

We know that there are a lot of questions about the process for undocumented youth to request the temporary status known as deferred action. Fortunately, there are a number of terrific organizations in our area that are geared up and ready to answer questions to help DREAMers request relief from deportation. Below are some of the local organizations that are conducting workshops and informational sessions to assist DREAMers.

District of Columbia:

AYUDA will be conducting Q&A workshops to give individuals the latest reliable information.

When: Monday, August 20 through Friday, August 24

Two workshops every day: 4:00–5:00 p.m. and 5:00–6:00 p.m. **Where:** 6925B Willow Street NW, Washington, DC 20012

For more information see:

http://www.ayudainc.org/index.cfm/news_ayuda-hosts-deferred-action-qa-workshops

CARECEN will be holding screening and preparation workshops throughout the fall. During the screening workshops, attorneys and other trained volunteers will be available to review documents and individual cases to determine eligibility for deferred action. During preparation workshops, pro bono attorneys and trained volunteers will assist prescreened youth in completing their applications for deferred action.

What: Screening Sessions

When: August 18 and September 15 from 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Where: 1460 Columbia Road NW, Suite C-1, Washington, DC

What: Informational Sessions

When: August 22 and September 5 at 5:00 p.m.

Where: 1460 Columbia Road NW, Suite C-1, Washington, DC

Maryland:

CASA de Maryland is conducting information sessions and assisting youth in

requesting deferred action. You can find out more here: http://casademaryland.org/storage/documents/DEFERRED ACTION PACKET 8.15 .12.pdf

What: DREAMer Day Workshop hosted by the Washington, DC Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association. Attorneys will be available to assist in completing applications.

When: August 25 from 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Where:

- 1. Jesus House DC: 919/921 Philadelphia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910
- 2. FIRN: 5999 Harpers Farm Road, Suite E-200, Columbia, Maryland 21044
- 3. Catholic Charities of Baltimore–Esperanza Center: 430 S. Broadway Street, Baltimore, MD 21231. There is a \$50 fee at this location; call (410) 534-8015 in advance to schedule an appointment

Virginia:

Hogar Immigrant Services of Catholic Charities, Legal Aid Justice Center – Immigrant Advocacy Program, Ayuda, Just Neighbors: Immigration Legal Services, Hispanics Against Child Abuse and Neglect (HACAN/STAR), Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center, Immigrant Youth in Virginia, and the Virginia Coalition of Latino Organizations (VACOLAO) will host an information session.

When: August 21 from Noon–1:30 p.m. (registration begins at 11:45 a.m.)

Where: St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

3304 Washington Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22201

Please register here:

http://informationsessiondeferredactionfordreamers.eventbrite.com/

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Where:

- 1. Reston Interfaith: 1086 Elden Street, Herndon, VA 20170 Please call (703) 435-6830 to schedule an appointment
- 2. St. Mark's Lutheran Church: 5800 Backlick Road, Springfield, VA 22150

For more information about the deferred action policy, please visit

<u>www.nclr.org/relief</u> (English) or <u>www.nclr.org/alivio</u> (Spanish). To find assistance in other locations, please visit <u>www.weownthedream.org</u>.

Sincerely,

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