

Voices for Utah Children Statement on DACA Ruling

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We are disappointed and disheartened by the ruling from U.S. District Judge Andrew Hanen no longer allowing new applications to be approved.

The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program has allowed more than 600,000 immigrants, including approximately 10,000 in our state to work legally and live without the looming fear of deportation. We know this program has made a significant impact on the lives of DACA recipients themselves, their families, and our communities and would have made an impact to those who were waiting for their approval.

DACA was enacted in 2002, by President Barack Obama as a temporary solution to a broken immigration system. Today we continue to call upon our federal delegation to act and support the passing of a permanent solution that includes a pathway to citizenship for DACA recipients and other “Dreamers” or undocumented youth currently without a status. We will continue to work to support DACA recipients during this difficult time and advocate for permanent protection.

If you are a DACA recipient, please see the mental health resources below.

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In the coming week we will have more details on what the decision means and answer questions for DACA recipients.

Resources:

<https://homeishere.us/mental-health/undocuhealth-national-mental-health-directory/>

Utah Partners for Health:

https://702cc1c3-bbf2-4715-bc30-67f27170c9ea.filesusr.com/ugd/dc957b_5a162caaf_faa43db941ade50db5fdcec.pdf

Latino Behavioral Health Services

<https://latinobehavioral.org/>

Multicultural Counseling Center:

<https://www.mccounseling.com>

University of Utah Counseling Center:

<https://counselingcenter.utah.edu/services/individual-counseling.php>

SLCC:

<http://www.slcc.edu/chc/counseling-services.aspx>