

Leveraging Student Voices to Amplify Resources for Undocumented Student Success

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Introductions

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“Dreamers Project” Report

- Project Overview:
 - Dreamer Advisory Group
 - Comprehensive Survey
 - Regional Meetings
 - Final report with high-level recommendations published March 2019

California Community Colleges Dreamers Project

Strengthening Institutional Practices
To Support Undocumented Student Success

A collaborative effort between the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO), the Foundation for California Community Colleges (Foundation), and Immigrants Rising, the Dreamers Project lays the groundwork for a longer-term program and initiatives needed to meet undocumented students' needs. The project includes a landscape analysis undertaken through an online survey of community colleges and four regional meetings, as well as guidance from an Advisory Group and a final report submitted to the CCCCCO.

In the full finalized report, the Foundation and Immigrants Rising present identified, shared challenges in serving undocumented students. Recommendations about how to better serve undocumented students, paired with promising practices underway, are provided for implementation at the individual, group, and institutional levels to create systemic change that benefits California.

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ADVOCATES FOR THE DREAMERS



STUDENTS

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Undocumented Students' Most Pressing Needs

Among 111 Participating Colleges Surveyed



Need	Percentage
Financial Aid	85
Legal Services	81
Career Counseling	73
Basic Needs	53
Healthcare	52
Admissions and Student Support	50
Tutoring	45
Mental and Emotional Health	27
Other	25
Skipped Question	12

50,000-70,000

ESTIMATED UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS ENROLLED AT CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES



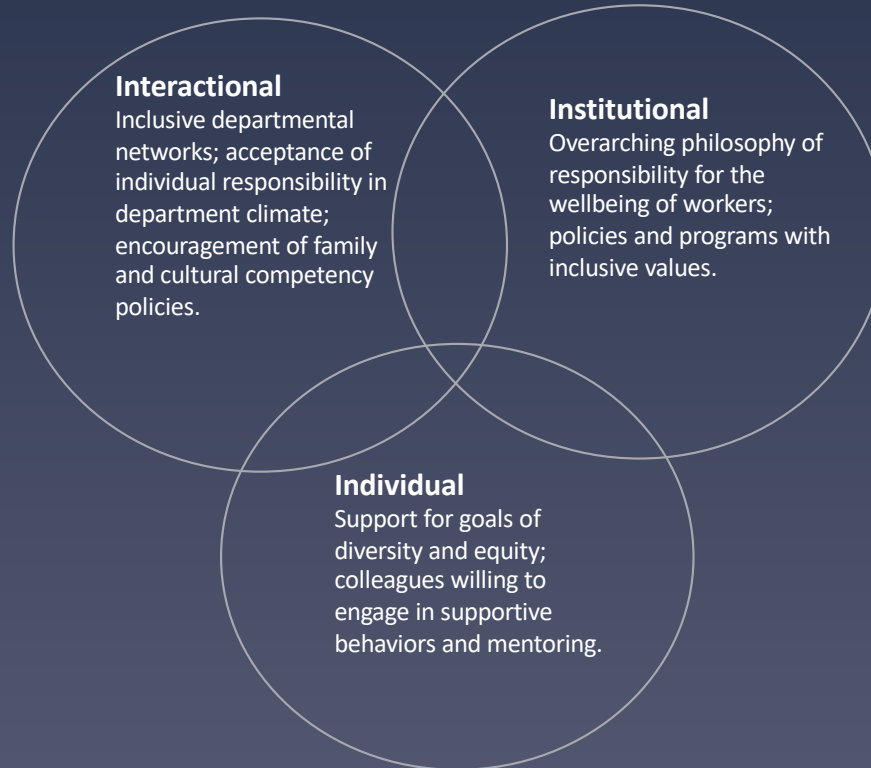
Terminology


- Undocumented Students
- UndocuLiaisons (AB1645)
- AB 540
- California Dream Act
- UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCES: IN-STATE TUITION VS CA DREAM ACT VS DACA
- California Dream Act Service Incentive Grant (DSIG) Program

