



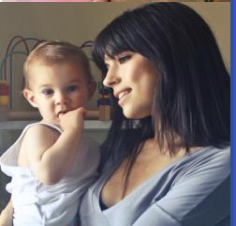
Support for Immigrant Youth

The rapidly growing majority

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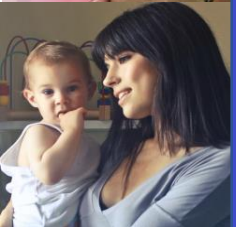
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Topics for Today

- Importance of immigrant youth in the US
- Barriers faced by undocumented students
- The DREAM Act and DACA
- Supporting undocumented youth and their families



Expectations

Objectives

- Learn of the power and reality of immigrant youth
- Know the causes of high level of stress in youth and barriers they face
- Understand the difference between the Dream act and DACA.

Outcomes

- Join the Dreamers efforts and share their stories
- Use the knowledge and tools acquired to support young people on their way to a post secondary education
- Work on the strengthening of relationships as it is key factor for academic success





Community Building

- Do you know a Dreamer or anyone impacted by the DACA decision?
- In what way has that relationship impacted your **viewpoint** on the issue of immigration?
- Pick a partner and pair-share.

SURROUND
YOURSELF WITH
PEOPLE THAT
FORCE YOU
TO DO BETTER!

Collective Wisdom

- **K-W-L**

- **K:**

What do you know about undocumented youth?

- **W:**

What would you like to know about supporting undocumented youth?



Introduction and Background



Undocumented
Immigrant youth in the
U.S.

The most vulnerable group served by U.S. schools



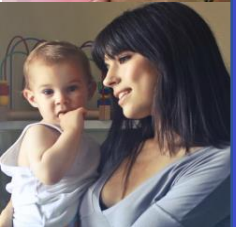
80,000 undocumented youth turn 18 each year...



54% get a HS diploma (compared to 84% U.S. born peers)



5-10% enroll continue in higher education



Less than this successfully graduate with a degree



CALIFORNIA



 **1** in **13** Californians is undocumented¹



750,000



K-12 students in California have undocumented parents⁴



1 of 6 students have an undocumented parent

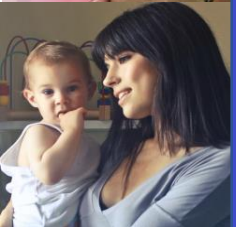
Who has made a difference in your life?



- Think of two people who have influenced your life during your youth?
 - Academically
 - Other adult
- Who were they?
- How did they impact you?
- If you had them in front of you right now what would you say to them?

What is the reality about our youth?

- They are the future leaders who will fuel our state's economy
- They strengthen our communities
 - Perseverance
 - Work Ethic
 - Leadership
 - Dreamers
 - Civic engagement
 - Adaptability skills
 - Diverse
 - Culture
 - High level of resilience
- They Maintain and shape our state's culture, traditions and values





