Understanding the Challenges and Resources Available to Undocumented Students

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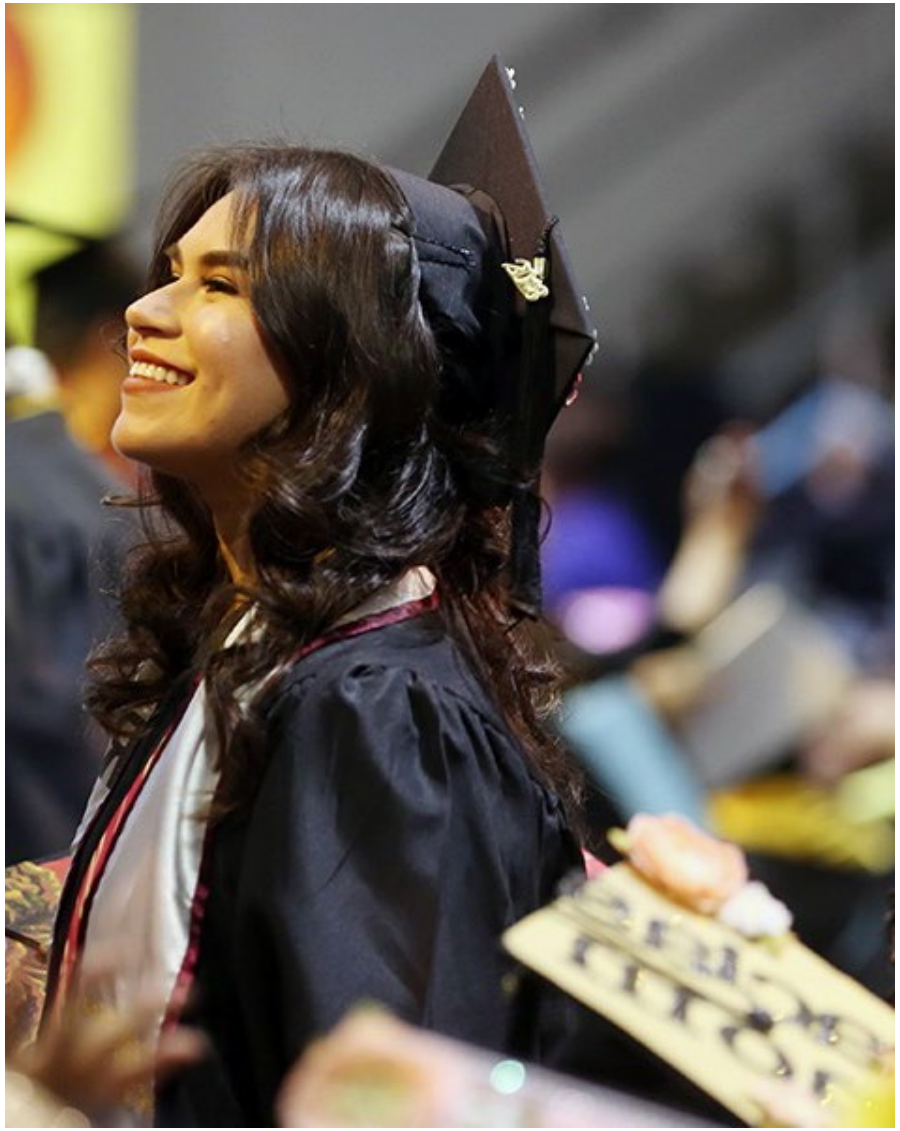
Focus of our conversation

- Current legislation affecting/supporting undocumented students
- Financial assistance available
- Entrepreneurship and income-generating resources
- Promising practices to support UndocuScholars

I hope to help you feel more confident in supporting undocumented students and learn some resources that can help you support them in their persona, academic and/or professional paths.



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TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH EDUCATION

FOUNDATION *for* CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

California Community Colleges

Undocumented

Entered without authorization	Entered with Visa and overstayed Visa	Currently in the process of legalizing

DACAmented

A small percentage of undocumented immigrants with DACA who do not have a path to legal status.

