



# Faculty and Staff Guide to Supporting Undocumented Students at GCC

A collaboration between the AB 540 Support Committee  
and Resolution 24 Task Force

# What is DACA?

- ▶ DACA is a federal government program created in 2012 under Barack Obama to allow people brought to the US illegally as children the temporary right to live, study and work in America.
- ▶ Those applying are vetted for any criminal history or threat to national security and must be students or have completed school or military service.
- ▶ If they pass vetting, action to deport them is deferred for two years, with a chance to renew, and they become eligible for basics like a driving license, college enrollment or a work permit.
- ▶ [Joanna Walters](#) "What is Daca and who are the Dreamers?" The Guardian September 14, 2017

# Background

- ▶ Those protected under DACA are referred to as “Dreamers”
- ▶ Currently, there are almost 800,000 Dreamers or DACA recipients
- ▶ On September 5<sup>th</sup> the Trump Administration issued a memo stating they would be ending the DACA program within 6 months (March 2018)
- ▶ The future of the Dreamers is very precarious. We do not know if they will be located and deported after the program is terminated or if Congress will find a solution before that.
- ▶ These students are currently experiencing great distress, anxiety and fear for both themselves but also their families (who can be located due to the documentation submitted by DACA applicants).
- ▶ This presentation is intended to provide campus faculty and staff with guidelines about what to do if ICE comes onto campus to locate and/or remove undocumented and/or DACA students



# What to do if ICE comes into your classroom or office

- Please do not provide ANY student information to ICE
- Do not allow ICE to identify undocumented students or make students comply with any of their orders in your class or office
- Direct ICE officers to the President's office
- Chief of GCC Police, Gary Montecucollo, has stated that if ICE comes onto campus after the President has left faculty/staff should call the GCC police station to have ICE escorted away so they do not disrupt class or engage with students
  - **GCC Police Information:**
  - EMERGENCY PHONE: (818) 409-5911 or dial ext. 4000 from any campus phone.
  - Located in the Sierra Madre Building Room 153

# GCC's Current Commitment

- ▶ Excerpt from GCC President Dr. David Viar's September 5<sup>th</sup> Statement in response to the Trump Administration's Memo on DACA
  - ▶ GCC is open to all students who meet minimum requirements for admission, regardless of immigration status.
  - ▶ GCC will not release any personal identifiable student information related to immigration status, without a judicial warrant, subpoena or court order, unless authorized by the student or required by law.
  - ▶ The college police department will not detain, question, or arrest any individual solely on the basis of (suspected) undocumented immigration status. ([GCC College Police Immigration Policy](#))
  - ▶ GCC will not cooperate with any federal effort to create a registry of individuals based on any protected characteristics such as religion, nation of origin, race, gender, or sexual orientation.





# Referral Resources for legal and other assistance for Dreamers

- ▶ COALITION FOR HUMANE IMMIGRATION RIGHTS LA ( CHIRLA ) 2533 West 3rd Street, Suite 101 | Los Angeles, California 90057 Toll free 1-888-6CHIRLA, (213) 353 1333
- ▶ CENTRAL AMERICAN RESOURCE CENTER ( CARECEN ) 2845 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street Los Angeles, CA 90005 (213) - 385 – 7800
- ▶ Catholic Charities of LA 1530 James M Wood Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90015 (213) 251-3529