

## What is Deferred Action For Childhood Arrivals (DACA)?

- An Executive Order, relief program.
- Youth between 15 and 30 years of age (on June 15, 2012)
- Provides protection from deportation
- Work Authorization
- Other Benefits

## What happened to DACA?

- Radically broadened its enforcement priorities to anyone who is undocumented.
- Radically increased number of detentions, with large increase in persons without convictions.
- As part of broadening enforcement:
  - September 2017 Ended DACA
  - TPS Ended for most countries
  - Up to 1 million beneficiaries of programs facing deportation in the next 2 years
- President's decision to end program challenged in courts.

### What's happened at the Supreme Court?

- Now pending in the Supreme Court.
- Based on oral arguments Supreme Court majority <u>appears</u> ready to end DACA program.
- We don't know what the final decision will be.
- Decision expected in next 2-3 weeks.
- Impact:
  - Should decision end program persons not protected by DACA face deportation.
  - Thousands of people will have closed deportation cases reopened.

#### What does it mean for your DACA?

We don't know what the outcome of the case will entail. We know that the best case scenario will allow DACA recipients to renew their DACA status indefinitely. There are many different scenarios that can happen if the Supreme Court's decision is not favorable for the DACA program or its recipients.

#### **Renew Your DACA**

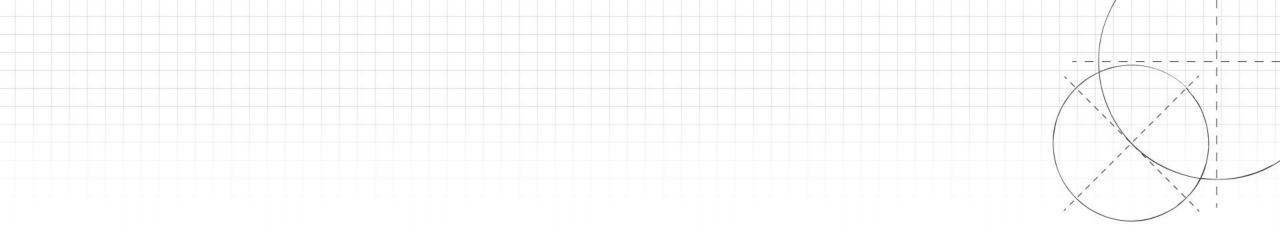
There are steps you can take right now to protect your DACA status:

- USCIS is still accepting DACA renewal applications
- Eligible Persons: Anyone who currently has, or previously had DACA
- Recommend submitting DACA renewal application
  120 to 150 days before the date your current DACA and employment authorization document (EAD)
- Don't wait until the last minute!
- Always consult an attorney or BIA accredited representative



## **Questions? ¿Preguntas?**





# **¡Gracias!**