MIGRATION
VS
IMMIGRATION
VS
EMIGRATION

Immigration Vs Emigration

- **Immigration**

Coming to live in a foreign country

"I immigrated to the US"

- **Emigration**

Leaving one's country of origin

"I emigrated from Mexico"

Migration:

Movement of people from one place to another

migration includes migration and emigration

HOME IS HERE
NO HUMAN IS ILLEGAL

HERE TO STAY

HOME IS here

DEFEND
DACA
#DACAHOPE

FREEDOM FOR IMMIGRANTS
Close the Camps
Nobody is Illegal on Stolen Land
CLOSE THE CAMPS!
STOP SEPARATING FAMILIES

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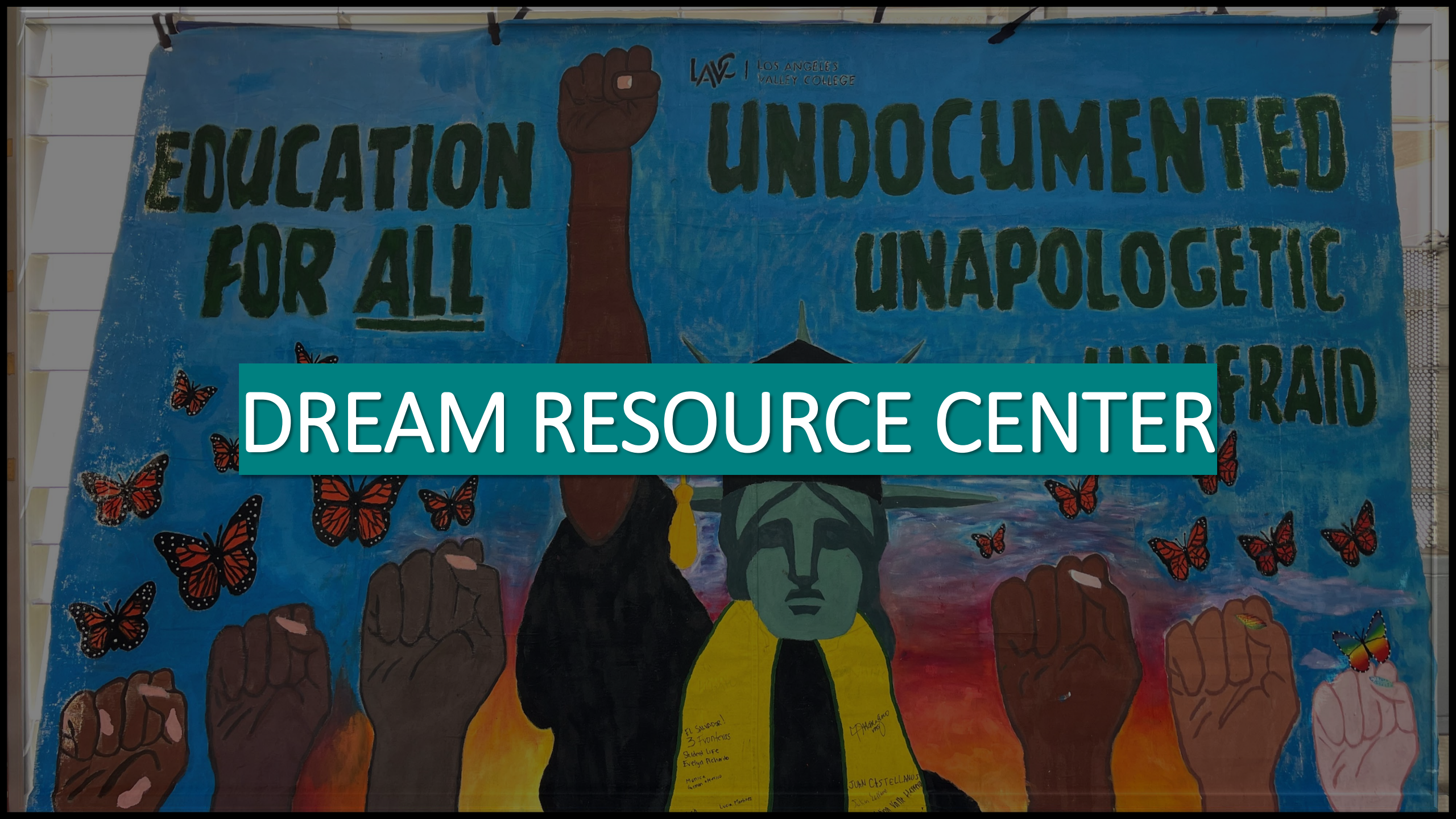

