

Relief for DREAMers...

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Main Talking Points

- On June 15, 2012 the Department of Homeland Security formally announced that it will offer deferred action to "DREAMers." For all the promising undocumented youth who call America home this represents the opportunity to come out of the shadows and fully embrace the only country they know.
- AILA embraces this bold action provide relief and enable these young people to actively contribute to our society and economy.
- This action by the Department of Homeland Security stops the unjust deportation of promising youth—these are some of the most compelling victims of our broken immigration system.
- In 2010 Republicans and Democrats worked together to pass the DREAM Act in the House with broad bi-partisan support. Many eligible under the new policy would be protected by the DREAM Act.
- This temporary reprieve for DREAMers is gives Congress the space to reach a consensus by taking the immediate threat of deportation off the table.
- Deferred action is **not** amnesty. Deferred action is **not** immunity. Deferred action is **not** permanent. Deferred action is **not** a pathway to a green card or citizenship. Deferred action is **not** legal status. Youth that qualify cannot vote or petition for family members.
- Under current law people granted deferred action are eligible to apply for work authorization. While living in the United States people must have a way to support themselves. This is not a change in immigration law.
- These young people study in our schools, play in our neighborhoods, and pledge allegiance to our flag. They are Americans in their hearts, in their minds, in every single way but on paper. They were brought to this country by their parents—sometimes even as infants—and yet they live under the threat of deportation to a country they may know nothing about.
- It makes no sense to expel talented young people who want to staff our labs, start new businesses, and contribute to our country simply because of the actions of their parents.
- **If you are NOT in removal proceedings, DO NOT apply for deferred action at this time.** The Administration is not yet accepting applications. A process should be ready by August 14, 2012.
- Be careful! **Do not be taken advantage of by "Notarios."** Make sure to contact a genuine immigration lawyer who can give you good legal advice, the [ICE website](#) or the [USCIS website](#).

Additional Resources

- [DHS Secretary Napolitano Memo \(establishes new policy on prosecutorial discretion for undocumented youth\)](#)
- [Official DHS Frequently Asked Questions on the Napolitano Memo](#)
- Immigration Policy Center [DREAM Resource page](#)
- The Center for American Progress: [6 things you need to know about deferred action and DREAM Act students](#)
- The [AILA National twitter feed](#) with live, up to the minute updates on the latest news.
- America's Voice Education Fund [resource page](#)

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