



IMMIGRANT LEGAL ADVOCACY PROJECT

## **FOR DACA RECIPIENTS, THEIR FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITIES**

On September 5, 2017, the Trump Administration rescinded the DACA Program which allowed some young people brought to the U.S. as children to be protected from deportation and have work authorization documents (EADs). The program will terminate on March 5, 2018, six months from now. Although ILAP strongly opposes this rescission, here is what you know about DACA going forward.

### **IF YOU HAVE DACA NOW:**

1. Your current deferred action status and DACA work authorization card (EAD) remain valid until they expire. This is true even if their expiration date is AFTER March 5, 2018. Many DACA recipients currently have expiration dates in 2018 or 2019.
2. If you have filed the paperwork to renew your DACA and renew your work authorization card, your renewals will be processed if they were accepted by USCIS before September 5, 2017.
3. If your DACA and work authorization card will expire between September 5, 2017 and March 5, 2018 and you have **NOT** filed renewal paperwork, you may file it now but USCIS must accept it **before October 5, 2017. You must act quickly to meet this deadline!**

### **IF YOU DON'T HAVE DACA, BUT APPLIED FOR IT**

If you filed your initial (first) DACA application and application for a work authorization card, USCIS will process your applications if they were accepted by USCIS before September 5, 2017. Otherwise, no initial applications will be accepted.

### **ALSO:**

1. Travel Outside the U.S. USCIS will no longer approve Form I-131 Advance Parole for DACA recipients. They will close all pending I-131 Advance parole applications for DACA recipients and the fees will be returned. But if you currently have Advance Parole through DACA, it remains valid until it expires. However, you should consult with an immigration lawyer before traveling outside the U.S.
2. Replacing your EAD. If your DACA EAD is still valid and is lost, stolen or destroyed it can be replaced by filing a new Form I-765

### **FINALLY:**

ILAP continues to assist Maine residents with DACA-related outreach, information, and paperwork, and with consultations in Portland, Lewiston and Milbridge on options for legal status. **To schedule a free legal consultation or to request an outreach event, please contact ILAP by phone at 207-780-1593 Ext. #100, or email: [cstarr@ilapmaine.org](mailto:cstarr@ilapmaine.org).**