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Dear E4FC Family,

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announced this weekend that it was again accepting DACA renewal applications as a result of an order issued by a U.S. District Court. It has been a hectic few days, but here are some important things we want you to know right now:

WHAT WE KNOW NOW

Initial DACA Applications. People who have never had DACA are not able to submit a DACA application. Only those who have had DACA at some point may submit a renewal application.

DACA Renewal Applications. People who have had DACA in the past may submit a DACA renewal application. There are two different processes depending on when your DACA expired:

- People whose DACA expired on or after September 5, 2016 can submit a
 DACA renewal application. Speak with a legal services provider if your DACA is
 more than six months from expiring since it is unclear what USCIS will do with
 applications submitted extra early.
- People whose DACA expired **before September 5**, 2016 will have to submit their application as if it were the first time. This will include providing evidence that you meet all the DACA eligibility criteria.

Advance Parole. No new applications for Advance Parole will be accepted.

TAKE ACTION

Apply Immediately. If you are eligible, please consider applying immediately. We are uncertain about how long this opportunity to apply for renewals will remain open since the Trump Administration has already filed an appeal to stop the DACA program again. To find help with your DACA renewal application, visit www.immigrationlawhelp.org. To get assistance with the application fee, visit lc4daca.org.

#DreamActNow. While this court decision is a welcome victory, we continue to support efforts by undocumented youth and allies to push for a permanent legislative solution for undocumented youth. Call your member of congress to pass the Dream Act by this Friday January 19th.

Stay informed. There are many moving pieces and this information is subject to change. Please visit our website to find more <u>resources</u>. The <u>Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC)</u> and the <u>National Immigration Law Center (NILC)</u> will also continue to release timely updates.

Get screened for other immigration options. Fill out E4FC's FREE <u>Dreamer Intake</u> <u>Service</u> to learn more about your potential immigration options. To find a reputable non-profit legal service provider in your area, visit <u>Immigration Law Help</u>.

With fierce love and determination,

Katharine Gin

Cofounder and Executive Director



About Educators for Fair Consideration (E4FC)

Founded in 2006, Educators for Fair Consideration (E4FC) empowers undocumented young people to achieve educational and career goals through personal, institutional and policy transformation. We envision an America where all young people can pursue and complete an education with confidence and without constraint. We are a fiscally-sponsored project of Community Initiatives. For more information, please visit our website.

Do you believe in the power and promise of undocumented young people? If so, make a <u>donation</u> to E4FC today.