Transforming a Culture

Empowerment

Compliance





**“ My family really wants
me to get a degree. ”**

Undocumented Community College Student

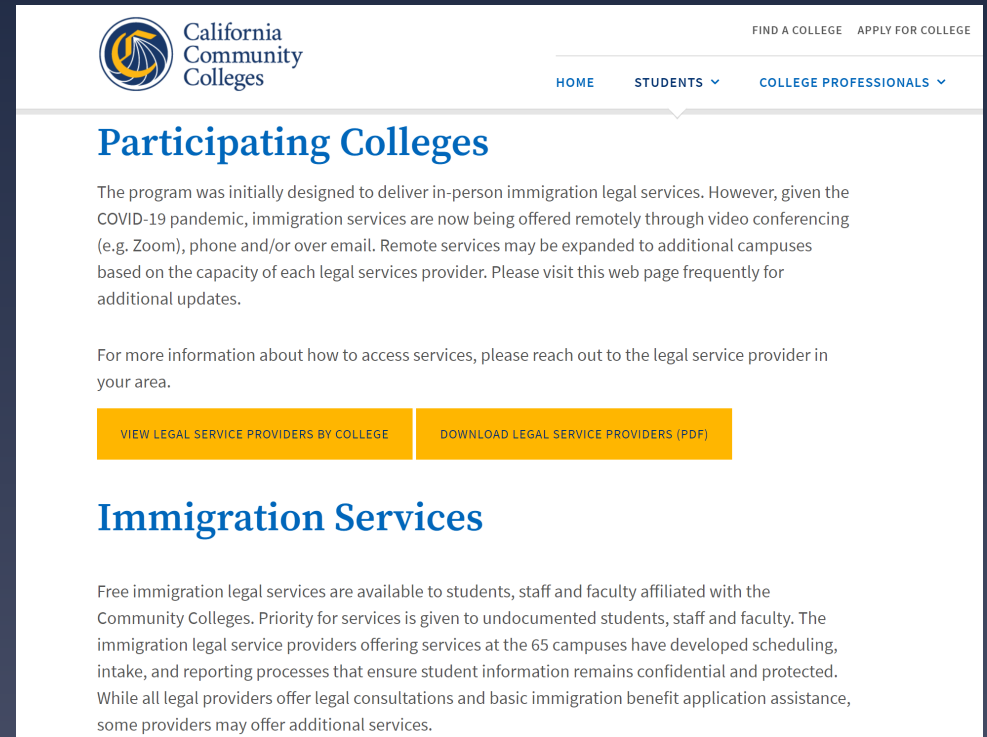


Community College Immigration Services

- Provide students, staff, and faculty free immigration legal services, including education and outreach services, on campus
- Help immigrant students and staff understand any potential immigration benefits or remedies they qualify for and receive guidance from a qualified legal service provider
- Increase chances of obtaining immigration benefits or a remedies through the assistance of qualified legal providers
- Empower immigrants with information to navigate the everchanging system of laws and policy

Accessing Services

- 65 host campuses across the 7 Guided Pathways.
- Most host campuses are within 11 miles or less 30 min by public transit
- Students from ALL colleges can access Immigration Services



