POST-ELECTION RESOURCES

The Center for the Human Rights of Children in collaboration with the Student Diversity & Multicultural Affairs (SDMA), and the Loyola University Chicago Dreamer committee has compiled the following list of resources from experts and organizations at the university, local, state, and national levels who are dedicated to protecting the rights of vulnerable populations including undocumented youth. This includes direct services (mental health, health, legal), advocacy organizations, as well as resources to support inclusive classrooms or organizations.

This list is not inclusive of all organizations, but can be a start to help respond to student needs and questions. We will do our best to update this list as resources are produced and shared.

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO RESOURCES

Student Diversity & Multicultural Affairs (SDMA): http://www.luc.edu/diversity/ and http://www.luc.edu/diversity/resources/undocumentedstudentresources/

- UP (Undocumented & Proud): A closed group for undocumented students at Loyola to discuss shared experiences as undocumented students of higher education.

- Share the DREAM - Undocumented Student Ally Trainings: The three-hour training provides the Loyola community with skills to understand the value and importance of exploring the experiences and perspectives of undocumented students.
  - http://www.luc.edu/diversity/resources/undocumentedstudentresources/sharethedreamundocumentedstudentallytraining/

- Loyola trained allies for undocumented students are listed below:
  - http://www.luc.edu/diversity/resources/undocumentedstudentresources/sharethedreamundocumentedstudentallytraining/

- Magis Scholarship Fund: A student-led initiative to fund undocumented Loyola undergraduate students who demonstrate financial need but do not qualify for federal financial aid through the addition of a $2.50 tax on student development fees.

Arrupe College Chicago:
- Dreamers and Allies Student Organization, Yolanda Golden, yggolden@luc.edu; Staff Advisor
- Campus Ministry: http://www.luc.edu/campusministry/
Pastoral care and support for those in need.
Damen Student Center, Suite 271 – 773.508.2200

The Office of the Dean of Students: http://www.luc.edu/dos/
Provides advocacy, care and support
Damen Student Center, 3rd Floor – 773.508.8840 or DeanOfStudents@luc.edu

Student Diversity & Multicultural Affairs: http://www.luc.edu/diversity/
Damen Student Center, Suite 116 – 773.508.3909 or Diversity@luc.edu
Loyola allies for undocumented students are listed below:
  - http://www.luc.edu/diversity/resources/undocumentedstudentresources/sharethedreamundocumentedstudentallytraining/

Health Sciences Campus:
Visit the Ministry, Student Affairs, Bioethics, and Diversity and Inclusion offices are available as resources for individuals and groups. Perspectives is also available 24 hours a day, seven days a week by calling 800.456.6327 or visiting perspectivesltd.com

The Wellness Center: http://www.luc.edu/wellness/
Granada Center, 3rd Floor – 773.508.8883

Crime: If you are a victim of crime, report the crime to police or 911 in case of an emergency
On-Campus Crime – including harassment and vandalism:
  - Inform Police and Campus Safety at 773.508.6039
On-line Harassment:
  - Loyola: Inform Campus Safety at asksafety@luc.edu
    http://www.luc.edu/its/itspoliciesguidelines/policy_onlineharassment.shtml

CRIME & HARASSMENT

Schools and cities across the country have seen increases in crime ranging from harassment and vandalism, to threats and violent crime. Each of these is serious and must be reported.

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EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

Youth throughout the nation are coping with uncertainty, apprehension, and fear following the election outcome. The centers below have offered crisis assistance by way of text, phone, or in-person support. Please contact them, as they are here to support you.

CHICAGO-AREA IN-PERSON COUNSELING TO ALL, REGARDLESS OF DOCUMENTATION OR INSURANCE

- Center on Halsted: http://centeronhalsted.org
- Latino Organization of the Southwest: http://latinoorganizationofthesouthwest.blogspot.com
- Community Health: http://www.communityhealth.org
- New Life Volunteering Society: http://www.nlvs.org/clinic/
- Heartland Health Center: http://www.heartlandhealthcenters.org
- Community Counseling Centers of Chicago: https://www.c4chicago.org/
- Near North Health Center: http://www.nearnorthhealth.org/
- Association House Chicago: http://www.associationhouse.org
- Hamard Center for Health and Human Services: http://www.hamdardcenter.org
- World Relief Chicago: http://worldreliefchicago.org
- Refugee One: http://www.refugeeone.org
- The Family Institute at Northwestern: http://www.family-institute.org/therapy-counseling

