

Community Navigator Post-Supreme Court Decision Training Model & Curriculum Outline

Community Navigators (or Promotores) are community members who receive specialized training to provide quality immigration services for their communities in an empowering and effective way. Community navigators are also liaisons between their community, legal service providers, social service organizations, and government representatives, and are engaged in community outreach, organizing, screening, document preparation, and/or application assistance. They are often advocates, educators, mentors, and interpreters in their communities. Although the Supreme Court's 4-4 decision on U.S. vs. TX blocked the implementation of DAPA and DACA+, Community Navigators are still playing a critical role in their communities.

Given the continued work and role of Community Navigators, CIRI Regional Training Team has created additional training modules to build a Community Navigator 201 Training curriculum that reflects the interests and needs of the immigrant rights field. Below is a list of the Community Navigator 201 Training curriculum.

Module 1: Life After DACA 2012

This training module provides in-depth information to supporting undocumented youth who have received DACA 2012. The module covers financial areas (credit / SSN card), workers' rights, health, education, identity / driver's licenses, travel and other immigration relief, and DACA renewals.

Module 2: Deportation Defense & Enforcement Education

This training module presents an overview of the enforcement landscape, where we are today with immigration enforcement, and the impact it has on our families and communities. This module will also discuss what has changed and what did not change when Secure Communities was rebranded as the "Priority Enforcement Program" (PEP). Also, this module goes into how to fight back against deportations, know your rights and organizing to protect our families.

Module 3: Know Your Rights

This training module provides in-depth information of the rights immigrants have when confronted by the local police or immigration officers; along with the new enforcement priorities under the "Priority Enforcement Program" (PEP). The module also shares what individuals and communities can do to take action and protect themselves from deportation.

Module 4: Naturalization

This training module introduces the naturalization eligibility requirements, the N-400 application process, the benefits to U.S. Citizenship and barriers that immigrant communities face when deciding to become U.S. Citizens.

Module 5: Workers' Rights

This training module focuses on the labor movement and the fight for economic and social justice for immigrant workers. The module will be tailored around the issues that immigrant workers often face, know your rights information, and how to best protect yourself in the workplace.

Module 6: Screening for DACA 2012 and Other Forms of Relief

This training module focuses on DACA 2012 and Other Forms of Relief (U-Visa, T-Visa, VAWA, etc) and how to screen for these benefits in collaboration with legal service providers. This module also talks about the role that Community Navigators can play in the screening process.

Module 7: Avoiding Unauthorized Practice of Law, Reporting Victimization, and Identifying Legal Help

This training module emphasizes the importance of Community Navigators avoiding unauthorized practice of law, their ability to report victimization, and ways in which they can identify legal help to refer community members to trusted legal service providers.

Module 8: Anti-Fraud

This training module goes in-depth on common scams practices that are prevalent in immigrant communities (i.e. notario fraud, deceptive advertising, false promises), shares Know Your Rights information and resources for communities regarding fraudulent practices, and ways to prevent and report victimization and a local, state and national level.