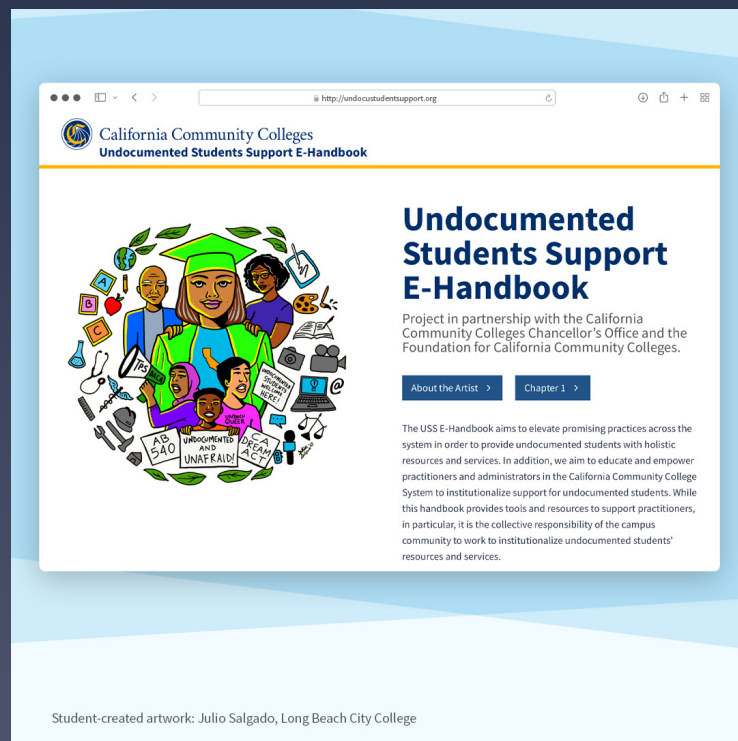
The screenshot shows the California Community Colleges website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the logo on the left and links for 'FIND A COLLEGE' and 'APPLY FOR COLLEGE' on the right. Below the navigation bar, there are three main menu items: 'HOME', 'STUDENTS', and 'COLLEGE PROFESSIONALS'. The 'STUDENTS' menu is currently selected, and it has a dropdown arrow. Below the menu, the 'Participating Colleges' section is displayed. It contains a paragraph explaining that the program was initially designed for in-person immigration legal services but now offers remote services through video conferencing (e.g., Zoom), phone, and/or email. It also mentions that remote services may be expanded to additional campuses based on the capacity of each legal services provider. Below this paragraph, there is a call to action: 'For more information about how to access services, please reach out to the legal service provider in your area.' Underneath this text, there are two yellow buttons: 'VIEW LEGAL SERVICE PROVIDERS BY COLLEGE' and 'DOWNLOAD LEGAL SERVICE PROVIDERS (PDF)'. Below the buttons, the 'Immigration Services' section is displayed. It contains a paragraph stating that free immigration legal services are available to students, staff, and faculty affiliated with the Community Colleges. It also mentions that priority for services is given to undocumented students, staff, and faculty. The paragraph further explains that the immigration legal service providers offering services at the 65 campuses have developed scheduling, intake, and reporting processes that ensure student information remains confidential and protected. Finally, it states that while all legal providers offer legal consultations and basic immigration benefit application assistance, some providers may offer additional services.

<https://www.cccco.edu/Students/Support-Services/Special-population/Undocumented-Students/Legal-Services>

Undocumented Student Support Project Overview

- The FoundationCCC mission is to benefit, support, and enhance the missions of the California Community Colleges system.
- Providing guidance and Support to UndocuLiaisons
- UndocuLiaison Network: 110 out of the 116 Colleges are represented in our Network
- Regional Meetings
 - To identify challenges experienced by UndocuLiaisons
 - To elevate promising campus-level practices underway at some colleges
 - To identify training and guidance needed to support the UndocuLiaison Network

Undocumented Students Support eHandbook



- Overview
- Current Chancellor's Office/FoundationCCC Efforts for Systematic Support
- CCC Undocumented Student Services over the years
- Engaging administrators, presidents, and vice-presidents, Chief Business Officers
- Intersectionality and holistic support for Undocumented Students
- Forging the Undocumented Student Pathway
 - Why is our work important?



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Higher Education Technical Assistance Project (**HETAP**)

An immigration resource-sharing collaborative designed to supplement the legal services being offered to California State University and California Community College students.

