

# Ready America | Implementing Immigration Action

Thursday, February 4, 2016

TIME	WORKSHOP TRACK	WORKSHOP TITLE	DESCRIPTION
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	<b>Substantive Immigration Law</b>	Holding Pattern Help: Do You Know Another Remedy When You See it?	Many people may be eligible for permanent forms of immigration relief and not know it. Legal advocates have learned from DACA workshops that up to 14% of undocumented immigrants may qualify for an existing form of immigration relief and not know it. This workshop will review these other forms of relief and how we can help our communities screen for potential eligibility for an immigration benefit now.
	<b>Service Delivery Models</b>	BIA Recognition and Accreditation: Proposed Changes and What Your Organization Needs to do to be Ready	Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) recognition and accreditation allows non-attorneys employed or volunteering at a nonprofit organization to offer immigration legal services to those in need low cost legal assistance. The BIA recently proposed major changes that will have significant impact on existing recognized programs and future programs. Listen to a brief overview of the current program and discuss how the proposed rule may impact your community organization.
	<b>Communications and Community Outreach</b>	Communications 101	Plain language legal content can help people, especially harder to reach populations, learn about immigration options. In this workshop, we will analyze communications materials and apply research-based tips into their content creation. In addition, we will consider how to incorporate non-communications staff into communication and outreach efforts.
	<b>Effective Strategies and Practices</b>	The Community Navigator Training: Preparing and Training the Field	Over 5,100 community leaders have attended a Community Navigator training to become key messengers in their communities for administrative relief. This workshop will discuss this training model, what implementation of Community Navigators looks like in the field, sharing of the Community Navigator 101 / 201 curriculum, and how to stand up Community Navigator trainings in your area.
	<b>Open Forums</b>	Lessons Learned from DACA	Join officials, advocates, practitioners and organizers as we discuss valuable lessons learned from DACA for Administrative Relief. Learn about DHS and USCIS initiatives to address challenges with the program as well as innovative approaches used to raise awareness of the program and provide services.
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	<b>Substantive Immigration Law</b>	All About Parole: How to Get it, and Using Parole to Qualify for Adjustment of Status	Some non-citizens, including DACA recipients, may be eligible to adjust their status to permanent residency after traveling abroad on advance parole. In this workshop, we will review who is eligible for advance parole, how to apply for advance parole, and when advance parole may create a route to residency through adjustment of status.
	<b>Service Delivery Models</b>	Community-wide Collaboration between Lawyers, Non-lawyers and Organizers	Service delivery on a large scale requires not only coordination within a community organization but also between organizations and across sectors, including across metropolitan and rural settings. Cross-sector collaboration must include organizers, activists and lawyers. Learn how to define the differences between networking, coordination, cooperation and collaboration, and discuss how these work on a continuum, with collaboration as the most intense but effective method to expand services.
	<b>Communications and Community Outreach</b>	Tools to Augment and Track Social Media and Online Campaigns	Come and learn about practical online resources for developing communications materials. We will share methods to measure the effectiveness of social media and online campaigns.

	<b>Effective Strategies and Practices</b>	Roundtable Discussion on Building Membership Through Legal Clinics	This roundtable discussion is geared towards organizers and others interested in discussing how to build membership and grow social movements (immigration, labor and others) through legal clinics. Presenters will discuss best practices and lessons learned from their experiences with DACA and citizenship clinics and strategize around plans for implementing DAPA. The discussion will include activities during legal clinics such as know-your-rights trainings and other educational activities.
	<b>Open Forums</b>	Supporting Your Case! Researchers Listening Session	Is your program trying to gain reliable and detailed data on eligible populations for administrative relief? This session offers participants an opportunity to learn from national experts about relevant research about eligibility demographics and how to best incorporate data into advocacy strategies.
<b>3:30 PM – 5:00 PM</b>	<b>Substantive Immigration Law</b>	Planning for the Future: Protecting Rights and Opportunities	Even with DACA or DAPA, many people will remain undocumented and continue to face the risk of deportation. This panel will talk about how non-citizens can protect themselves from raids, and how undocumented people can prepare for future opportunities to gain legal status. It will discuss the common requirements for legal immigration status, how to avoid immigration problems, and how to gather the records to help with an immigration case or application.
	<b>Service Delivery Models</b>	Effective Use of Staff and Volunteers	There are a myriad of factors that must be considered when employing staff and mobilizing volunteers: mission fit, skill, funding source, availability, training, roles and responsibilities, supervision and retention, and avoiding burnout. Whether a program is new or established and growing, it is important to consider issues surrounding the use of staff and volunteers. Participate in a discussion with a diverse panel on roles and responsibilities, and strategize about creatively engaging staff and volunteers.
	<b>Communications and Community Outreach</b>	Conversations about Effective Messengers and Messaging	This will be a moderated discussion where participants will share the role and impact of messengers in immigrant communities. We will explore the messaging surrounding Texas vs United States litigation and anti-immigrant rhetoric.
	<b>Effective Strategies and Practices</b>	Working with Local Government	This workshop will share models of effective collaborations that currently exist between organizations and local governments, while also allowing participants to discuss their local initiatives and strategies to continue enhancing these partnerships.
	<b>Open Forums</b>	Raise Your Voice! A Listening Session with National Immigration Advocates	A conversation with practitioners and advocates in the field to share experiences in assisting immigrants as they prepare for and apply for administrative relief with national-level advocates for policy and procedure change.
<b>Friday, February 5, 2016</b>			
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<b>8:30 AM – 10:00</b>	<b>Substantive Immigration Law</b>	All About DACA	As we look forward to DAPA's implementation, we can begin to prepare by examining the current DACA model and its implementation. This workshop will cover the basic requirements of applying for DACA and expanded DACA. It will also cover best practices for applying for renewal of DACA, the alternative education requirement, red flags, RFEs and other common issues in DACA.

