Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

1) What is Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)?
DACA is an immigration benefit. On June 15, 2012, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued a memorandum allowing undocumented individuals who came to the U.S. as children and meet certain guidelines to apply for DACA.

2) What are the benefits of DACA?
- DACA recipients receive permission to live and work in the U.S. for two years (may be renewed).
- DACA recipients may apply for a social security number and in most states, a driver’s license.
- DACA recipients may apply for permission to travel abroad.

3) What are the DACA eligibility guidelines?
- Came to U.S. under the age of 16;
- Under 31 years old as of June 15, 2012;
- At least 15 years old at time of filing, unless in immigration court proceedings, or has final removal order or voluntary departure;
- Continuously resided in the U.S. since June 15, 2007 until the present time;
- Physically present in the U.S. on June 15, 2012 and at time of filing;
- Entered without inspection by immigration authorities prior to June 15, 2012 or has expired lawful immigration status as of June 15, 2012;
- Currently in school (includes career training programs, General Education Development (GED) courses, etc.), graduated from high school, obtained GED certificate or Honorably discharged veteran of U.S. Coast Guard or Armed Forces; AND
- Not convicted of a felony, significant misdemeanor, three or more other misdemeanors, and is not a threat to national security or public safety.

4) Where can I find help with applying for DACA?
You can search for legal help here: www.weownthedream.org/legalhelp