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Resources are:

- Downloadable & printable
- Interactive PDF format with external links to more tools
- Free for distribution
- Social media toolkits



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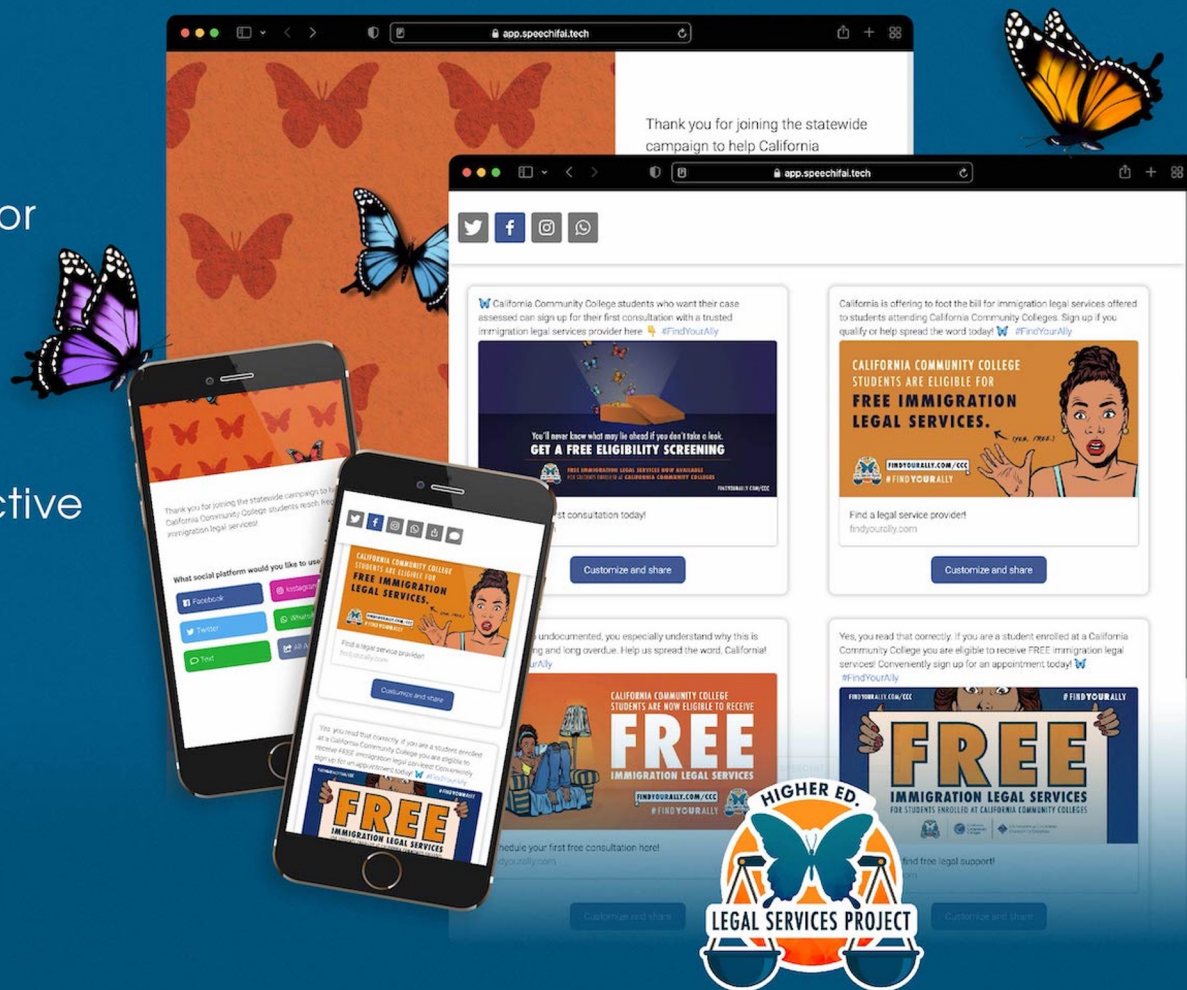