ILLINOIS CRISIS HELP WITH RESOURCES IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH

- Kennedy Forum Illinois: http://thekennedyforumillinois.org/resources-to-support-youth/

NATIONAL CRISIS HELP

- Crisis Text Line: http://www.crisistextline.org
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-TALK (8255)
- The Trevor Project: http://www.thetrevorproject.org
- To Write Love On Her Arms: https://twloha.com
SUPPORT FOR FAMILY/PARENTS/CAREGIVERS

- Look Through Their Eyes: [www.lookthroughtheireyes.org](http://www.lookthroughtheireyes.org)
- Huffington Post: What do we tell the children? [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/what-should-we-tell-the-children_us_5822aa90e4b0334571e0a30b](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/what-should-we-tell-the-children_us_5822aa90e4b0334571e0a30b)

SUPPORT FOR PROFESSIONALS WORKING WITH YOUTH

Professionals are confronting new issues in their classrooms and with their clients following the divisions in our nation. They are facing the difficult task of working with youth who fear deportation, discrimination, and violence. Below are some useful tools to assist your students and clients navigate those issues.

- Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago, Center for Childhood Resilience and the Gender and Sex Development Program
- Illinois Childhood Trauma Coalition and the Ad-Hoc Committee on Refugee/Immigrant Children & Trauma
- The Center for Latina/o Mental Health at The Chicago School of Professional Psychology
- Youth Suicide Prevention Program (information on youth suicide): [http://yspp.org/about_suicide/statistics.htm](http://yspp.org/about_suicide/statistics.htm)
- Illinois Safe Schools (resources for creating gender inclusive schools): [http://illinoissafeschools.org](http://illinoissafeschools.org)
HUMAN AND CIVIL RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS

Begin here if you need legal assistance with the immigration process or if you have questions about your options once the administration changes. These organizations also advocate for the rights of undocumented students through community organizing and training.

ILLINOIS

- Illinois Refugee Mental Health Task Force: a volunteer task force committed to ensuring access and promoting awareness around mental health needs and services for refugees and immigrants in Illinois: http://www.ilrmh.org/
  - See Directory of legal service providers http://www.icirr.org/content/documents/agency_referral_2016.pdf
- Illinois Childhood Trauma Coalition, Ad-hoc Committee for Refugee/Immigrant Children & Trauma: The ICTC is a voluntary collaboration of organizations that tracks emerging trends, promotes education among professionals and the public, and offers support to a broad network of agencies that work with and for children and families who experience trauma: www.lookthroughtheireyes.org
- National Immigrant Justice Center: dedicated to ensuring human rights protections and access to justice for all immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers: http://www.immigrantjustice.org/
- Illinois Business Immigration Coalition: provides a voice for Illinois businesses in support of common sense immigration reform that supports Illinois’ economic recovery, provides Illinois companies with both the high-skilled and low-skilled talent they need, and promotes the integration of immigrants into our economy as consumers, workers, entrepreneurs and citizens: http://www.illinoisbic.biz/

NATIONAL

- Catholic Immigration Legal Network (CLINIC): https://cliniclegal.org/
- Immigrant Legal Resource Center: https://www.ilrc.org/
• American Civil Liberties Union: works to defend individual rights and liberties guaranteed by the Constitution: https://www.aclu.org/action

• Anti-defamation League: fights against anti-Semitism and bigotry as one of the largest civil rights organizations in the country: http://www.adl.org/combating-hate/

• Border Angels: all-volunteer non-profit that advocates for immigration reform and social justice focusing on the U.S.-Mexico border. It offers educational and awareness programs and migrant outreach programs to San Diego County’s immigrant population. http://www.borderangels.org/

• National Association for the Advancement of Colored People: works to promote the civil rights of people of color and to eliminate race-based discrimination: http://www.naacp.org/about-us/

• NAACP Legal Defense Fund: fights for racial justice through litigation, advocacy and education: http://www.naacpldf.org/ways-get-involved

• National Immigration Law Center is dedicated to fighting for the rights of low-income immigrants through litigation, policy analysis and advocacy, and various other methods: https://www.nilc.org/get-involved/

• National Immigration Forum: is another leading immigrant advocacy group that offers various programs to integrate immigrants into the workforce and obtain citizenship: http://immigrationforum.org/about/

