



Welcome

Supporting Undocumented Students at Mt. SAC
Monday, March 3rd

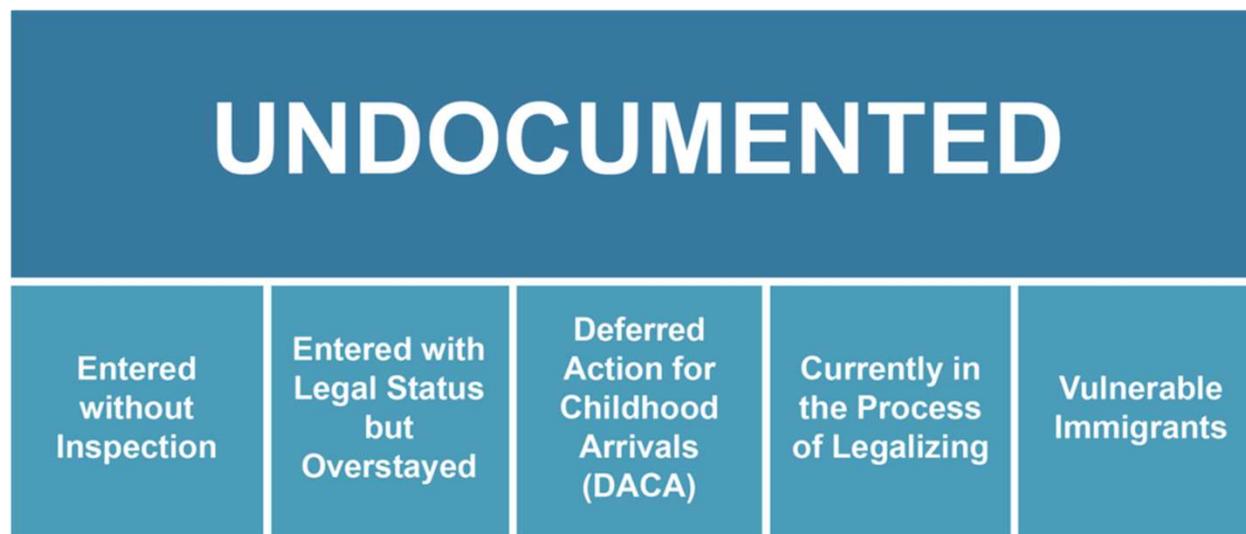
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Overview

- Who are our undocumented students?
- Challenges
- Executive Orders on Immigration
- DREAM Program support
- Training and Support
- Q+A



Who are our undocumented students?



Common challenges experienced by undocumented students

- Uncertainty about immigration status impacts the decision of attending college early on in K-12
- Added burden of navigating eligibility requirements for resources and services
- Concerns about privacy and confidentiality and who to trust
- Difficulty selecting a major/program of study and future planning
- Lack of access to jobs and other income-generating opportunities on campus without work authorization/SSN
- Help-seeking behaviors are stunted due to fear of sharing immigration status and stigma, especially in highly politicized climates
- Relevant language access can be limited in critical departments crucial to enrollment
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Executive Orders and Policy Changes

Rescinded “Sensitive Locations” Memo

Expedited Removal

Department of Homeland Security – immigrant registry requirement*

Ending Birthright Citizenship



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Supporting our Undocumented Students

What students are sharing:

- Fears of encountering immigration and law enforcement agencies
- Concerns about safety while on campus
- Transitioning to online courses or taking a break
- If college is the priority right now; “is it still worth it?”
- Aversion to seeking Basic Needs and community-based resources and support

DREAM Program Support

- Immigration-related KYR presentations through CARECEN
- Student Talking Circles
- Counseling support to navigate enrollment options including transfer support
- KYR Resources and Communication Updates
- Support for prospective students and their families
- UndocuAdvocate Trainings for faculty, staff and administrators, forthcoming



DREAM Program

Know Your Rights Website

https://www.mtsac.edu/dream/know_your_rights.html

- KYR Resource Library
- Family Preparedness Plan
- Rapid Response Networks
- CARECEN Legal Presentations Schedule

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UndocuAdvocate Trainings

- Undocumented Student Action Week (October 2024) – 40+ staff and faculty
 - **Participating areas:** ESL, EOPS/CARE/CalWORKS/NextUp/REACH, Career Center, Bridge, Basic Needs, Rising Scholars, Adult Basic Education, Rising Scholars, El Centro, Pride Center, Financial Aid, Behavior and Wellness Team, Center for Black Culture and Student Success, Equity Center, Admissions and Records
- Flex Day– 50 Faculty
- Department Chair Training
- New Faculty Seminar – 9 new faculty
- Mountie Podcast Episode 209 –
 - DREAM Center: Supporting Undocumented Students in Uncertain Times
- Forthcoming trainings in spring 2025



UndocuReady Together!



Questions?

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