Supporting DACA/Undocumented Students

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Journey to College

- When was the first time you heard about college?
- Who was the first person you met that graduated college?
- When did you know you wanted to go to college?
- Who helped you get to college?
Access and Equity is Everyone’s Responsibility
Who Are:

1. DACA
2. DREAMer(s)
3. Undocumented Students
4. ORSAA

Individuals who would have qualified under the Dream Act are often referred to as such.
True or False

1) True

2) False

When accessing higher education, undocumented students are considered refugees and qualify for all refugee resources.
What is:

1) Tuition Equity
2) Undocumented Students
3) ORSAA
4) None of the Above

School-aged immigrants who entered the United States without inspection or overstayed their visas and are present in the United States with or without their parents.
In order for a student to qualify for college residency tuition rates, a student must be enrolled in DACA.
Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) is a kind of administrative relief from deportation. The purpose of DACA is to protect eligible immigrant youth who came to the United States when they were children from deportation. DACA gives young undocumented immigrants: 1) protection from deportation, and 2) a work permit. The program expires after two years, subject to renewal.

*** NOT EVERYONE WHO IS UNDOCUMENTED IS A DACA RECIPIENT
What is Tuition Equity

Tuition Equity also often referred as House Bill 2787, provides certain students an exemption from nonresident tuition and fees at Oregon public universities.

***NOT EVERYONE THAT IS UNDOCUMENTED OR DACA QUALIFY
ORSAA provides Oregon students the opportunity to receive both state and federal financial aid. Eligibility is based on student’s expected family contribution (EFC).
Laws & Regulations

*** There is no federal law that bans undocumented students from attending college in the U.S.

However, state and university policies vary. It is easier to apply, be accepted and have support services available in certain states and at specific colleges.

Undocumented/DACA students are not able to:

• Receive federal financial aid
• Participate in federal support programs such as TRiO
• Study abroad
What can we do in our Roles

• Help educate Senators and House Representatives about Dreamers/DACA
• Help orient families to where they can get resources
• Collaborate with colleges and universities
• Do NOT profile. Provide information without imposing your personal bias
• Normalize ORSAA
• Help prevent notary fraud
Undocumented students are school-age immigrants who live in the United States after entering the country without inspection or after overstaying their visas. They face unique challenges in accessing and paying for higher education. Across the country, these students and their allies are working to increase their opportunities to attend college.
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