9. Build Agency and Power
- Help students start a group/club to raise awareness about immigration issues
- Inform students about their rights: www.ilrc and www.nilc.org
- Connect students to culturally competent and responsive mental/emotional health services
- Educate students about how other marginalized groups have organized against their marginalization
- Build faith – a sense of agency and a belief that things will change for the better

10. Create Spaces for Storytelling and Creative Expression
- Encourage students to share their stories (when safe)
- Share Immigrants Rising’s creative work website: www.thingsilneversay.org
- Support undocumented artists: 22 Powerful Images By Dreamers tinyurl.com/images-by-dreamers
- Encourage students to build their own meaning and identity that is different from the negative stigma and stereotypes about undocumented immigrants

About Immigrants Rising
Founded in 2006, Immigrants Rising transforms individuals and fuels broader changes. With resources and support, undocumented young people are able to get an education, pursue careers, and build a brighter future for themselves and their community. Immigrants Rising is a fiscally-sponsored project of Community Initiatives.

For more information, visit immigrantsrising.org
1. Engage with an Open Mind
   • When supporting undocumented students, it’s important to know that
     there won’t be a single answer or path for all students. Support requires
     ongoing investigation and collaboration with other service providers
     and community leaders. When you don’t know something, work WITH
     students to find out answers so that you can share them with other
     students and colleagues.

2. Create a Safe Space
   • Don’t ask undocumented students to self-identify
   • Make resources easily available for all students
   • Understand that trust takes time
   • Be mindful of your language; say “undocumented” rather than “illegal”
     and avoid terms like “alien” or “illegal immigration”
   • Do all you can to identify YOURSELF as an ally/supporter; use posters,
     bookmarks, and stickers to make your support visible
   • Get trained by a trusted community organization. In Northern California,
     you can request an outreach presentation: immigrantsrising.org/presentations

3. Learn about Relevant Institutional Policies & Legislation
   • Understand admissions and enrollment policies for undocumented
     students
   • Understand in-state tuition and state-based aid requirements for
     undocumented students (if applicable) www.uleadnet.org
   • Understand Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), eligibility
     requirements and application procedures and encourage eligible youth
     to contact a legal service provider prior to applying immigrantsrising.org/
     resource/steps-to-renew-daca/
   • Research local and statewide immigration-related policies that affect your
     students and their families
   • Keep informed about proposed legislation related to immigration policies

4. Find & Advocate for Scholarships and Financial Support
   • Keep track of scholarships that don’t require citizenship or residency.
     Help students apply to as many available scholarships as possible.
   • Advocate for scholarship providers to consider and support
     undocumented students Share Immigrants Rising’s Lists of Scholarships
     that Don’t Require Social Security Number: immigrantsrising.org/resource/list-of-undergraduate-scholarships
     immigrantsrising.org/resource/list-of-graduate-scholarships

5. Build Your Own Educator Network
   • Build relationships and collaborate with other educators at your
     school or district
   • Reach out to educators at local colleges who are supportive of
     undocumented students
   • Add your name to Immigrants Rising’s mailing list to learn about
     new resources, webinars and educator gatherings: immigrantsrising.org
   • Connect to DEEP’s National Educator Network and Campaigns: unitedwedream.org/our-work/education-justice/

6. Connect Students to Undocumented Community Leaders
   • and Role Models
   • Visit MyUndocumentedLife.org, DefineAmerican.com and PHDreamers.org
   • Find and connect students to local, state or national
     undocumented youth advocacy organizations
   • Identify older undocumented students who can serve as role
     models

7. Involve Parents
   • Educate parents about why undocumented students should
     pursue college
   • Encourage and support good communication between students
     and parents Invite parents into the college application and
     enrollment process
   • Share Immigrants Rising’s Guide for Parents of Undocumented
     Students (in English and Spanish)

8. Access Reputable Legal Information & Assistance
   • Identify reputable, affordable legal service providers in your area.
     Visit https://www.immigrationlawhelp.org/
   • Encourage students to use Immigrants Rising’s free, anonymous,
     and online Immigration Legal Intake Service to get information
     about their eligibility for immigration remedies.
     Visit immigrantsrising.org/immigration-legal-intake-service
   • Refer students to Immigrants Rising’s “Beyond Deferred Action:
     Long-Term Immigration Remedies Every Undocumented Young
     Person Should Know About” guide
   • Encourage students to pursue potential immigration remedies (if
     available to them)