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## **Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City Responds to DACA Recession**

**Oklahoma City, OK** -- In response to President Trump's decision to rescind The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program initiated by the Obama administration in 2012. The DACA program provided 800,000 immigrants with protection from deportation and the ability to work. The DACA program will phase out over the next six months.

Current DACA holders can expect DACA and Employment Authorization Documents (work permits) will remain valid until their expiration dates. No new DACA applications will be accepted after September 5, 2017. Any DACA issuances and work permits that expire between September 5, 2017 and March 5, 2018 can be renewed; but **MUST** be done so by October 5, 2017. USCIS will **NO** longer be approving advanced parole for DACA recipients.

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City Immigration Legal Services (ILS) provides affordable immigration legal services to low-income families in Oklahoma. Immigrants and non-immigrants are able to obtain reliable and trustworthy assessments of cases of family-petitions, U-Visa, VAWA, T-Visa, Adjustments of Status, citizenship, and temporary protected status.

"Immigration Legal Services will prioritize DACA cases to meet the impending deadline of October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Other services without immediate deadline will be deferred in order to meet the needs of those affected." Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Oklahoma City Executive Director, Patrick J. Raglow

We encourage individuals to contact their Congressional Representative and U.S. Senators and ask that they protect the dreamers and further address the long overdue reforms needed in our immigration system.

Catholic Charities is committed to the people whose lives and opportunities were protected under the DACA program. As it has done for more than 100 years, Catholic Charities will continue to support and advocate on behalf of persons regardless of immigration status and hope that a permanent legal solution will be reached.

ILS will be hosting DACA Renewal Clinics on September 9, 2017 and September 16, 2017 at Catholic Charities located at 1232 N. Classen Boulevard in Oklahoma City from 9am to 4pm.

A list of items individuals will need to bring with them for the Clinic is provided below.

- ILS FEE: \$100
- USCIS FEES: I-821D \$ 495.00 (Should be in the form of Money Order payable to “**U.S. Department of Homeland Security**”)
- Previous DACA filing
- Certified dispositions for any criminal arrests that occurred since last DACA grant
- List of addresses where you have lived since last DACA grant
- (2) Passport Pictures
- Copy of front and back of last Employment Authorization Document (work permit)
- Travel dates for any trips outside the U.S.A.

For a memorandum on the recession of DACA visit the following [link](#).

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