

#### DACA Decision Legal Debrief

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#### **Overview**

- Introductions
- DACA timeline: How did we end up here?
- Supreme Court Decision re DACA
- Applying for DACA for the first time
- Advanced parole
- CARECEN CSU Project
  - Services provided





#### **DACA**

#### • DACA: What is it?

• Temporary deportation reprieve. Requires renewal every two years. If granted, granted work permit.

#### Supreme Court decision this year re DACA

- Background
  - Sept. 2017 DACA termination.
  - Jan. 2018 injunction in place that allows DACA renewals to continue, no new DACAs
  - June 2020 SC announces decision
- Issues decided:
  - 1) Whether the decision to end DACA can be something the court can review at all, and, if so,
  - 2) Whether trump administration's decision to end was legal

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# DACA & U.S. Supreme Court Oral Arguments

- Two issues at the Supreme Court:
  - (1) Whether the Trump Administration's decision to end DACA is an issue the court can review it all, and,
  - (2) If so, whether the decision to end DACA was legal?



#### **Supreme Court Decision**

- 5-4 decision
- DHS decision to terminate DACA was reviewable in federal court, and
- The decision was "arbitrary and capricious" under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA)



#### **Supreme Court Decision**

- Decision is limited to how DHS ended DACA in 2017
  - The Court found that DHS failed to provide a reasonable explanation for ending DACA
  - Unclear how DHS will proceed next
- Decision does NOT decide if DACA is lawful or good policy



#### What does this mean for me?

- Advance parole should be reinstated
- Initial DACA application should be accepted
- DHS has not issued guidance, and it may take a while before it does
- DACA renewals continue



#### **FAQ**

- Can the Trump Administration end DACA again?
  - Yes, so the fight is not over
- What should I be doing now?
  - Organize
  - Mobilize
  - Educate



### **FAQ**

- Applying DACA for the First Time
  - Upcoming workshops: follow CSUF's Titan
     Dreamers' Resource Center and CSULB's Dream
     Success Center
- Initial DACA requirements
  - Age, Presence, Education, Background
  - Make an appointment, gather documents showing presence from 2007, and identity documents

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## **FAQ**

- What is advanced parole?
  - DACA recipients can once again apply for permission to travel abroad and return to the U.S. and enter with lawful permission
  - Travel must be related to:
    - Humanitarian reasons
    - Educational reasons
    - Employment/professional opportunities
- USCIS has not announced any guidance



#### **CARECEN's Services**

- Legal representation
  - Limited to students, staff faculty and their families
  - Special immigrant juvenile status, humanitarian visas, family based petitions, citizenship/naturalization, removal defense, and more
- Consultations
- Workshops/Know Your Rights/Educational programs
- General support





# Who is CARECEN and the CSU Project?

**CARECEN:** Founded in 1983 by Salvadoran refugees and other human rights activists who worked to secure legal status for Central Americans fleeing civil war.

**CARECEN Legal Department:** The legal department provides direct legal representation to thousands of clients each year.

CARECEN CSU PROJECT: CSU Chancellor's Office/CA contracted CARECEN to provide legal services at eight CSUs.

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## **Questions?**

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#### Make an Appointment

- CARECEN CSU Project Appointment Calendar
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