• Lambda Legal: mission is to achieve full recognition of the civil rights of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender people, and those with HIV through impact litigation, education, and public policy work: http://www.lambdalegal.org/issues/transgender-rights

• United We Dream – the largest immigrant youth-led organization in the U.S. advocating for the rights and fair treatment of immigrants and undocumented students. The nonpartisan network includes over 100,000 immigrant youth and allies and 55 affiliate organizations in 26 states: http://unitedwedream.org

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WHAT IMMIGRANTS CAN DO NOW

PEOPLE SHOULD GO TO A LEGAL SERVICES PROVIDER TO BE SCREENED FOR ANY POSSIBLE IMMIGRATION OPTIONS OTHER THAN DACA FOR WHICH THEY MAY ALREADY ELIGIBLE.

• See links above for providers.

• The Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC) has a comprehensive client intake form to assist practitioners in screening. It can be found online at https://www.ilrc.org/screening-immigration-relief-client-intake-form-and-notes
• The Immigration Advocates Network maintains a national directory of more than 950 free or low-cost nonprofit immigration legal services providers in all 50 states. It can be found online at https://www.immigrationlawhelp.org; See also local legal service providers, including the National Immigrant Justice Center (http://www.immigrantjustice.org/) and those listed on ICIRR directory (http://www.icirr.org/content/documents/agency_referral_2016.pdf).

• Community members should be warned of fraudulent service provider schemes and educated about how to seek competent immigration help. The ILRC has created community education flyers about this available in English and Spanish available online at https://www.ilrc.org/anti-fraud-flyers.

PEOPLE SHOULD KNOW THEIR RIGHTS WHEN IN CONTACT WITH AN IMMIGRATION AGENCY.

• The ILRC has created Red Cards to help both citizens and noncitizens defend themselves against constitutional violations during ICE raids. These cards provide citizens and noncitizens with information about how to assert their constitution rights and an explanation for ICE agents that the individuals are indeed asserting their constitutional rights. Go https://www.ilrc.org/red-cards for more information and contact us at redcards@ilrc.org to order. The ILRC also has information about raids and immigrants’ rights available online at https://www.ilrc.org/community-resources

See also https://www.immigrationadvocates.org/nonprofit/legaldirectory/

For attorneys/legal providers in Illinois, see http://www.icirr.org/content/documents/agency_referral_2016.pdf

People should continue to avoid negative interaction with law enforcement. Something like a DUI or conviction related to drugs can have irreversible negative immigration consequences.

IF FILING TO RENEW DACA, APPLICANTS NEED TO BE AWARE THAT THE FILING FEE INCREASES TO $495 ON DECEMBER 23, 2016.

• The Mission Asset Fund (http://missionassetfund.org/lending-circles-for-dreamers/), Self-Help Federal Credit Union (http://www.self-helpfcu.org/personal/loans/immigration-loans), the Mexican Consulate or local DACA service providers may have information about loans or grants to help with the filing fees.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING IMMIGRATION (EXCERPTS FROM ILRC FACT SHEET)
I AM UNDOCUMENTED / HAVE UNDOCUMENTED FAMILY MEMBERS. WILL WE BE IMMEDIATELY DEPORTED?

No. We do not know at this time what approach the Trump Administration will take toward undocumented families. Individuals without status who are present in the U.S. have certain legal and constitutional rights. You have a right to a hearing and to have a judge review your case. That process can take years in some cases, and you can remain in the U.S. until a final decision is made. Other constitutional protections prevent certain enforcement tactics, and may present a basis to challenge overly aggressive attempts at immigration enforcement by the federal government.

I HAVE DACA. WILL MY DEFERRED ACTION BE TERMINATED WHEN TRUMP TAKES OFFICE IN JANUARY?

The new President may cancel DACA if he chooses. At this time, we do not know if Trump will immediately cancel the DACA initiative or when that might happen. Even if DACA is terminated, whether or not your lawful presence and work permit will cease right away depends on the announcement by the President and how it is implemented by the federal government.

I HAVE DACA. WILL THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT USE MY INFORMATION TO FIND AND DEPORT ME?

Deporting over 700,000 DACA recipients would be very time-consuming and expensive. DACA recipients are also near the bottom of the government’s priority list for deportation. However, Trump’s actions are difficult to predict, so families should take precautions now by discussing other legal options with a qualified immigration lawyer. There would also certainly be a legal challenge to use of private data submitted under DACA for enforcement activity.
SHOULD I APPLY FOR DACA NOW?