#FindYourAlly Campaign

- Campaign to raise awareness for legal services at California Community Colleges
- Includes a variety of outreach strategies but will be most effective when **those who interface with students are actively raising awareness**

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Campus Resources for Undocumented Students (CSU, UCs, Privates)

The Campaign for College Opportunity

Who We Are ▾ What We Do ▾ News Room Blog Take Action Donate

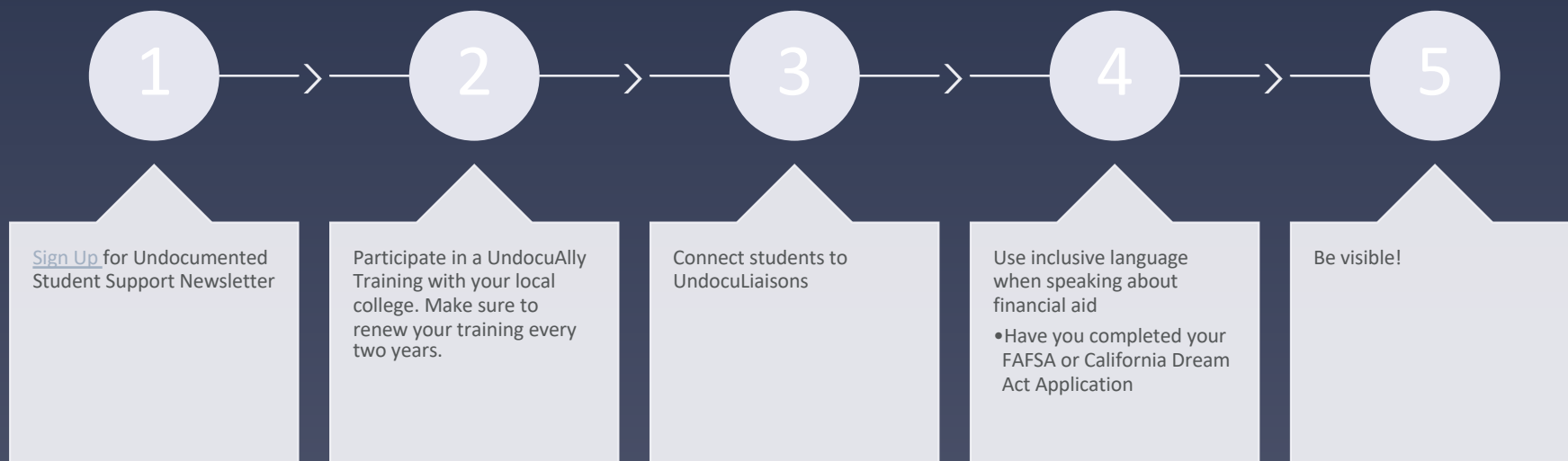
- University of California campuses
- California Community College campuses
- California State University campuses
- Independent, Nonprofit campuses

Campuses with stars have a physical center with dedicated staff and resources to support undocumented students

Click on the icons below to learn about resources at each campus

California Undocumented Student Resources Map
This map was made with Google My Maps. Create your own.

How to become an UndocuAlly



Find A College

Enter your Address or City or Zip

Sacramento, California

Search within

50

miles

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Show Undocumented Student Resources in search results

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Show Map with search results

