



UNDERSTANDING THE 2020 SUPREME COURT DECISION ON DACA

On June 18, 2020 the U.S. Supreme Court sided with DACA recipients ruling that the way in which the Trump administration rescinded the DACA program in 2017 was unlawful. The decision is a huge victory for immigrant communities and their allies who mobilized to protect the DACA program.

Although the Court sided with DACA recipients, it is important to remember that the Trump administration can again try to end the program through an executive action. Only Congress, through federal legislation, can create an opportunity for DACA recipients to get green cards and eventual U.S. citizenship. It is time for a permanent legislative solution for DACA recipients, TPS holders, and all other immigrants at risk of deportation.

WHAT DID THE COURT DECIDE?

The Court ruled in favor of the DACA program, rejecting the Trump administration's 2017 attempt to terminate the program. This decision restores the program completely, and both initial and renewal applications should be accepted by USCIS.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE COMMUNITY?

- Current DACA recipients continue to be protected from deportation and eligible for benefits under the DACA program, like work authorization.
- Eligible DACA recipients **can continue to apply to renew** their DACA for two more years.
- Eligible individuals *who never had DACA* **should be able to apply at this time**.
- All eligible individuals should consult with a legal service provider for information about applying for DACA for the first time, renewing their existing DACA, and/or getting screened for eligibility for other, more permanent immigration options.
- It is possible Advance Parole may again allow DACA recipients to travel outside the United States and return. However, details of this possibility are still unclear, and the potential impact of the COVID-19 pandemic may limit the ability to travel. Check with a legal service provider for more information.

WHAT SHOULD THE COMMUNITY DO NOW?

- Connect with a legal service provider to apply for DACA for the first time, renew DACA cases, and explore options beyond DACA. Visit bit.ly/ianimmhelp to find a trusted legal service provider.
- Continue to fight this administration's anti-immigrant agenda by advocating for a permanent legislative solution for DACA recipients and all other immigrant communities at risk of deportation.