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The Dream Resource Center (DRC) supports undocumented students, immigrants, and family members of immigrants throughout their educational journey. We are proud to provide accurate information about how to access and experience higher education. We offer a variety of services and resources to promote the success of our past, current and prospective students.

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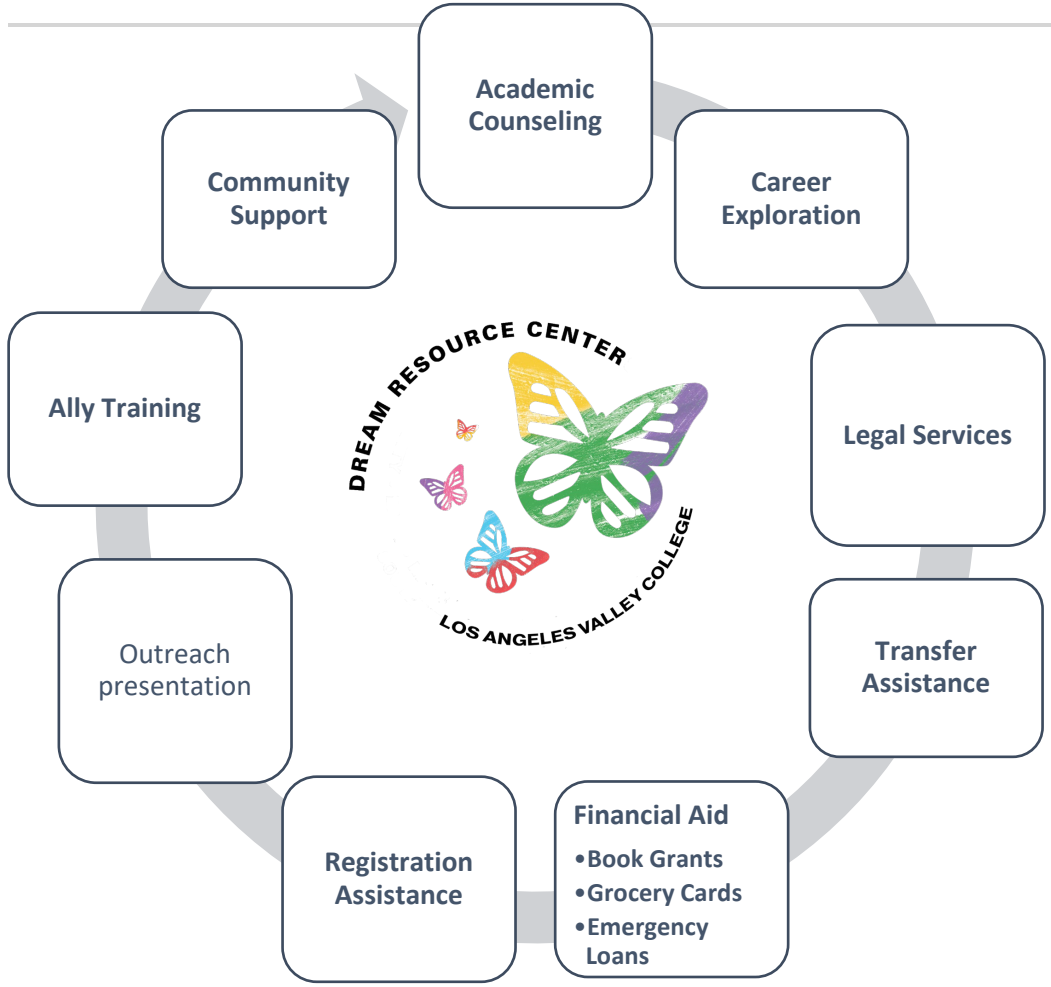

