EDUCATOR RESOURCE GUIDE

SUPPORTING IMMIGRANT STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Top Things / Best Practices Educators Can Do

1. ENGAGE WITH AN OPEN MIND
   - Don’t make assumptions and work with students to find out answers

2. CREATE A SAFE SPACE
   - Use inclusive language, post safe-space visuals, and share resources with all students
   - Inclusive Language
     - Undocumented
     - Immigrant
     - UndocuQueer
     - Mixed-Status Families
   - Words to Avoid
     - Illegal
     - Aliens

3. LEARN ABOUT RELEVANT INSTITUTIONAL POLICIES & LEGISLATION
   - Understand local and federal policies that impact K-12 undocumented students and their families. Visit uleadnet.org

4. FIND & ADVOCATE FOR SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL SUPPORT
   - Keep track share scholarships that don’t require citizenship or residency status with students

5. BUILD YOUR OWN EDUCATOR NETWORK
   - Build relationships and collaborate with other educators who are supportive of undocumented students at your school or district

6. CONNECT STUDENTS TO UNDOCUMENTED COMMUNITY LEADERS & ROLE MODELS
   - Attend immigration related events and build a network of undocumented student leaders

7. INVOLVE PARENTS
   - Share information and resources with parents by distributing Know Your Rights card (order for free at immi.org/order), emergency plans (immi.org/home/make_a_plan), and college-access information

8. ACCESS REPUTABLE LEGAL INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE
   - Use immi.org to find reputable, affordable legal service providers in your area

9. BUILD AGENCY & POWER
   - Inform students about their rights and share how other immigrant groups have organizing and changing the status quo

10. CREATE SPACES FOR STORYTELLING & CREATIVE EXPRESSION
    - Encourage students to build their own meaning and sense of identity that is different from the negative stigma and stereotypes about undocumented immigrants
EDUCATOR RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Immigration Advocates Network
Collaboration among leading organizations
immigrationadvocates.org

immi
Helping immigrants in the U.S. understand their legal options
immi.org

Educators for Fair Consideration (E4FC)
Safe-space Visuals
e4fc.org

ImmSchools
Creating safe and welcoming schools for immigrant students
immschools.org

OTHER RESOURCES
Organizations in city that provide resources for immigrant students and families.
To find your local rapid response network, go to bit.ly/2Jcl6JM
To find your local non-profit immigration legal service offices, go to immi.org/info/FindLegalHelp and enter your zip code.

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