

Dear Friends,

Last week, Donald Trump was elected as the next president of the United States. He has threatened to revoke the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program and prioritize the deportations of millions of immigrants. While it is important to remember that the President-elect does not take office until Inauguration Day on January 20, 2017, immigrants and DACA recipients in particular should make plans now to ensure that they are protected.

Please join EILS for important and urgent **DACA Clinics on Wednesday November 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am-12:30pm and on Tuesday November 22<sup>nd</sup> from 12pm-3pm** where we will answer your questions and concerns, assist you with your renewal application (if applicable), and screen you for more permanent immigration relief. Please contact Carolina at [215-324-0746 x308](tel:215-324-0746) on Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 9:30am-12:30pm to ensure your space in one of the clinics or send me an email directly confirming your attendance.

In the meantime, here are four important things to know right now:

1. **We do not recommend filing an initial application for DACA at this time.** For those who have not yet applied for DACA, the processing of those applications is taking long enough now that they would likely not be adjudicated until after January 2017, and it is possible the DACA program will not exist by then.
2. **If your DACA will expire in the next year (2017), we recommend filing your renewal applications soon as possible. Please consult with an attorney to ensure that you remain eligible for DACA.** It is unknown whether the next Administration will terminate existing DACA grants or instead not allow DACA recipients to renew. Renewing DACA may mean a DACA recipient can have a work permit until it expires one to two years into the next Administration. People who file to renew soon may be successful, as DACA renewals are currently being processed in 8 weeks with USCIS' upgraded system. Also note that DACA application fees will increase in December 2016.
3. **If you have DACA, do not apply for advance parole. If you already have approved advance parole, return to the United States before January 20, 2017.**
4. **Make an appointment for a legal consultation with a qualified legal service provider like EILS as soon as possible to see if you are eligible for a more permanent form of relief than DACA.** We will be screening DACA recipients for other forms of relief at our DACA Clinic.

If you are unable to attend one of the clinics, please contact me to receive instructions on how to apply to renew your DACA on your own.

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