Empowerment of Immigrant Youth

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Legislative Visits for the DREAM Act in Washington, DC, 2006

First Coming Out Action in front of DHS offices in NY, 2010

Press Conference and Mock Graduation for DREAM Act, 2009

Hunger Strike for Dream Act, 2010

Sit-in for the DREAM Act in Sen. Schumer’s Office, 2010

Coming Out Rally in New York, 2011

Rally to Stop Nadia and Nazmin’s Deportation, 2011

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals

- Were under the age of 31 as of June 15, 2012;
- Came to the United States before reaching your 16th birthday;
- Have continuously resided in the United States since June 15, 2007, up to the present time;
- Were physically present in the United States on June 15, 2012, and at the time of making your request for consideration of deferred action with USCIS;
- Had no lawful status on June 15, 2012;
- 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
- Have not been convicted of a felony, significant misdemeanor, or three or more other misdemeanors, and do not otherwise pose a threat to national security or public safety.

Source: USCIS website
The Impact of DACA

Of 1,308 DACA beneficiaries who responded to survey:

- 54% bought their first car
- 12% bought a home
- 63% got a job with better pay
- 49% got a job that fit education and skills
- 61% pursued educational opportunities they previously could not

Source: Results of Tom K. Wong, United We Dream, National Immigration Law Center, and Center for American Progress National Survey
How to Support Undocumented Immigrants

- Provide legal services to undocumented students and families
- Provide financial support for application fees
- Create institutional scholarships
- Make resources available
- Provide mental health support
- Create a safe and empowering environment for undocumented students
- Urge your campus to become a sanctuary school

Source: My (Un)documented Life, www.mydocumentedlife.org/