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Understanding the Challenges

- American cultural views on immigration
- Understanding a new education system (CC)
- Accessing support in their prefer way of communication (Admissions forms)
- Navigation American systems of education (enrollment requirements)
- Learning a new language (some)
- Accessing aid
  - Paying for those educational goals. (AA/BA vs MA/PHD)
- Identifying educational goals that match their personal
- High cost of immigration fees and representation
- Immigration application: Access for some
  - (VAWA, SIJIS, U and T visa, Asylum, TPS….)

Understanding the Resources Available to

- California AB278
  - Dream Resource Center in HS
- Dual Enrollment
  - Free Tuition while enrolled in K-12
- ESL/ Workforce Readiness Skills (no credit)
- AB 540/ CA Dream Act (LACCD tuition waiver)
- AA/AS/CTE/ADT
- SB-467
  - CCC: Apprenticeship or internship training programs.
- SB 1159
  - Allows undoc individuals to apply for professional state licenses using ITIN instead of SSN.

Starting January 2024, all Californians ages 26 to 49 with low incomes can enroll in Medi-Cal, regardless of immigration status

Laws in CA supporting students

- AB 288- HS and CC partnerships
- SB 150- Fee Waiver
- AB 943- Emergency assistance for to overcome unforeseen financial challenges.
- SB 554- Adult Dual Enrollment
- AB 21- Establishment of policies & procedures protecting the rights of students
- AB 540- Instate tuition
  - AB 130- Scholarships
  - AB 131- State-funded aid
  - AB 200- Calendar Year vs. Instructional Hour
- SB 1210- DREAM Loan
- SB 354- DREAM Loan for grad school
- SB 68 -AB540 for Adult Ed
- SB 1141- Removed 2-year cap for credits at a CCC

Undocumented Students Resources Map

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Find resources at UC, CSU, California Community Colleges, and private, nonprofit college/university campuses.