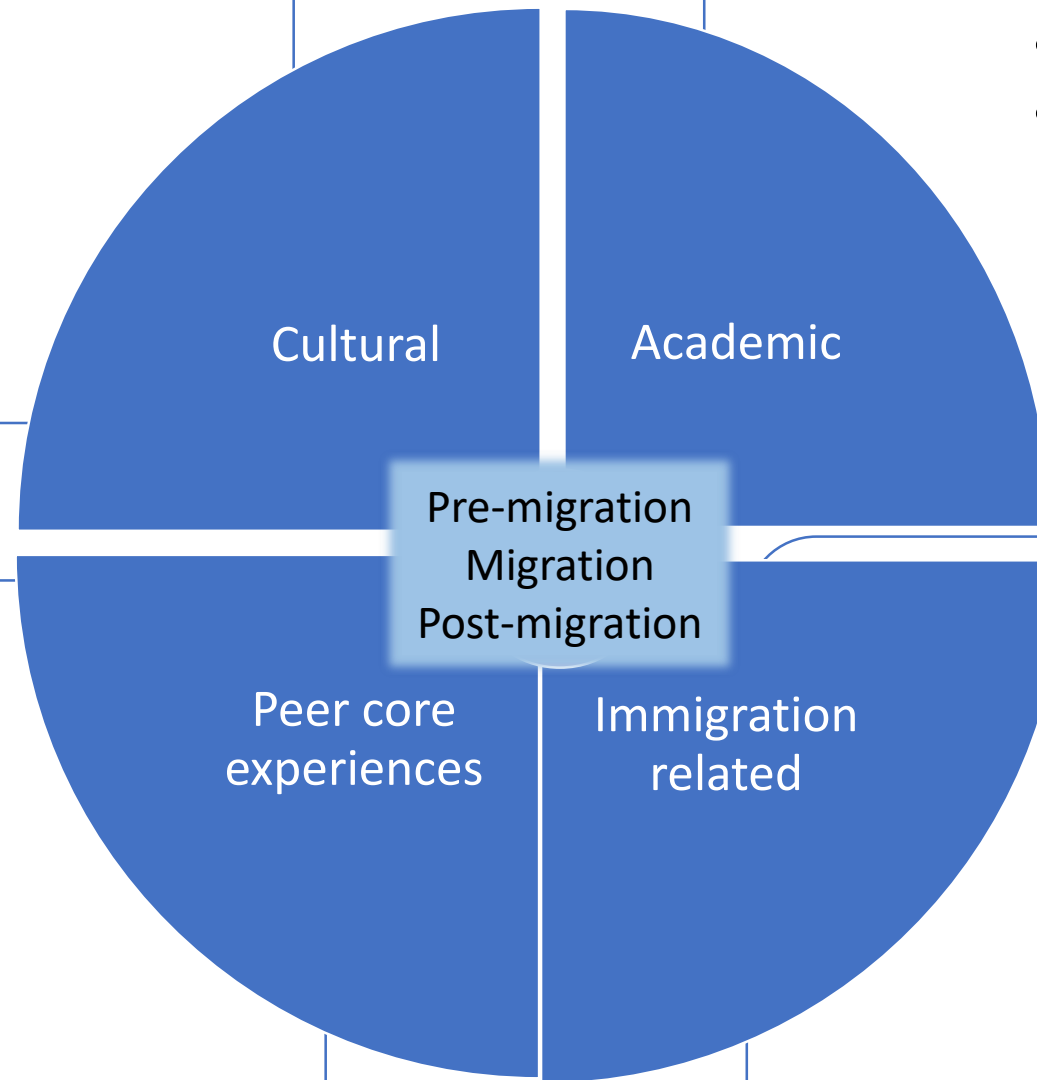
Do we really know
their needs?

What is causing high levels of stress in our immigrant youth?



- Lack of social services
- Low income
- Home dynamics

- Language
- Limited financial aid
- Insufficient access to early childhood education

