

Immigration Action: Reference Sheet

On November 20, 2014, the president announced executive actions that his administration will be taking to help fix our dysfunctional immigration system.

Here's what we know about the new programs:

- A new **Deferred Action for Parental Accountability (DAPA)** program will allow undocumented people who have a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident son or daughter to apply for work authorization and protection from deportation, if the person has been in the U.S. since January 1, 2010. An estimated 4.1 million people should qualify for this program.
- The existing **Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)** program will be [expanded](#) and now will cover people who entered the U.S. before their sixteenth birthday and have lived continuously in the U.S. since January 1, 2010. People who were “aged out” of DACA by being older than age 31 on June 15, 2012, are now eligible to apply, regardless of how old they are now. Approximately 300,000 people will benefit from these changes.
- Certain **spouses of lawful permanent residents** may be able to get their lawful permanent resident (“green card”) status through a [waiver process](#). Spouses of U.S. citizens are currently able to apply through this process.

Here's what you can do:

- **Subscribe with MIRC to receive FREE notifications** about the latest updates on the President's executive actions and where you can find help and informative events near you. You can subscribe online at Tinyurl.com/mirelief or by giving us a call.
- Even if you are eligible for these programs, **you cannot apply for them yet!** The government expects that it will start accepting applications within three months from now for those eligible for expanded DACA, and within six months from now for those eligible for DAPA.
- **Do not take advice about your immigration case from a notary public or an immigration consultant.** Contact *only* a qualified immigration lawyer or an accredited representative for legal advice about your case. You can find MIRC's service provider reference guide here: <http://michiganimmigrant.org/find-services>. If you encounter notario fraud, report it here: <http://www.stopnotariofraud.org/>
- If you know someone who is **in immigration detention** and is eligible for one of these programs, advise them to identify themselves to their case officer, or the ICE Information Line at **888-351-4024**, and explain that they are eligible for one of these new programs.
- If you believe you are eligible, **begin preparing now** by gathering documents that prove:
 - that you *were* in the U.S. on November 20, 2014,
 - that you *have been* in the U.S. since January 1, 2010, and
 - that you have a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident son or daughter.