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UPDATE ON DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS (DACA) PROGRAM

DACA Program Terminated

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) has been a program that granted temporary authorization to stay in the U.S. to undocumented people who came to the U.S. before turning 16, and met certain other requirements. On September 5, 2017, the Trump Administration decided to end the DACA program, and created uncertainty about any future solutions for former DACA recipients. Staying in touch with the youth-led and “dreamer” organizations whose websites are listed below is the best way to find out what is happening.

What This Means for You as a DACA Recipient

If your DACA is not yet expired, you will remain in the same position until it expires. If you applied to renew DACA before October 5, 2017, your renewal application will be processed and could be approved to extend your status for two more years, one last time. If it already expired, you should speak with an immigration attorney to see if you have any other avenues for staying in the United States. Without DACA, you are at risk of being placed in removal (deportation) proceedings by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

If you have been arrested or charged with any crime, you are at a higher risk of becoming an enforcement priority for ICE. A drunk-driving conviction will make you a special target for ICE. *Do not drive after drinking, even if you think you are not intoxicated.* Also, even though marijuana is legal in Washington now, it is still a federal crime to possess marijuana, and anyone who is not a U.S. citizen should avoid using or possessing any drug.

Running List of Post-DACA Resources

See the links below for more information on what to expect after the end of the DACA program:

Legal Updates:

- <https://www.nwirp.org/resources/daca/>
- <https://www.immigrantdefenseproject.org/daca-resources/>
- <http://www.seattle.gov/iandaffairs/programs/daca>
- <https://www.uscis.gov/daca2017>
- <https://pennstatelaw.psu.edu/immigration-after-election>
- <https://www.ilrc.org/what-do-i-need-know-if-daca-program-ends-august-28-2017>

Youth-Led Community Organizing:

- <http://21pprograms.strikingly.com/>
- <http://weareheretostay.org/>
- <https://unitedwedream.org/>