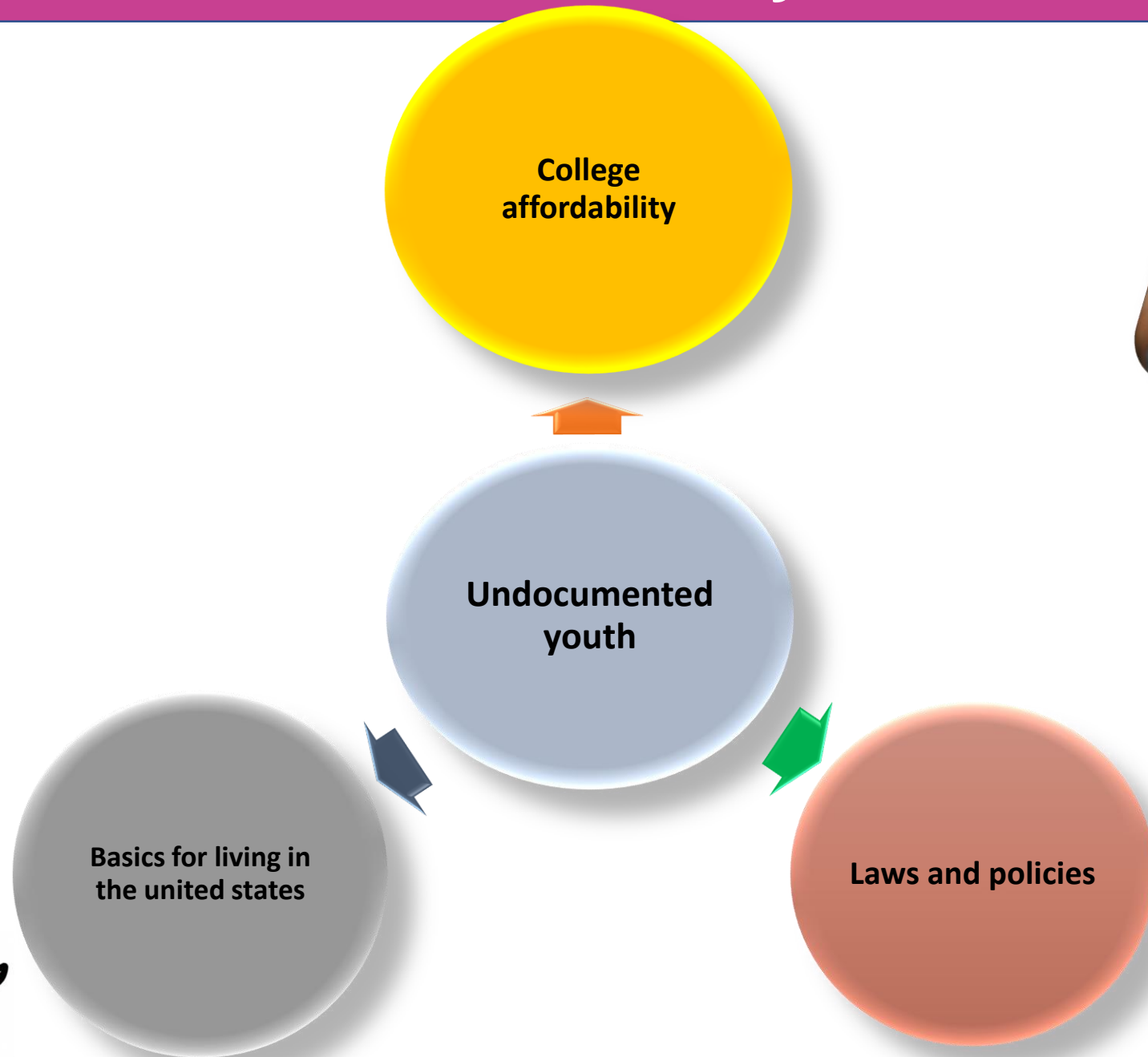


- Driving
- Extracurricular activities
- Attend nations most segregated schools, discrimination, bullying

- Fear of family separation
- Mistrust of school and medical professionals
- Less likely to feel connected to their school environment



Most common obstacles faced by undocumented youth





Critical conversations about immigration status

- Have you talked to your children about their immigration status?
- Why or why not?
- Video “Undocumented Americans- The story of Jong-Min”
- <http://www.apa.org/topics/immigration/undocumented-video.aspx>

Students
have...



Federal laws that prohibit school discrimination



**Civil Rights
Act of 1964**



FERPA



**School districts should make
sure their registration policies
do not discourage students
from attending school**



Plyler v. Doe

State legislation in favor of undocumented youth



AB 540-In-State tuition

AB 2000 & SB 68- 3 years of H.S credit

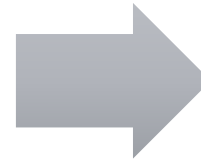
AB130/131-CA Dream Act

SB 54- Local resources will not be used to deport undocumented populations

SB 4 –Extends health coverage for underage students (Health4all)

AB 699-Additional protection for undocumented students, can't collect info on immigration status, need judicial warrant to enter schools, resources for parents

AB 60- Driver's License for undocumented populations



McKinney-Vento - Ensures educational rights and protection for students experiencing homelessness

AB 343-Refugees and special visa holders enroll as resident status

AB 21-Cal State – Requires guidance and protocol when ICE on campus

SB 257- Guarantees right to continue attending school after parents have been deported

AB 81- Requires notice of EL assesments and parent notification if at risk of becoming long term English learner

Other laws that effect youth

Gang Involvement

“Gang allegations are an easy way to target these kids—just slap on a gang allegation, and they’re likely deportable. There’s little you can do because judges won’t hear it.”

