

Script for Community Education Video on Eligibility for DAPA and DACA

Hi - My name is _____ and I'm from X organization in location. [I am an immigration lawyer / BIA rep?]
I want to talk to you about the President's new announcement on immigration.

First, the President announced a new program that may help millions of undocumented immigrants. This new program is called Deferred Action for Parental Accountability or "DAPA" for short. People who get DAPA will get protection from deportation and a work permit for three years. DAPA will not give anyone a green card or United States citizenship.

- Are you the mother or father of a U.S. citizen or green-card holder?
- And have you been living in the United States since January 1, 2010?

If so, you may qualify for the DAPA program.

Second, the President announced changes to the program announced two years ago for some people who came to the United States as children, often called "Dreamers." That program is called Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals or "DACA" for short. People who get DACA will get protection from deportation and a work permit for three years. DACA will not give anyone a green card or U.S. citizenship.

- Did you first come to the United States before your turned 16 years old?
- And have you been living here since January 1, 2010?

If so, you may qualify for the newly expanded DACA program.

If you got legal advice about DACA before and you were told you did not qualify, you may want to get legal advice again. Maybe the changes to the DACA program will help you.

The application process for DACA and DAPA will require a background check. You should get good legal advice about your case, but it is very very important for you to get legal advice if you had any contact with the police or immigration service, including as a juvenile. Some types of contact with the police or immigration service mean you won't qualify for DACA or DAPA, but other problems can be okay. It depends. The important thing is to get good advice – avoid immigration scams. Do not pay any money to wait in line for DAPA or the new expanded DACA. There is no line!

When can you apply?

At this time, you cannot apply for DAPA—the program for parents of U.S. citizens and green card holders. The application period should start around May of 2015.

You cannot apply for the new expanded DACA program yet. The application period should start around February of 2015.

But if you qualify for DACA under the old rules, you can apply at this time. People who need to renew their DACA can also apply at this time. For more information about the old DACA rules, visit weownthedream.org.

There are many organizations ready to provide you with information about DAPA and DACA. Visit adminrelief.org for free information and to find legal help near you.

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