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***Welcome!***



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ILD is a nonprofit agency dedicated to providing immigration legal services. ILD's mission is to promote justice through the provision of legal representation to underserved immigrant communities.

- We are serving students, staff, faculty & families at CSU campuses in the Central Valley, Central Coast, and Bay Area
- We are on campus (virtually during COVID-19 pandemic) regularly providing immigration consultations and case representation
- All our immigration services are free & confidential
- Our services include: DACA, family petitions, U & T visas, detained and non-detained deportation (court) defense, asylum, applications for lawful permanent resident status, and citizenship.

## Background on DACA

- DACA was implemented in 2012 by the Obama Administration
- In 2017 the Trump Administration terminated the program
- Federal Courts blocked Trump's Termination but only in a limited way allowing USCIS to ONLY process DACA renewals (no DACA initials and no applications for advance parole)
- On June 18, 2020 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the way the Trump Administration terminated the DACA program was unlawful.
- On July 17, 2020, a Federal Court Judge ordered the DACA program to be reinstated to its original state given Supreme Court ruling (includes DACA initials, renewals & advance parole)

# Current Status of the DACA Program

- On July 28, 2020 DHS issued a [memorandum](#) regarding the DACA Program. Effective immediately, DHS-USCIS will now:
  - 1) reject all pending and future initial requests for DACA,
  - 2) reject all pending and future applications for advance parole absent exceptional circumstances, and
  - 3) will shorten DACA renewal periods to 1 year instead of 2
- There will likely be legal challenges to this memorandum
- Encourage individuals to talk to a trusted attorney to receive an individualized assessment regarding DACA, as well as assess if the person is eligible for a more permanent form of immigration relief.

# What does that mean for the DACA program?

*The program is similar to what we've had for the past few years*

## **DACA Renewals**

- USCIS will continue to accept DACA renewal applications. However, DACA will only be granted for 1 year instead of 2 years.

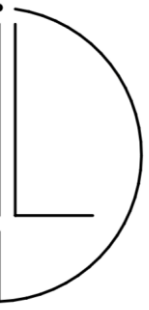
## **DACA Initials**

- USCIS will not accept any applications from first-time applicants.

## **Advance Parole (special permit for DACA recipients to travel abroad)**

- Only in exceptional circumstances -- USCIS has not issued guidance.

## Keep in mind...



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- Trump administration can again try to end the program in a way the Supreme Court has held to be lawful.
- Only Congress can take action to create a permanent solution for DACA recipients and other immigrants through federal laws.
- But as long as the DACA program is in place, DACA recipients will be protected against detention and deportation (as long as they don't violate their DACA status) and are eligible for work authorization.

## What next?

- **Make an appointment to talk to one of our immigration attorneys about the following:**
  - Eligibility for you or your family members for permanent immigration lawful status
  - Renewing your DACA
  - Understanding your options or risk if DACA goes away and your rights
    - DACA is temporary & has no path to citizenship





# Hilda Nieblas

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# Dreamers Resource Center

The Dreamers Resource Center at CSUB is dedicated to provided support and resources to our undocumented students and students from mixed-status families.

- Opened in December 2019
- Free Immigration Clinic ( Every two weeks)
- Ongoing support through the admissions process
  - CA Dream Act Application
  - Scholarships
  - University Documents
- Advocacy
  - Connection to other support programs on campus

# Cont.

- Provide a space for students to explore the various aspects of their identity
- Staff and Faculty
  - "UndocuAlly" is a term that has been adopted to refer to campus allies for our undocumented students.
  - Staff/faculty members will leave this training with an understanding of the history, legislation, and current/future realities of this student community.
  - Discuss what it means to be an ally and how to become an ally to undocumented students

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**Q&A?**



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*Closing Remarks*

*Thank you for joining us!*