IMPLICATIONS OF IMMIGRATION POLICY (DACA) FOR THE WORKFORCE, RESEARCH, AND EXTENSION WORKERS

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WHAT IS DACA?

• A policy change on dealing with young people that were brought to the United States as children “without inspection” ergo Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals.
• Announced on the 15th of June, 2012 by President Obama
• Materials out for first applications by August 2012
• DACA benefits: A work permit with a social security number...sometimes a driver’s license
• DACA provides a 2 year promise to not deport them if a holder does not violate a serious law.
• DACA may be renewed
WHY DACA?

• No comprehensive reform
• Valor of youth
• Resource Americans
WHAT DACA IS NOT?

• A law, the future is precarious
• A legalization plan....no derivatives, no pardons for previous situations
• A plan for everyone...families are out
• The DREAM Act; that has been stalled. Different states have options: IL, CA, NJ?
• A financial help; there are no welfare benefits
• A guaranteed driver’s license; there are AZz
THE PATH TO CITIZENSHIP

HOPE YOU MADE THE CUT-OFF DATE!
DEC. 31, 2011

MAINTAIN YOUR SUB-STANDARD LOUSY JOB

ENDURE THE BABBLING RACIST

NAVIGATE THE MAZE OF PUNITIVE FORMS

YAY, YOU'RE A CITIZEN!

IS THIS THE PATH TO THE MIDDLE CLASS?

YEAH, IT'S EVEN LONGER.

OH, AND WAIT A DECADE
NOW COUGH UP THOSE FEES
WHO BENEFITS FROM DACA...ONE WHO

• Has never been in removal proceedings or is now
• Has not accepted voluntary departure
• Does not have a final deportation order or is in detention now (?)
Figure A1
ICE Removals, Fiscal Years 2007-2011 (thousands)

Notes: Data from 2007 to 2011 include both removals and returns. Removals are the compulsory and confirmed movement of an inadmissible or deportable alien out of the United States based on an order of removal. An alien who is removed has administrative or criminal consequences placed on subsequent reentry. Returns are the confirmed movement of an inadmissible or deportable alien out of the United States not based on an order of removal. Numbers may not total due to rounding.


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WHO DOES NOT BENEFIT FROM DACA

• Transition generation vs. Children of immigrants
• Children born in the US
  • IL 90% of Hispanic children
• Latinas in college will soon be the largest segment
BASIC RULES:

- AGE
- PRESENCE
- EDUCATION
AGE AND PRESENCE

• Must be at least 15 when applying
• Have arrived in the USA before age 16
• Entered the USA before June 15 2007
• Has lived continually in the USA up to application
• Must be less than 31 before June 15 2012 and physically present in the USA upon application
EDUCATION

- Must be currently in high school or college or
- Have graduated from HS, or
- Have earned a GED
- Be a veteran of any armed service including the Coast Guard
BACKGROUND CHECK

• All applicants undergo a thorough background check
• To qualify one must not have a felony on record; anything punishable with less than 364 days in jail.
• Over 465$ in fees
PROVING IT

- Birth certificate
- Passport
- Consular ID
- Church and school records
OTHER

• Any false information is grounds for rejection of application, prosecution and deportation
• No travel outside the USA except under unusual circumstances in application and a $365 fee. Education, humanitarian, work exceptions
IMPLICATIONS FOR ‘US’
WHERE IS THE IMPACT?

• Across the country about 1.2 million qualify
• About 455,000 have registered
• About X have been rejected
• In Illinois over 17,000 have been accepted
NEW WORKFORCE?

• We hire, we need, we seek

• Bilingual
• Bi-cultural
• Bi-literate
• Eager
EXTENSION CONTEXTS

• As a target: involve, hire, cultivate (graduated)
• As a bridge to present client families: from forms to transportation to delivery
• Program development: focus groups, translators, triangulation, the value of trust
• 15% of the population we serve in IL
RESEARCH CONTEXTS

• As a resource:
  • the bridge builders to surveys,
  • embedded observers,
  • explainers,
  • translators

• As a subject: the catalysts or transition
HOW TO REACH DACAS?

• Some will self ID
• They have legal protection
• We Welcome DACA holders
• Community organizations
• Your clients know them
Comparing Generations
Snapshots of first- and second-generation immigrants, showing gaps in their status. Both groups were surveyed between 2010 and 2012.

**EDUCATION: PERCENT WITH LESS THAN HIGH SCHOOL**
- **LATINOS**: First generation 47%, Second generation 30%
- **ALL IMMIGRANTS**: First generation 28%, Second generation 16%
- **U.S. AVERAGE**: First generation 12%, Second generation 11%

**HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE ONLY**
- **LATINOS**: First generation 28%, Second generation 13%
- **ALL IMMIGRANTS**: First generation 26%, Second generation 26%
- **U.S. AVERAGE**: First generation 11%, Second generation 11%

**SOME COLLEGE**
- **LATINOS**: First generation 30%, Second generation 26%
- **ALL IMMIGRANTS**: First generation 27%, Second generation 27%
- **U.S. AVERAGE**: First generation 11%, Second generation 11%

**COLLEGE GRADUATE**
- **LATINOS**: First generation 36%, Second generation 21%
- **ALL IMMIGRANTS**: First generation 31%, Second generation 29%
- **U.S. AVERAGE**: First generation 11%, Second generation 11%

**MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME (IN THOUSANDS)**
- **U.S. AVERAGE**: First generation $58.2, Second generation $58.1
- **ALL IMMIGRANTS**: First generation $45.8, Second generation $48.4
- **LATINOS**: First generation $34.6, Second generation $43%

**HOMEOWNERSHIP RATE**
- **LATINOS**: First generation 64%, Second generation 8%
- **ALL IMMIGRANTS**: First generation 65%, Second generation 8%
- **U.S. AVERAGE**: First generation 58%, Second generation 8%

**INTERMARRIAGE**
- Percent of married people with a spouse of a different race or ethnicity
  - **LATINOS**: First generation 78%, Second generation 8%
  - **ALL IMMIGRANTS**: First generation 78%, Second generation 8%
  - **U.S. AVERAGE**: First generation 58%, Second generation 8%

**VIEWS ON MOBILITY**
- Percent who agree that most people who want to get ahead can make it if they’re willing to work hard.
- No figures available for immigrants overall.

*Note: Education figures are for adults 25 and older; second-generation immigrants are defined as adult children of immigrants.*
Q&A

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