Leveraging Student Voices to Amplify Resources for Undocumented Student Success

Foundation for California Community Colleges
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
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

**Interactional**
Inclusive departmental networks; acceptance of individual responsibility in department climate; encouragement of family and cultural competency policies.

**Institutional**
Overarching philosophy of responsibility for the wellbeing of workers; policies and programs with inclusive values.

**Individual**
Support for goals of diversity and equity; colleagues willing to engage in supportive behaviors and mentoring.

Compliance  Empowerment
“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

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?
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.

Funded by the California Department of Social Services.
Resources are:
- Downloadable & printable
- Interactive PDF format with external links to more tools
- Free for distribution
- Social media toolkits

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FOUNDATION FOR CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES
#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

FINDYOURALLY.COM/SHARE

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Campus Resources for Undocumented Students (CSU, UCs, Privates)
How to become an UndocuAlly

1. Sign Up for Undocumented Student Support Newsletter
2. Participate in a UndocuAlly Training with your local college. Make sure to renew your training every two years.
3. Connect students to UndocuLiaisons
4. Use inclusive language when speaking about financial aid
   • Have you completed your FAFSA or California Dream Act Application
5. Be visible!
Find A College

Enter your Address or City or Zip
Sacramento, California

Search within 50 miles

[ ] Show Undocumented Student Resources in search results

[ ] 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

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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
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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