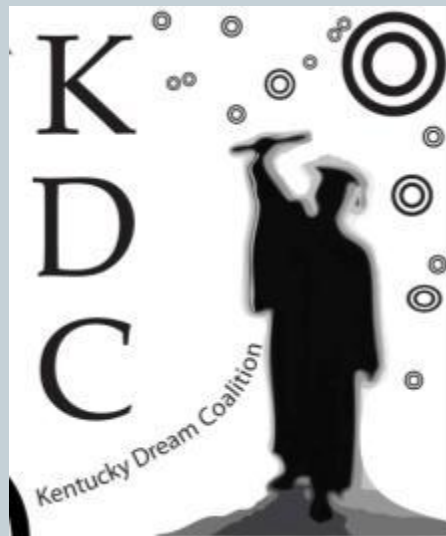
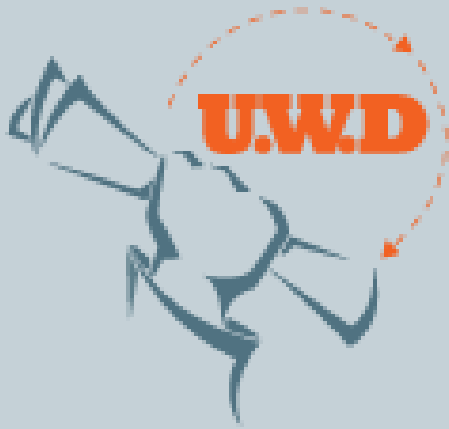


Dream Educational Empowerment Program



A PROJECT OF UNITED WE DREAM



What is United We Dream?



- UWD is the first and largest immigrant youth-led network in the nation, with 40+ affiliates in over 24 states.
- We strive to achieve equal access to higher education for all people, regardless of immigration status.
- We aim to address the inequities and obstacles faced by undocumented immigrant youth (commonly known as DREAMers) and to develop a sustainable, grassroots movement, led by DREAMers and their allies.

For more information, visit us at www.unitedwedream.org

What is DEEP?



The Dream Educational Empowerment Program (DEEP) is a project of UWD. DEEP seeks to address the barriers that hinder DREAMers from pursuing higher education. DEEP's goals are two-fold:

- Increase the number of DREAMers who could potentially benefit from future legislation, and
- Inspire immigrant youth & allies to move DREAMers from high school to college in greater numbers.

DEEP and DACA



- For the next months DEEP will focus on ensuring that no DREAMer is left behind as it relates to the educational requirements to apply for deferred action.
- Focus specifically on 15-18 year old DREAMers so that they will not accrue unlawful presence once they apply to DACA
- DEEP will develop toolkits, webinars, DEEP/DREAM centers throughout the nation.

For more information visit:

www.unitedwedream.org/resources/education-deep

DEEP: Defined



Educate

- Remove systemic barriers
- Focus on opportunity (not limitation)
- Create educational pathways for youth
- Train educators

Connect

- Build networks of support
- Collaborate between K-16, orgs, businesses
- Training, webinars, workshops

Empower

- Improve students' self-determination
- Shift in consciousness
- Remove shadow of "illegality"



A Closer look: Role of Educator

- K-12 Inclusive -> Postsecondary Exclusive (Gonzalez, forthcoming)
- Socialized into Undocumented Identity
- Role of Institution
 - How can we minimize social reproduction of “illegality”?
 - How can we empower students during transitional period?
 - How can we create safe spaces so that our institutions welcome students and integrate the “Dreamer” culture into our everyday functions?
 - How can we create leadership within our institutions and networks so undocumented students can influence and/or create policy and programs that affect them and other 21st century students?

How can you help a Dreamer with DACA?



Assisting him/her with compiling the following documents to be used as proof of their DACA eligibility:

- **Official School Transcripts** - demonstrate the entirety of the student's enrollment (K-12). FYI, it is NOT required for transcripts to be sealed or certified
- **Official High School Transcript or Diploma** – Students that have graduated must obtain an Official High School Transcript that includes the date of graduation and a copy of their high school diploma.

How to help a Dreamer with DACA (continued)?



Assisting him/her with compiling the following documents to be used as proof of their DACA eligibility:

- **Other helpful documents** - If possible, please make copies of the student's entire enrollment records including copies of vaccine records, proof of residency on file, report cards on file, etc.
- **Yearbooks:** If you have yearbooks archived in the school library, this will help show continuous presence.

DEEP Live: BCTC & Kentucky Dream Coalition



- Annual Latino Multicultural College Fair
- Annual Latino Leadership and College Experience
- Networking/Fundraising Support to attend UWD events
- Mentoring
- Leadership



BCTC, KDC and DACA



- GED/High School Re-Enrollment Workshop
- Consulate Appointments
- Community Forums
- DACA Clinic
- Teacher/School District Educational Workshops
 - BCTC Latino Outreach Staff: School District Registrars
 - KDC: School District ESL Teachers and Youth Services Directors
- Document Collection: Letters of enrollment for high school and college students enrolled in programs
- Provide in-kind resources to KDC: facility use, supplies, phone, and copying



KDC and DEEP



- Promoting Webinars
- Sharing DACA guides/resources
- DEEP Conference (October 27, 2012 10 am to 5 pm)



DEEP Connections



Allies must educate themselves about programs and opportunities available to Dreamers. Tips for making connections:

- Sign up for newsletters and updates on www.unitedwedream.org
- [Find](#) the local United We Dream affiliate near you or connect with a local community based immigrant organization
- Join the United We Dream [DEEP Facebook Page](#)
- Explore best practices at [Community College Consortium for Immigrant Education](#) and [Educators for Fair Consideration](#)

Gracias



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