

IMMIGRATION RIGHTS ALERT NO.1

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TOPIC:
PRESIDENT OBAMA'S RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE ACTION ON IMMIGRATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEFERRED ACTION FOR PARENTAL ACCOUNTABILITY ("DAPA")

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This is a first of numerous alerts and updates concerning this important issue:

Numerous individuals and members of our Immigrant Community have recently contacted Carlos In Your Corner to inquire whether they qualify **TODAY** to **apply for relief under the newly announced immigration program called "Deferred Action for Parental Accountability" ("DAPA")** which will be administered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security ("DHS")- Office of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

ANSWER: NOT YET! DO NOT PAY SOMEONE WHO REPRESENTS OR ADVERTISES THAT THEY CAN IMMEDIATELY ASSIST YOU TO APPLY FOR DAPA RELIEF PROVIDED THAT YOU PAY AN UP-FRONT LARGE FEE.

THE APPLICABLE DAPA REGULATIONS AND DHS APPLICATION PROCESS HAVE NOT BEEN ISSUED OR DETERMINED BY DHS. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE REGULATIONS WILL BE FINALIZED IN LATE FEBRUARY 2015 WITH DAPA APPLICATIONS BEING ROLLED OUT AND ACCEPTED COMMENCING IN THE SPRING-SUMMER, 2015.

BACKGROUND:

On November 20, 2014, President Obama announced a series of executive actions to crack down on illegal immigration at the border, prioritize deporting felons not families, and require certain undocumented immigrants to pass a criminal background check and pay taxes in order to temporarily stay in the US without fear of deportation.

In a nutshell, DAPA is a temporary measure, designed to eliminate the fear of removal/deportation while Congress comes to a final resolution about the permanent legal status of undocumented individuals who have been living in the

USA for a long time. DAPA will allow **PARENTS** of U.S. Citizens and lawful permanent residents to avoid deportation and qualify for a **three (3) year work permit if they:**

- **HAVE BEEN PRESENT IN THE US CONTINUOUSLY SINCE JANUARY 1, 2010.**
- **LIVE IN THE US AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION (Spring/Summer 2015) ,AND**
- **HAVE CHILDREN WHO ON THE DATE OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT (NOVEMBER 20, 2014) ARE US CITIZENS OR LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENTS.**
- **Pay a non-refundable filing/processing fee of \$ 465. (Fee will not be waived or reduced).**

FUTURE APPLICATION PROCESS:

While DHS is not currently accepting requests or applications at this time, if you believe that you may be eligible for DAPA relief, you can prepare by gathering documents and proof that establish the following:

- 1. You're Identity.**
- 2. Relationship to a us citizen or lawful permanent resident**
- 3. Continuous residence in the United States over the last five years or more.**

EXAMPLES OF DOCUMENTS THAT YOU SHOULD GATHER NOW:

- 1. BIRTH CERTIFICATE**
- 2. PASSPORT WITH ADMISSION STAMP TO US**
- 3. MATRICULA CONSULAR ID CARD**
- 4. SCHOOL RECORDS FOR US**
- 5. TRAVEL RECORDS**
- 6. HOSPITAL OR MEDICAL RECORDS,INCLUDING IMMUNIZATIONS**
- 7. RENT OR MORTGAGE RECEIPTS**
- 8. UTILITY BILLS**
- 9. RELIGIOUS RECORDS-BAPTISM, COMMUNION, TITHING, ETC.**
- 10. MONEY ORDER RECEIPTS**
- 11. DATED BANK TRANSACTIONS AND STATEMENTS**
- 12. INSURANCE POLICIES**
- 13. POSTMARKED LETTERS**
- 14. AUTOMOBILE LICENSE RECEIPTS,TITLE,OR REGISTRATION**
- 15. EMPLOYMENT RECORDS**

- 16. US HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA/ GED CERTIFICATE OR OTHER SCHOOL RECORDS**
- 17. MILITARY PERSONNEL RECORDS**
- 18. TAX RETURNS,W-2'S /OTHER TAX RECORDS**
- 19. CREDIT CARD STATEMENTS**
- 20. DRIVING RECORD / ARREST RECORD/CRIMINAL RECORD**
- 21. JUDGMENTS/ LAWSUITS**
- 22. ANY OTHER DOCUMENT THAT WILL PROVE YOUR IDENTITY AND CONTINUOUS RESIDENCY**

ANNOUNCEMENT: NEWLY CREATED IMMIGRATION ASSISTANCE AND REFERRAL AGENCY:

On December 26, 2014, a group of dedicated Rochester-Monroe County Latino Leaders, established in a Not-For-Profit entity named: **NEW YORK REFERRAL CENTER FOR IMMIGRATION RIGHTS, Inc. ("NYRCIR")**.

NYRCIR mission and goals are to: **1)** provide bi-lingual orientation, education and referral services to the members of the Latino and Immigrant Community who reside in the greater Community of the County of Monroe and State of New York. **2)** To serve as a charitable organization which will provide effective dissemination of information of available services to the Latino and Immigrant Community. **3)** Conduct monthly orientation sessions in the Latino and Immigrant Community in order to enhance the community's ability to navigate through the social services and legal system. **4)** Assist individuals to maneuver and navigate with the recent changes in Federal Immigration Law and related policies. **5)** Educate the Latino and Immigrant Community on how to avoid exploitation by scammers, con-artists and individuals providing unlicensed notarial services. **6)** Strengthening the language and cultural divide regarding Immigration between the Latino/Immigrant Community and the Anglo and African American Community. **7)** Serve as a Referral Agency which will provide for the Latino/Immigrant Community with competent and certified immigration service and to **8)** establish a 24 hour telephone hotline for individuals to have easy access to the corporation's immigration referral and other services.

If you would have any questions regarding DAPA, please contact Mercedes-Vasquez-Simmons, Interim **NYRCIR** President at: **PO Box 14802, Rochester, and NY 14614-585-484-7010** or contact me at www.crinyourcorner.com