careful when taking photos.
• Have someone who has knowledge of immigration law and rights present at each event.
What Are Other Libraries Doing?

Now libraries are providing:

- DACA workshops & resource fairs
- Dedicated spaces for immigrant integration information
- In-depth civic integration programs
- BIA-accredited librarians where they receive free training and are able to give legal advice.
Let’s Work Together!

Please join our Facebook group for librarians who are dedicated to services and support for immigrant communities:

Library Immigrant Integration Support Network (LIISN)
Immigration Resources

www.adminrelief.org
National website with information, tools about Admin Relief and National Directory of Immigration Legal Services providers.

www.ready-california.org
CA specific website with information, tools and sample templates for agencies to provide more information about Admin Relief.

www.sisepuede.org
Spanish website with resources and information for the community.

www.uscis.gov
Government website with information about all immigration benefit programs, forms and resources.

mikolibrary.pbworks.com
Miko’s personal library wiki that includes documents (flyers, surveys, PowerPoints, etc.) from her grant project.
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