



California Community Colleges

SYSTEM WEBINAR SUMMARY:

Resources for Undocumented Students (Oct. 2025)

This [webinar](#) focused on ways to strengthen support for undocumented students. Guest presenters included Annie Nguyen and Monica Andrade of the President's Alliance on Higher Education & Immigration, Alonso Garcia of Foundation for California Community Colleges, and Alisha Nagpal of the Student Senate for California Community Colleges.

How Do Recent Events Affect Undocumented Students?

- The federal government has shut down, but the Department of Education and Department of Labor indicate that core programs in financial aid and workforce will continue, with electronic systems maintained and key staff retained to provide support. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services will also continue.
- Recent [news articles](#) indicate that the federal government may begin processing new Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) applications for non-Texas residents, following a [court order](#) in the case of Texas v. United States (No 23-40653). The Chancellor's Office is still gathering information to better understand the implications of the order and the government's plans to provide guidance. As of now, current DACA recipients in all states remain eligible to renew the protections and work permits.

Who Advocates for Undocumented Student Services?

- *Chancellor's Office and California Advocacy [Organizations](#)*: A swell of advocacy efforts since 2017 have led to substantial state investments in resources for undocumented students, including Dreamer Resource Liaisons, legal services, and enhanced student support services. The most recent state budget included one-time investments for emergency financial assistance grants for undocumented students and for enhanced funding of Dreamer Resource Liaisons, with funds to be distributed to colleges in February 2026. The budget request for 2026-27 asks that the additional funding for Liaisons be made permanent, and requests an increase in funding for legal services.
- *Presidents' Alliance on Higher Education & Immigration*: This national [organization](#) was founded in 2017 to focus on the intersection of higher education and immigration, with 580 postsecondary institutional members across the country. The Alliance focuses on state and federal advocacy and outreach, resource development, coalition building, and litigation services. Its resources include the [Undocumented Community of Practice and Action](#), which aims to share effective practices and facilitate connections for practitioners across the country, and the [Higher Ed Immigration](#)

- [Portal](#), a digital hub for resources and information about state and federal policies.
- *Student Senate for California Community Colleges*: SSCCC advocates for legislation benefitting undocumented students, including the recently-passed SB 98, which requires administrators to notify the campus community when Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents are on campus.

What Services are Currently Available for These Students?

- Every college is required to designate someone as a [Dreamer Resource Liaison](#) (also known as [UndocuLiaisons](#)), to help undocumented students navigate the college and access resources.
- Every college also provides immigration [legal services](#) to students, staff, and faculty confidentially and free of charge. These services help students and staff understand any immigration services they may qualify for and provide guidance from a qualified legal service provider. Services can be scheduled online through [Find Your Ally](#). Immigration services can be provided in the person's preferred native language, and financial support to cover DACA filing fees may be available.

How Can Colleges Improve Services for Undocumented Students?

- Subscribe to the Monarch Connection [newsletter](#) to understand policy changes affecting undocumented students. Access monthly webinars and other resources through the [Immigrant Legal Resource Center](#).
- Participate in [Undocumented Student Success Week](#) and attend the statewide [event](#) on October 14th in Sacramento.
- Subscribe to the AB540 listserv to receive updates and connect with colleagues working in Dream Resource Centers (email AB540@cccco.edu).
- Attend the 2025 Dream Resource Center All Directors [Training](#) on December 2nd.
- Review the [toolkit](#) summarizing evidence-based strategies, along with a handbook and webinars on the [Vision Resource Center](#) (log-in required).
- Support your Dreamer Resource Liaisons, who reported in a recent [survey](#) that they lack dedicated funding and other resources to help them fulfill the role, leading to high turnover in these positions. Encourage them to participate in drop-in office hours every 3rd Wednesday, where Chancellor's Office staff are available to answer questions related to serving undocumented students and funding issues.
- Encourage your president to [join](#) the Presidents' Alliance, which can provide customized technical assistance to colleges navigating the impact of legislation and policy on their undocumented students. In addition to technical assistance, membership benefits include regular policy updates, discounted rates for events and convenings, and access to national networks and communities of practice. College membership fees are covered by the Chancellor's Office.