

Our “dreamers” are bright and gifted students who contribute to our society every day!

What is DACA?

“Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals” is a result of the policy, introduced in 2012, that protects so-called DREAMers, or immigrants who would have qualified for protection under the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors act (DREAM), a bipartisan bill introduced in the Senate in 2001 with the intent of carving out a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants who had come into the US before turning 16 and have continuously lived in the country since June 15, 2007. Individuals must also have a high school diploma, GED certification, been honorably discharged from the military or still be in school. Recipients cannot have a criminal record.

“Deferred action is a use of prosecutorial discretion to defer removal action against an individual for a certain period of time,” U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services states.

**INDIVIDUALS WITH DACA ONLY HAVE
UNTIL OCTOBER 5, 2017 TO RENEW
THEIR APPLICATION IF IT EXPIRES BETWEEN NOW AND THE SET PROGRAM
CANCELLATION DATE OF MARCH 5, 2018.**

What is the position of the United States Catholic Bishops?

<http://www.usccb.org/news/2017/17-157.cfm>

Resources on DACA for your HOME VISITS and special work programs:

<https://www.nwirp.org/resources/daca/>

*** Spanish version can be found here:**

<https://www.nwirp.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/NWIRP-DACA-ADVISORY-SPANISH.pdf>

About DACA and Employment:

<https://www.nilc.org/issues/daca/about-daca-and-employment/>

Other important information:

<https://cliniclegal.org/>

TIME SENSITIVE INFORMATION – FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION:

We recommend your SVdP council or conference to:

- Search your local area or Archdiocese for “legal aid services”
- Connect with your local “Mexican Consulate” as some are providing financial support for this type of service
- Link for a Consulate near you: https://embassy-finder.com/es/mexico_in_usa

Centro Rendu, a special works program of the Seattle-King County SVdP Council, provides this information. Centro Rendu, named after Blessed Rosalie Rendu, exists to protect, empower and support communities of color. It placed a special emphasis on the immigrant low-income Latino community. It provides education as well as legal and social services.

For more information, please visit our website at www.svdpsattle.org