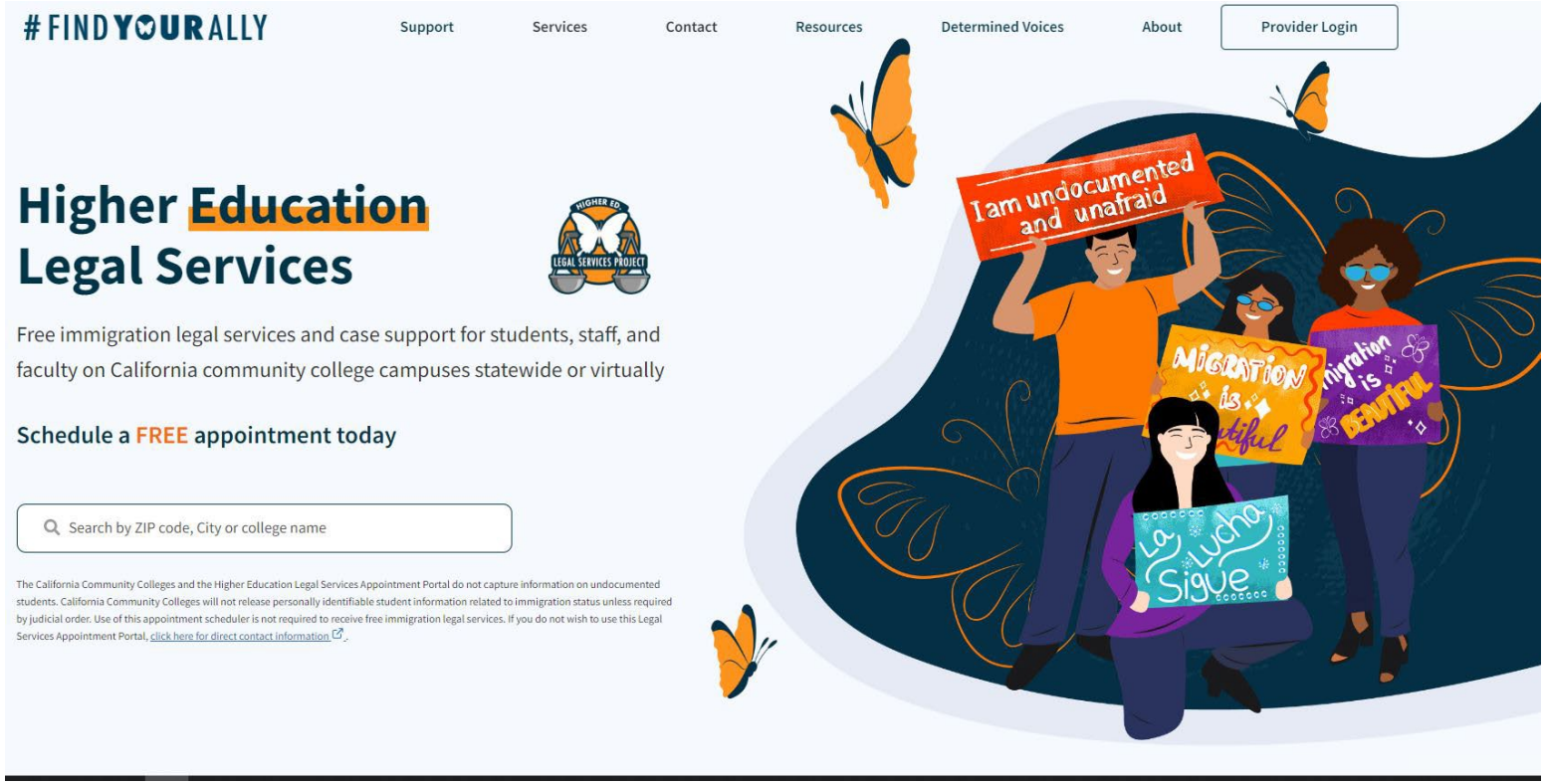
VIEW THE MAP

Other Resources

FAQS: BACKGROUND CHECKS AND UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS	CHECK IF YOU QUALIFY FOR IN-STATE TUITION	CHECK YOUR AB 540 ELIGIBILITY
APPLY FOR STATE FINANCIAL AID	APPLY FOR GRANTS	AB 540 AFFIDAVIT
LEGAL SERVICES AT THE UC	LEGAL SERVICES AT CA COMMUNITY COLLEGES	CALIFORNIA DREAM LOAN

www.collegecampaign.org/campaign/california-undocumented-higher-education-coalition

Find Your Ally



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CALIFORNIA DREAM NETWORK (CDN)

Our program to mobilize college students in 30 California colleges and universities around immigration reform. CDN, with 5,000 veteran trained leaders, has led our advocacy around the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

UNSTOPPABLE DREAMS

Unstoppable Dreams fights for the future of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, which has granted young undocumented immigrant students conditional legal status and work permits, allowing them to improve their families' economic situation and giving them new opportunities. People with DACA have become our colleagues and neighbors across the nation, and they are essential workers. Current goal: pass the Dream and Promise Act (HR6), which gives people with conditional status a path to citizenship, in the Senate.

