Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) Awareness Campaign Toolkit

Last month, UCIMM officially launched our SIJS Awareness Campaign to inform the UC community about the eligibility requirements and application process for obtaining a work permit and lawful permanent immigration status through SIJS. As a reminder, our staff are available to host in-person and virtual informational sessions now and in the future. We will re-launch this campaign in the Fall, and hope that admissions stakeholders will help get involved and spread the word! View our SIJS Awareness Campaign Toolkit at tinyurl.com/UCIMM-SIJS-Toolkit

Reminder

UCIMM's summertime soft closure is in effect. Please refer to our previous email announcement, or contact your campus attorney if you have questions.
**Medi-Cal Older Adult Expansion**

As of May 1, 2022, eligible adults 50 years of age or older can now qualify for full scope Medi-Cal, regardless of immigration status. The California Immigrant Policy Center has created a helpful FAQ. California also plans to include 26-49 year-olds in MediCal expansion, however, the rollout is not scheduled until January 1, 2024. To learn more or to get involved with efforts to move up the rollout date, visit the Health4All campaign.

**Below are updates on proposed bills moving through the California legislature that could help immigrant communities**

**SB 1141 (Limon) Equitable AB 540 Implementation:** This bill would reduce the total years of full-time attendance in certain California schools, the years of full-time high school coursework in California, and the total years of attendance in California elementary schools and California secondary schools required from 3 or more years to 2 or more years.  
*The bill passed senate last month, and passed unanimously by the higher education committee. The bill now goes to the assembly appropriations committee. We will not know anything new until mid-August.*

**AB 2004 (C. Garcia) California DREAM Loan Program:** This bill would increase the DREAM Loan amounts for graduate students, ensure that student borrowers have access to comprehensive financial and borrowing education, and ensure student borrowers are offered all forms of relief that federal loan student borrowers are eligible for, including loan forgiveness, deferment, discharge, forbearance, repayment, and administrative relief.  
*The state is facing difficulty in determining who will own/run the program that facilitates forgiveness, deferment, etc.*

**AB 2652 (McCarty) Food Support Pilot Program:** This bill would require the CA Student Aid Commission (CSAC) to establish a state-funded Food Support Pilot Program to provide California Food Assistance Program (CFAP) benefits to students who submit a California Dream Act Application.  
*Unfortunately this bill will not move forward this year, but CSAC will continue to push for it during next year’s legislative session.*

**AB 1746 (Medina) Cal Grant Reform Act:** This Cal Grant equity framework would simplify and expand the Cal Grant program, potentially serving more than 150,000 additional students including student-parents, adult learners, and CA Dream Act Application filers.  
*The CA legislature is in support of the bill; it’s passing will depend on whether Newsom includes it in the budget.*

**AB 1766 (Stone) California IDs for All Act:** The bill will expand California Identification cards (CA ID) to all Californians, regardless of immigration status.  
*Bill is making its way through legislature; no specific updates.*
FEDERAL POLICY UPDATES

DACA litigation timeline
On July 6, 2022, oral arguments will be heard at the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in the matter of Texas v. United States, which ruled on July 16, 2021 that DACA is unlawful.

Los Angeles Declaration on Migration and Protection
President Biden and leaders from across the Western Hemisphere signed on to the Los Angeles Declaration on Migration and Protection at the Summit of the Americas. The Declaration seeks to mobilize around actions that will transform approaches to managing migration in the Americas. The Declaration is organized around four key pillars: (1) stability and assistance for communities; (2) expansion of legal pathways; (3) humane migration management; and (4) coordinated emergency response.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

On May 19, DHS announced the TPS registration process for individuals from Afghanistan.

Article: Partnership Model to Bolster Financial Support for Undocumented College Students

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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