The answer depends on your personal circumstances, which you should discuss with an immigration lawyer. Some considerations are your age, whether you need deferred action or work authorization urgently, and whether your situation would allow you to wait several months to see what happens to DACA. It is important to consider that applying for DACA will give your personal information to the government and may put you at risk should Trump rescind DACA. It is also important to note that current processing and review times indicate that any application filed now would not result in an answer until after the Trump Administration takes office.

SHOULD I RENEW MY DACA APPLICATION OR SEEK “ADVANCE PAROLE” TO TRAVEL AS A DACA BENEFICIARY?

If your deferred action is set to expire within 150 days, you should apply to renew it now. If you have urgent humanitarian reasons to travel outside the U.S., you may seek permission to travel by seeking “Advance Parole” with USCIS (Form I-131). The government already has your personal information, so you are not creating a new risk by applying for renewal unless your situation has changed in a way that you might not be eligible for DACA any more, for example, a criminal conviction. If you travel on “Advance Parole,” be sure to return before January 20, 2017.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN WITH DAPA / EXPANDED DACA (DACA 2014)?

Implementation of these initiatives has been halted by a lawsuit. MALDEF is vigorously defending these programs in court. However, the new President can rescind these initiatives if he chooses, effectively making that court process moot.

I HAVE A PENDING IMMIGRATION PETITION. WHAT WILL HAPPEN WITH MY APPLICATION?

For non-DACA applications pending with USCIS, there is no reason to believe that those applications will stop being normally processed according to current laws.

HOW CAN I FIND OUT IF I HAVE OTHER OPTIONS TO AVOID DEPORTATION?

Seek assistance from a reputable immigration lawyer. Avoid notario scams. Visit immigrationlawhelp.org for more information about non-profit legal service organizations by state.
I’VE BEEN PLACED IN REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS. WHAT CAN I DO?

Talk to an immigration lawyer immediately to plan your next steps. You have the right to a hearing before any decision is made about whether you have to depart the country. You also have the right to an appeal.

CAN MY CITIZENSHIP BE TAKEN AWAY IF MY PARENTS ARE UNDOCUMENTED?

No. The U.S. Constitution grants citizenship to all people born in the U.S. regardless of their parents’ immigration status. There is not enough support to amend the Constitution to remove birthright citizenship, and any attempt to amend the Constitution would take years and would likely apply only to those born after adoption of an amendment.

WILL IN-STATE TUITION / ADMISSION FOR UNDOCUMENTED COLLEGE STUDENTS END?

No. The laws that provide instate tuition/admission for students are passed by states and cannot be changed by the President.

SHOULD I WORRY ABOUT GOING TO THE HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ROOM?

No. Under federal law, your personal information should be kept private by doctors and staff.

SHOULD I STILL REPORT CRIME TO THE POLICE?

Yes. Most police officers are only interested in investigating crime and won’t be interested in your immigration status. If you are a crime victim, you may be eligible for a visa that would allow you to stay in the U.S. Talk to an immigration lawyer about the facts of your case.

I PLAN TO FILE AN APPLICATION FOR VAWA / U VISA/ T VISA. SHOULD I WAIT?

No. There is no reason to delay filing for this relief. It is established in U.S. law and cannot be changed by the President acting alone.

WHAT CAN MY FAMILY DO TO PREPARE FOR ANY INTERACTION WITH ICE, FOR EXAMPLE, IF MY WORKPLACE IS THE TARGET OF AN ICE RAID?

The Immigrant Legal Resource Center has created Red Cards that provide information about how to assert your constitutional rights during a raid. Visit ilrc.org/red-cards for details.
MY FAMILY SENDS MONEY TO RELATIVES IN MEXICO. CAN THE GOVERNMENT CONFISCATE THAT MONEY?

No. Companies that transfer money among relatives from the U.S. to Mexico do not track their clients’ immigration status. Even if companies could distinguish between legal and undocumented immigrants in their clientele, seizing funds based on national origin or immigration status would be unconstitutional and would be immediately challenged in court.

I’M A LATINX IMMIGRANT. DOES HALF OF THE U.S. HATE ME?

No. A 2016 poll shows 79% of Americans favor providing a way for undocumented immigrants to become U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents.

OTHER LEGAL RESOURCES AND INFORMATION:

Immigration Post-Election, Penn State Law: https://www.pennstatelaw.psu.edu/immigration-after-election