LEARN MORE ABOUT CDN ➤

APPLY FOR OR RENEW YOUR DACA ➤

DACA UPDATES

www.chirla.org

DACA Updates

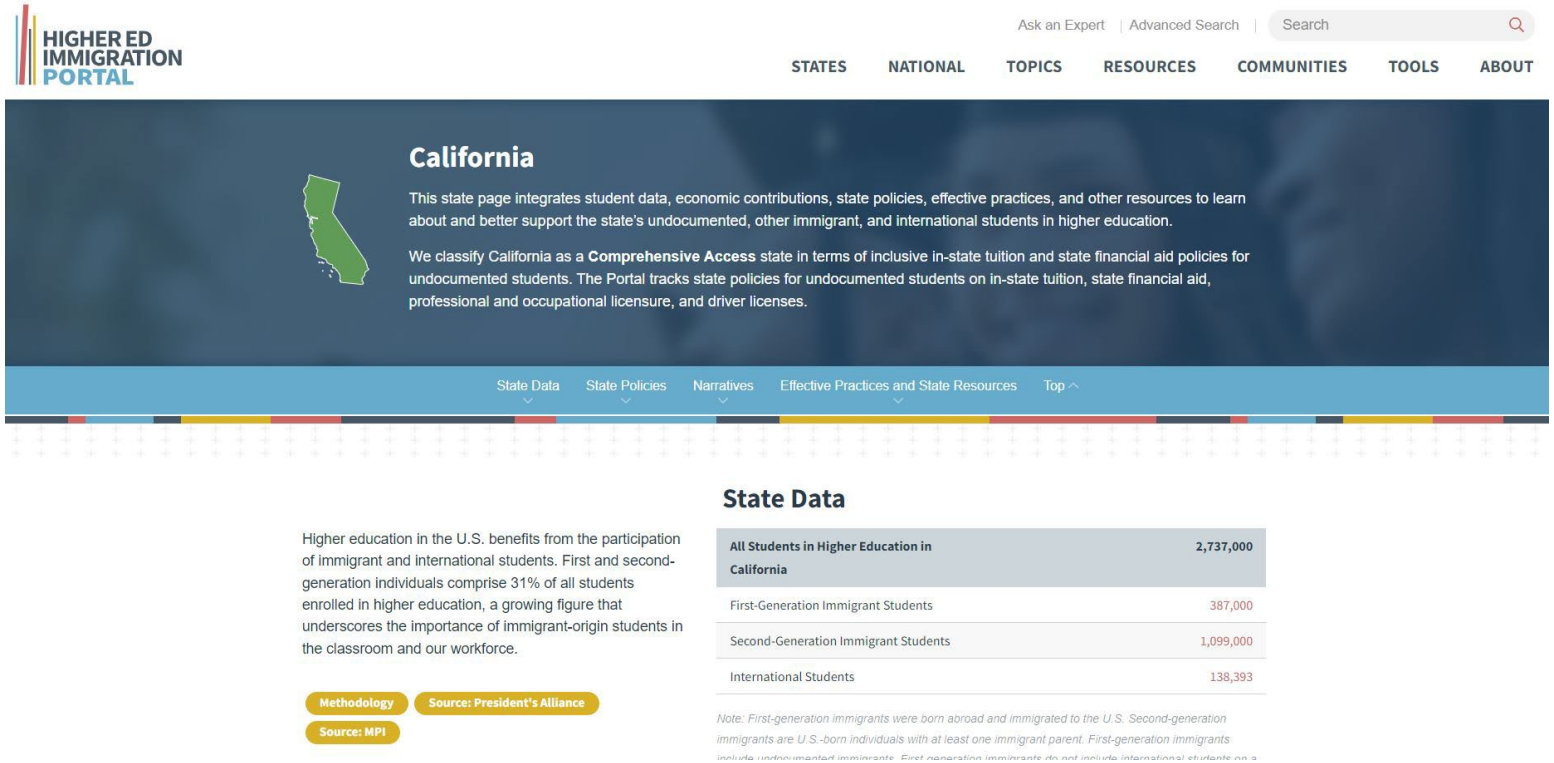
DACA UPDATE (September 2023):

- On September 13, 2023, a Federal District Court in Texas issued a ruling in Texas v. United States declaring DACA unlawful once again.
- This new decision has brought new questions and confusion. It is important to note that the status of DACA has not changed and individuals who have DACA and are eligible to renew can continue to do so.
- First time DACA applications continue to be on hold. No new DACA application will be approved at this time. The Court's decision has blocked USCIS from approving any new DACA cases. This means that all people who have submitted a DACA initial application (i.e., those that never had DACA and are applying for the first time) and have not received an approval from USCIS will have their application held. This applies to all initial cases that were not approved prior to July 16, 2021, and to renewals that have been expired more than a year.

