

*DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS (DACA)

PROTECTING DREAMERS

WHAT IS DACA?

A Humane Immigration
Policy for Young Adults

"In **2012**, the Obama administration launched the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) initiative to provide a **temporary reprieve from deportation** to qualified unauthorized immigrants who came to the U.S. as children. " (MPI 2021)



WHO ARE DREAMERS?

Undocumented Americans

"A Dreamer is an undocumented immigrant who **came to the United States as a child**. Dreamers often have only known the U.S. as home and **identify as Americans**...The average DACA recipient arrived in the United States at **age 7** and **has lived here for more than 20 years**. " (Benenson 2020)



700,000+

current DACA recipients (FWD.us 2020)

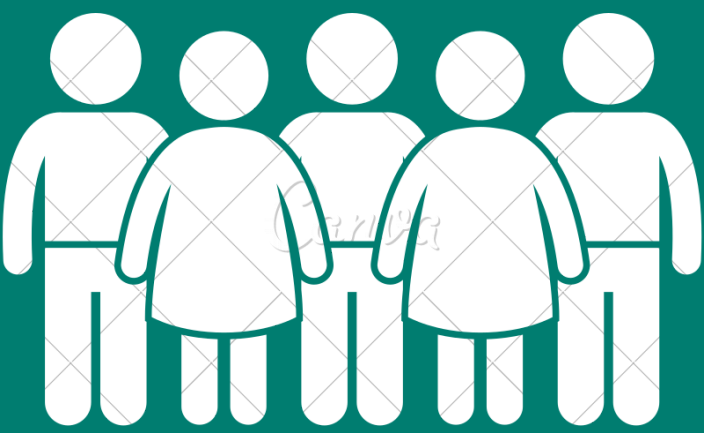
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WHO IS ELIGIBLE?



Individuals Who...

- Came to the U.S. **below the age of 16**
- Have **continuously resided** in the U.S. since June 15, 2007
- Have **no current legal status** and **no criminal record** (USCIS 2021)

WHERE ARE DREAMERS FROM?

In 2017, the top ten countries of origin of DACA recipients were...

1. Mexico
2. El Salvador
3. Guatemala
4. Honduras
5. Peru
6. South Korea
7. Brazil
8. Ecuador
9. Colombia
10. Argentina

(López & Krogstad 2020)



IN THEIR OWN WORDS:

"We are not here to take away opportunities from anyone...Nothing is given to us. We work really hard.

There is not one undocumented story. We have similarities, but we're very different people. Our stories are very dynamic and different."

- DACA Recipient, Tufts University Class of 2021

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