Enter Keywords for Programs

Enter keywords, e.g. Spanish or Photography


SEARCH

There are 11 colleges within 50 miles of Sacramento, California

College	Distance (miles)
Sacramento City College 916.558.2111	

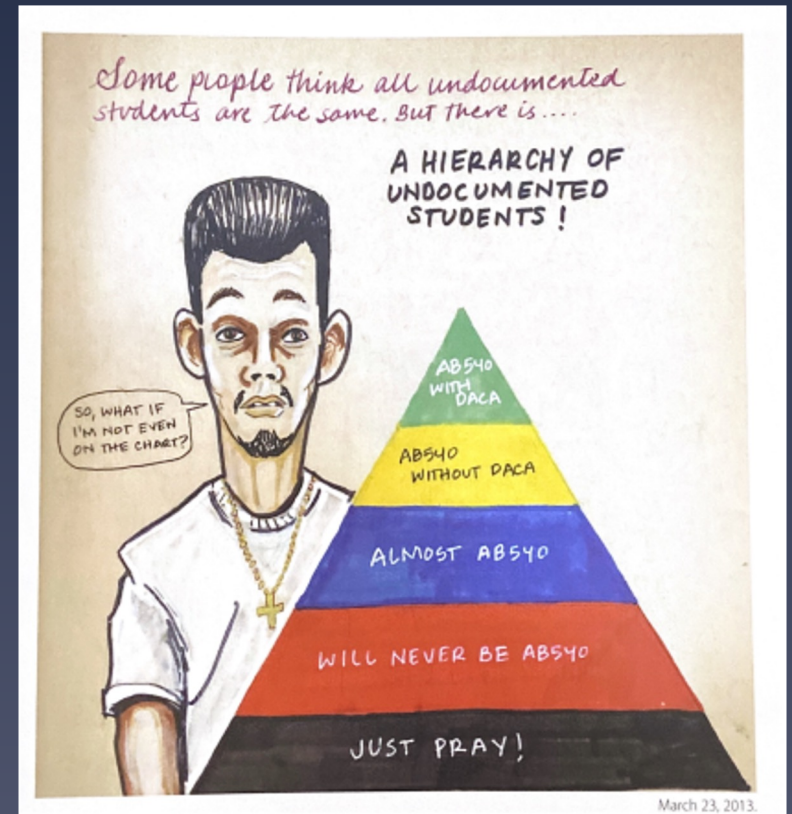
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Satellite



Undocu Friendly Campus

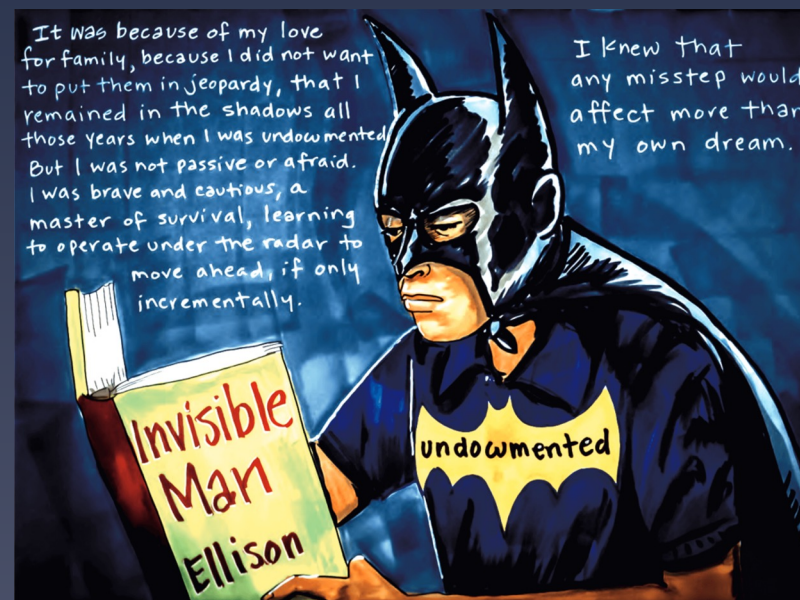
- UndocuAlly training
 - High Schools & Adult Education
 - Departments
 - STUDENT STAFF
- UndocuLiaison Information Available
- Undocu Leadership Opportunities
 - Internships/Fellowship
 - Peer Mentorship
 - Conferences targeting Undocumented students
 - Equitable Extra Credit Opportunities



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Student Leaders Out of the Shadows

- Institutionalize services for undocumented students
- Transforming the culture is EVERYONE's responsibility
- IMMEDIATE and intentional changes
- **Be an effective UndocuAlly**



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Q&A





Thank you

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