Immigrant Legal Resource Center

www.ilrc.org/daca-toolbox

Higher ED Immigration Portal



www.higheredimmigrationportal.org

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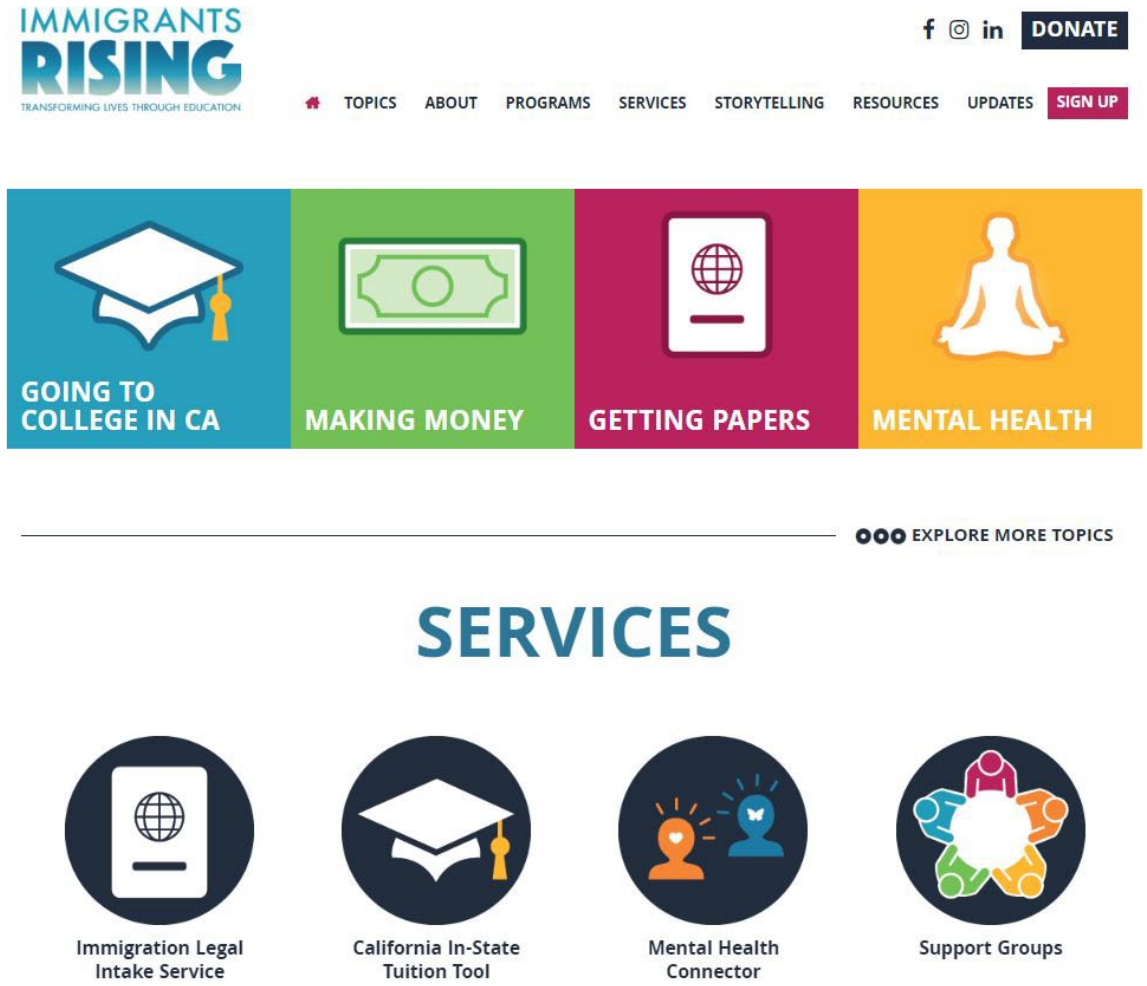

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