Alexandra Peredo Carroll, Esq.,
Pro Bono Coordinating Attorney,
Kids in Need of Defense (KIND)

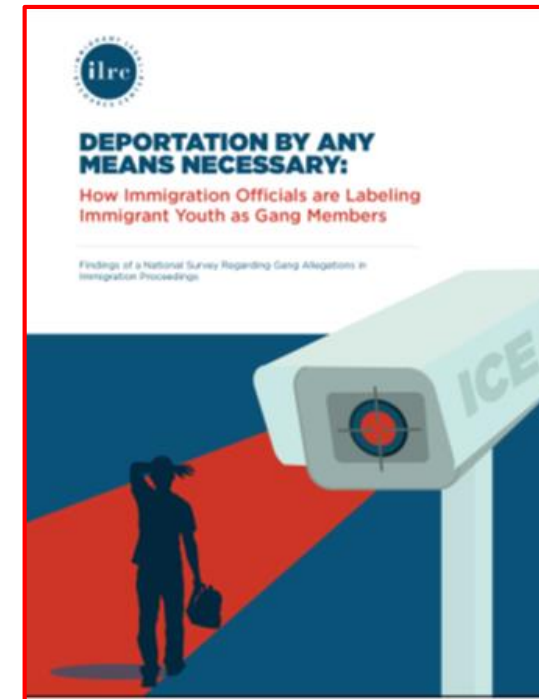
Examples of Questions Regarding Gang Involvement From Immigration Judges and USCIS Adjudicators:

- 1 Even if you did not want to, did you ask anyone to give things to a gang, like money?
- 2 Do you know anyone associated with MS-13?
- 3 Do you have family members/friends/housemates associated with gangs?
- 4 How do you know information about gangs if you were not a gang member?
- 5 Plenty of people come arguing they are fleeing gangs and they are gang members themselves...are you a gang member?
- 6 If gangs wear Vans shoes, why are you wearing Vans shoes?

For a fuller list of questions, see Appendix A

Marijuana

Don't use marijuana until you are a U.S. citizen. Don't work in the marijuana industry



Brief history of the federal Dream Act



DREAM
(Development Relief, and Education for Alien Minors)
First version introduced August of 2001



DREAM Act have been introduced by both houses of congress, **none** have become law - the closest to passing was in 2010



called
"DREAMERS"
DACA BORN -2012
Obama



19 states like California and Illinois **have passed their own versions DREAM ACT** with certain tuition benefits



16 years various versions have been introduced all mimic the original Dream Act legislation



The most recent versions of the Dream Act in **July 2017, A CLEAN DREAM ACT** - does not use Dreamers as bargaining chips or political pawns



What is DACA?

DACA (Derred Action for Childhood Arrivals) Federal program launched by President Barack Obama (June 15th, 2012)

It grants renewable work permits for two years

Offers temporary protection relief from deportation

Immigrants brought to the United States without authorization when they were children

The program protects 800,000 young unauthorized immigrants

Does not offer a path to citizenship



How can we best serve our undocumented youth?

Basic things that all undocumented youth *must* know



Social Security Numbers

- How
- Rights
- PIN#

Working rights

- Need?
- Age?

Filing taxes

- Who?
- How?
- Have not paid?

Public aid

- Type
- Who
- How

State Identification

- When
- Age
- Legal status

Bank accounts and credit cards

- How?
- When?
- Credit reports

Enrolling in selective

- Enroll
- Who?
- When?

Factors that have positively made a difference in the lives of undocumented youth



SECURITY:

Support from family, educators, counselors

PRINCIPALS:

Build trust, ensure protection

SUPPORT FROM SPECIALIZED PERSONNEL:

Sense of stability, consistency

MENTORSHIP AND VOLUNTEERING:

Share personal stories, Strengths as immigrants

Positive role model

NURTURE:

Positive, Progressive environment

Share successful stories, Moral support

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS:

Advance coursework

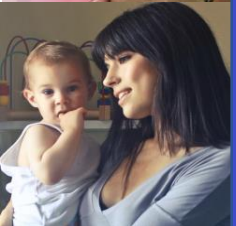
Engaged parents

Extracurricular activities



Strengthening human
connections!
Relationships! Relationships!
Relationships!

L: Today I learned...



Ultima palabra

