

Do You Have DACA?

We want you to know we are here for you.

A message from the Most Rev. J. Peter Sartain, Archbishop of Seattle; Most Rev. Eusebio Elizondo, MSpS, Auxiliary Bishop of Seattle; and Most Rev. Daniel H. Mueggenborg, Auxiliary Bishop of Seattle

“We want to express clearly at this time our concern for all the young people – Americans – who are affected by this troubling decision. We know many “Dreamers” in western Washington and admire the extraordinary contributions they are making to our communities and the vibrancy of our parishes..... With Cardinal DiNardo and the excellent staff of the USCCB, we intend to strongly urge Congress to pass a legislative solution that is humane and fair..... To our young friends who are fearful of deportation as a result of this decision by the Trump Administration, we want you to know that we are with you, that we pray for you, and that in the name of the Lord Jesus, we will do all we can to make the United States your permanent home.”

Read the full statement here, in English; Spanish version is attached:http://www.seattlearchdiocese.org/Assets/PastoralCare/12486_DACA-BishopsResponse.pdf

Important! You can file for renewal if your current DACA status/work permit expires between now and March 5th, 2018.

Your renewal application **must be received by DHS by October 5th.**

To get help with renewal applications, go to Northwest Immigrants Rights Project at www.nwirp.org/daca to find and sign up for a **Community Forum** (see below for details)

Look for forums and clinics throughout Washington State here: <https://teamup.com/ks4cea716fd4ea0483/>

Community Forums for DACA Recipients

Northwest Immigrant Rights Project (www.nwirp.org) has put together a community advisory to help DACA recipients and their families with some of the questions that they may have following the announcement. You can find that advisory here:

<https://www.nwirp.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/DACA-Community-Advisory.pdf>

They are also partnering with WA Dream Act Coalition on hosting Community Forums next week at the locations listed below. They will have immigration attorneys on hand to help answer questions and also to help individuals with DACA who need assistance with renewal applications if their work permits expire on or before March 5. These events are free:

Granger (Yakima Valley): Monday, September 11 - 5:30P
Wenatchee: Tuesday, September 12 - 6P
South King County (Highline College): Saturday, September 16 - 10A

More details about each event, including fliers, can be found here: <https://www.nwirp.org/options-after-daca-community-forums/>

For those who already hold DACA:

- DHS will not terminate the grants of previously issued deferred action or revoke work authorization solely based on the announcement
- DHS will not approve any new Form I-131, Advance Parole applications
- DHS will administratively close all pending Form I-131 applications and will refund associated fees
- Previously issued and valid Advance Parole, travel authorization will generally be honored

For initial applications:

- DHS will stop accepting initial DACA requests as of Sept. 5
- Any initial applications filed after Sept. 5 will be rejected
- DHS will continue to adjudicate, on a case-by-case basis, pending DACA initial requests that were received by Sept. 5

For renewal applications:

- DHS will continue to adjudicate, on a case-by-case basis, DACA renewal requests filed as of Sept. 5
- DHS will accept and adjudicate, on a case-by-case basis, DACA renewal request applications from current beneficiaries whose benefits will expire between Sept. 5 and March 5, 2018, so long as renewal request applications are received by Oct. 5

Remember to take care of yourself!

Check out this Mental Health Toolkit from Here To Stay: <http://weareheretostay.org/resources/mental-health-emergency-toolkit/>

Further Information on DACA

[Announcement on Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals: What We Know](#)
Penn State Law Center for Immigrants' Rights, September 5, 2017.

[DACA Announcement: What We Know](#)
Shoba Sivaprasad Wadhia, September 5, 2017.

[Frequently Asked Questions on the Rescission of DACA](#)
Department of Homeland Security, September 5, 2017.

[DACA Update: Five Things You Should Know](#)
Fact sheet from the National Immigration Law Center and United We Dream, August 2017.