	<b>Service Delivery Models</b>	Innovative Models for Service Delivery	Building capacity to serve and engage with undocumented individuals seeking immigration status is a complex endeavor. In recent years, many organizations have developed innovative models to deliver service to their communities. Engage in discussions about new models and discuss service delivery models in existence and whether they have been tested, as well as the resources and technologies needed for such models.
	<b>Communications and Community Outreach</b>	Technology Tools and Strategies for Organizing and Outreach	This workshop will look at technology tools being developed to help organizations reach immigrant families, pull them in to workshops and services, and ultimately get them involved in the organization and the movement. Hear from the organizations developing these tools and groups in the field using them to mobilize immigrant communities through organizing and community navigator efforts.
	<b>Effective Strategies and Practices</b>	Storytelling as a Recruitment and Outreach Tool for Effective Implementation and Advocacy	This workshop will focus on why storytelling is important and how different organizations/teams have effectively used it to serve people in their communities through implementation. The workshop will also touch on why it's important to not only tell but collect stories for the work we do around advocacy. We'll share best practices and tips for telling your story and helping others tell theirs.
	<b>Open Forums</b>	State & Local Executive Action Initiatives Open Forum	While Administrative Relief is federally-administered, state and local Executive Action initiatives greatly affect DACA recipients' experiences. Panelists in this open forum will engage the audience on initiatives that states have taken to embrace or deter the program's success.
<b>10:30 AM – 12:00 PM</b>	<b>Substantive Immigration Law</b>	Prosecutorial Discretion Requests: What to do and how to do it	This workshop will explain how prosecutorial discretion can be exercised in immigration cases. Panelists will provide best practices on how to develop a persuasive request for prosecutorial discretion and how to use other advocacy strategies to bolster the request. We will also discuss how prosecutorial discretion relates to current DHS enforcement priorities and ICE practices in the field.
	<b>Service Delivery Models</b>	Eligibility Screening Consequences and Strategies	A recent study suggests that 14% of people seeking Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) were actually eligible for another, often better, immigration benefit. How can undocumented individuals best be screened to ensure they are counseled on the best benefit available? Discuss with experienced practitioners ways to best interview and screen on eligibility criteria via service delivery models.
	<b>Communications and Community Outreach</b>	Technology Tools for Legal Services and Community Education	This session will explore how technology is being used to support legal services and community legal education. From online screening and virtual legal assistance to using text messaging and social media for know your rights and community education, technology has a critical role to play in making the delivery of legal services, information and referrals more effective and efficient.
	<b>Effective Strategies and Practices</b>	DACA 2012 Implementation: Lessons Learned and Preparing for 2016 Administrative Relief	This workshop will be a panel discussion with United We Dream and partners discussing the organizing strategy around DACA 2012 implementation and the lessons learned in preparing for 2016 Administrative Relief. Presenters will also share tools and practices to help attendees prepare their communities.

	<b>Open Forums</b>	DACA Education and Outreach	Education is a key eligibility requirement for DACA. This open forum offers an opportunity to engage with U.S. Department of Education and (State) Department of Education representatives to learn more about their initiatives to help educators support undocumented students.
<b>1:30 PM – 3:00 PM</b>	<b>Substantive Immigration Law</b>	Enforcement Priorities: One Year Later	This workshop will review the new DHS enforcement priorities memo that went into effect on January 5, 2015. Panelists will discuss the categories of conduct that trigger enforcement under the three-tiered enforcement priorities, potential exceptions to the priorities, and the impact of the memo on previous prosecutorial discretion policies. We will also review how these priorities impact DAPA eligibility and address lingering questions about the type of conduct triggering enforcement based on these priorities.
	<b>Service Delivery Models</b>	Program Sustainability through Earned Income and Membership	For decades, non-profit legal services and community organizations have charged fees for immigration services set at rates well-below market. During the implementation and most active application times of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, the issue of charging for services generated controversy in some communities. Discuss the emerging trend that more non-profits charge to defray costs of scaling up services, and what this means in terms of healthy development practices.
	<b>Communications and Community Outreach</b>	Strategies for Engaging Mainstream and Ethnic Media	This session will focus on effective strategies for engaging mainstream and ethnic media, including developing a public relations strategy, cultivating relationships with media, and presenting compelling stories.
	<b>Effective Strategies and Practices</b>	Regional Coordination: Strengthening Capacity and Building Power for Implementation	Regional Coordination exists when there is intentional partnership and engagement across organizations and sectors in effort to enhance capacity and structure for effective implementation of administrative relief, immigration services and preparing for eventual immigration reform. This workshop will focus on current regional coordination tables and partnerships which serve as models for organizations that are new to this effort.
	<b>Open Forums</b>	The State of Texas v. United States Litigation, Where Are We Now?	Hear legal and strategic updates on the State of Texas v. United States litigation and participate in a conversation about how to relate the litigation to the field.

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