**UCIMM UPDATES**

**Consultation workshop for UC employees who have DACA - Saturday, June 10**

Save the date! With the fate of DACA looming in the courts, our Center is exploring ways to extend support to DACA recipients employed at the UC. We are organizing a virtual workshop to screen employees for humanitarian, family, and employment-based immigration relief. Remember, employment-based immigration relief is NOT limited to STEM fields and international visiting scholars! To hear two individuals’ employment immigration stories, view [this webinar](#); at 50 minutes, speaker Damian Leon discusses his path to lawful permanent residency as an engineer, and at 59 minutes, Karla De La Torre Mora discusses her path as an attorney.

Details on how to register will be circulated in May.

**STATE POLICY UPDATES**

**Frequently Asked Questions: California Department of Justice (DOJ) Background Checks and Undocumented Students in California Higher Education**

[This document](#) from the California Undocumented Higher Education Coalition aims to educate undocumented students and higher education practitioners about CA DOJ background checks and how to navigate the process. Students, including undocumented students, may be asked to complete a CA DOJ background check (i.e., fingerprints) in order to participate in professional development opportunities, including: volunteering, internships, fellowships, class-specific requirements (placements, clinicals, service hours, etc), programs leading to licensure, among others.
President Biden announces plan to expand health coverage to DACA recipients

On April 13, the Biden Administration announced that the Department of Health and Human Services will propose a rule by the end of April that would make DACA recipients eligible for Medicaid and Affordable Care Act coverage.

In California, Medi-Cal (California’s Medicaid program) has already been expanded to all income-eligible individuals regardless of immigration status ages 50 and over and 25 and under. In 2022, California passed legislation to fill the gap, allowing all low-income individuals regardless of status between the ages of 26 and 49 to enroll in Medi-Cal, beginning in January 2024.

Biden’s proposed rule is particularly good news for immigrants in other states that do not have programs that allow DACA recipients to obtain health coverage.

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Webinars

Upcoming webinar: Overview of Employment-Based Visas for DACA and TPS Recipients
On May 10, the Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC), in partnership with the CSUs and CCCs, will present a webinar focusing on the process for obtaining lawful permanent residence through employer sponsorship. Register here.

Webinar recording: Getting a PERM: An Employment-based Green Card
In this webinar presented by Immigrants Rising, you’ll learn about potential pathways to lawful permanent residency through employment-based visas and the labor certification process.

Upcoming webinar: Promoting Immigrant Health Webinar
In this April 25 webinar, attendees will learn to: Increase your understanding of the public charge rule and how to combat the chilling effect using resources developed by the CA-PIF Outreach & Communications work-group; Obtain answers to general legal questions around immigration, public charge, and public benefits; Learn best practices and approaches for educating immigrant communities about Medi-Cal renewals and how to help Californians keep their benefits. Register here.

Blog: DACA Recipients Stuck Picking Up Crumbs Left by the DREAM Act's Failure
UC Davis School of Law JD Candidate, and American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) DEI Scholarship winner, Brenda Quintanilla, delineates the history and impact of DACA and efforts to pass the DREAM Act, writing “America has a gambling problem and undocumented/DACAmented people are treated like poker chips.”
Survey: Experiences of Black Immigrants in the U.S. Immigration System
The Haitian Bridge Alliance is conducting a survey on the experiences of Black immigrants in the U.S. immigration system. Black immigrants and asylum seekers are eligible for a $30 gift card for completing the survey. The deadline for responses is May 5, 2023. Survey linked here.

California Immigrant Legal Fellowship Announcement
California ChangeLawyers is partnering with the California Department of Social Services, immigrant rights organizations, including Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC) and CHIRLA, to provide three-year fellowships to up to 9 attorneys or law graduates committed to providing immigration legal services in underserved regions of the state. There will be a strong preference for candidates pursuing legal careers in those regions beyond the term of the Fellowship. Full details of the announcement and access to the application portal is via this link.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.
Thank you,
The UC Immigrant Legal Services Center team

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