Advising Undocumented Students

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Who is Undocumented?

- A term used to describe foreign nationals who reside in the U.S. without the legal permission of the federal government.
- Entered the country legally but chose to remain in the United States without authorization with an expired visa.
- Entered the United States without any form of documentation.

A New Group of Students: Generation 1.5

- They were born outside the USA
- Did not choose to migrate
- Identity is formed by their experiences in USA
- Elementary and secondary education in USA
- Similar mannerisms, interests, and aspirations to USA born peers
- Often have bilingual/bicultural skills
- Fluent in English
- Can’t legally work, vote or drive

The Facts

- Undocumented children make up 1.8 million of all undocumented immigrants in the USA
- Born abroad and brought to USA at a young age
- Grow up feeling and believing to be Americans
- 65,000 undocumented students graduate from high school each year
- 7,000 -13,000 enroll in public colleges and universities each year

  Mexico (56%)  Europe (6%)
  Latin America (22%)  Africa (3%)
  Asia (13%)
Generation 1.5 Challenges

- Inherit undocumented immigration status from parents
- Mix feelings towards parents
- Can be deported to a country they don’t know
- Live in fear - Hard to trust school officials
- Hesitate to engage/involved
- Discouraged to continue education
- Sense of belonging is absent
- No ID, NO SSN
- Career interests are determined by immigration status

Immigration Journey

**State Level**
- In-state tuition: HB60 (05/03)
- Illinois DREAM Act (08/01/11)
- Temporary Visitor Driver’s License: SB 957 (01/13)

**Federal Level**
- U.S. DREAM Act
- Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) (06/15/12)*
Illinois DREAM Act

**What it Does**
- DREAM Fund Commission
- Participation in College savings plans
- Training for HS counselors

**What it Does Not Do**
- No legal permanent status
- Not a path towards citizenship
- Does Not allow the student to legally work

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DACA

**What it Offers**
- Protects from deportation
- Valid for two years
- Can be renewed/reapply
- Able to work legally

**What It Does Not Offer**
- Travel outside the U.S
- Legal permanent residency
- U.S. citizenship

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Advising undocumented students: Is it different?

Academic Advising Challenges

- Clinical observation hours
- Background checks
- Certification or state licensure
- Social Security number
- Teaching certification process
- Required internships or clinical hours on curriculum
- Study Abroad
- Research and Service Learning Opportunities
Appreciative Advising

“Appreciative Advising is the intentional collaborative practice of asking positive, open-ended questions that help students optimize their educational experiences and achieve their dreams, goals, and potentials.”


Six Phases of Appreciative Advising

Personal Presidential Cabinet

Who can I trust?

Academic Advising Framework

- Developmental Advising
- Prescriptive Advising
- Glasser’s Quality School Model
  - Sense of belonging
  - Belief to have control over academics
  - Make appropriate & meaningful choices
  - Appreciation of school as a joyful place
    - Openness
    - Acceptance
    - Trust
    - Collaborative problem-solving
**Academic Advising Responsibilities**

- Familiarize with state and federal legislation
- Explain background checks requirements
- Discuss alternatives to career paths and life after graduation
- Learn about resources on campus
- Be an advocate
  - Academic Advising Advocacy Group or Taskforce

**Academic Advising Challenges**

- Lack of literature/research
- Undocumented students are not tracked
- Lack of knowledge on undocumented students reality
- What to do when student reveal status
- How to help them move forward in program of study
- Students’ fear of being “found out” decreases off campus service learning or internship opportunities
- Changes on background check policies
- Your thoughts????
Immigration Resources

Illinois

Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights www.icirr.org
Family Focus (Aurora) www.family-focus.org/centers/aurora
World Relief www.worldrelief.org
Deferred Action www.dreamrelief.org
Illinois Latino Council in Higher Education ILACHE www.ilache.com

National

Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund www.maldef.org
Masuda Funai www.masudafunai.com
Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles www.chirla.org
League of United Latin American Citizens www.lulac.org
National Immigration Law Center www.nilc.org
Immigrant Youth Justice League www.iyl.org

Thank You!

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