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# OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

## Uplifting Undocumented Leadership

**Expanding  
Beyond Our  
Base**

**Increasing  
Access to  
In-State  
Tuition &  
Financial Aid**

**Preparing for  
Post-DACA  
World**

# UPLIFTING UNDOCUMENTED LEADERSHIP

One of our core values is that our work be driven by and for undocumented people. By uplifting undocumented leadership at all levels, we are making sure that undocumented people are at the center of designing and advancing inclusive solutions to the issues that most affect them.

# EXPANDING BEYOND OUR BASE

Our base has historically been undocumented young people in California. But the transition to virtual programming, coupled with the extensive draw of our SEED grants, has resulted in us serving a wider range of ages, backgrounds, and geographic regions. Now we are adapting our programs and services to this expanded audience.

# INCREASING ACCESS TO IN-STATE TUITION IN CALIFORNIA

AB 540 and SB 68, the landmark in-state tuition and financial aid laws that make higher education affordable for undocumented students in California, are not being consistently interpreted or equitably administered. To address this, we are spearheading statewide policy changes and distributing crucial resources.

# PREPARING FOR A POST-DACA WORLD

As of Dec 2021, 611,000 individuals were still benefiting from DACA. A Texas-led challenge that would terminate DACA is likely to advance to the Supreme Court in 2023. With no comprehensive immigration reform in sight, we are helping DACA beneficiaries prepare for life beyond DACA.

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# HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS

# HIGHER EDUCATION APPROACH

We are partnering with stakeholders from higher education systems across California to develop shared guidelines for the equitable administration of AB 540/ SB 68, as well as co-sponsoring SB 1141, a bill that expands their reach even more. We are also sharing resources that strengthen support for and promote inclusivity of undocumented students and educators.

# HIGHER EDUCATION IMPACT



**17 higher education leaders** in our Intersegmental Work Group will develop guidelines for the equitable administration of AB 540/SB 68 across California.



**1500+ educators and administrators** will receive specialized training and technical assistance to support undocumented students.



**700,000 users** will access our online resources about higher education including our In-State Tuition Tool and Scholarship List.

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**As an undocumented Ph.D. student and community college educator, I have seen first-hand the barriers to receiving AB 540/SB 68 status. The work of the Intersegmental Work Group will ensure more undocumented students in California can afford higher education.”**

— **Maria Gutierrez**, Intersegmental Work Group, Campus Leader



# CAREER PROGRAMS

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Immigrants Rising provides undocumented professionals in the education, law, mental health, and coaching fields with the hands-on training and professional development they need to launch and grow their careers. DACA beneficiaries in these programs gain tools for advancing their careers and earning a living.

# CAREER PROGRAMS IMPACT



**50 undocumented professionals** will receive over **6,000 hours** of training, mentorship, coaching, and hands-on career experience, six of whom will gain **2,715 hours** towards their mental health provider licensure.

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**I am glad to be a pioneer of the Mental Health Career program. I have gained confidence in myself as a professional, but also as an immigrant who is trying to have a voice in this country."**

— Linda Aquino, Mental Health Career Program Participant



# LAW SCHOOL PROGRAMS

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Undocumented law school applicants are especially motivated and qualified to pursue careers in law due to their own experiences navigating the legal system. Immigrants Rising provides them with financial support, step-by-step guidance on navigating the application process, and a network of other pre-law students and legal professionals.

# LAW SCHOOL PROGRAMS IMPACT



**60 undocumented students** will participate in a “Pre-Law Bootcamp” with **12 hours of workshops** about applying to law school.



**10 undocumented students** will receive **\$25,000** in “Pre-Law Fund” grants to cover the costs of applying to law school.

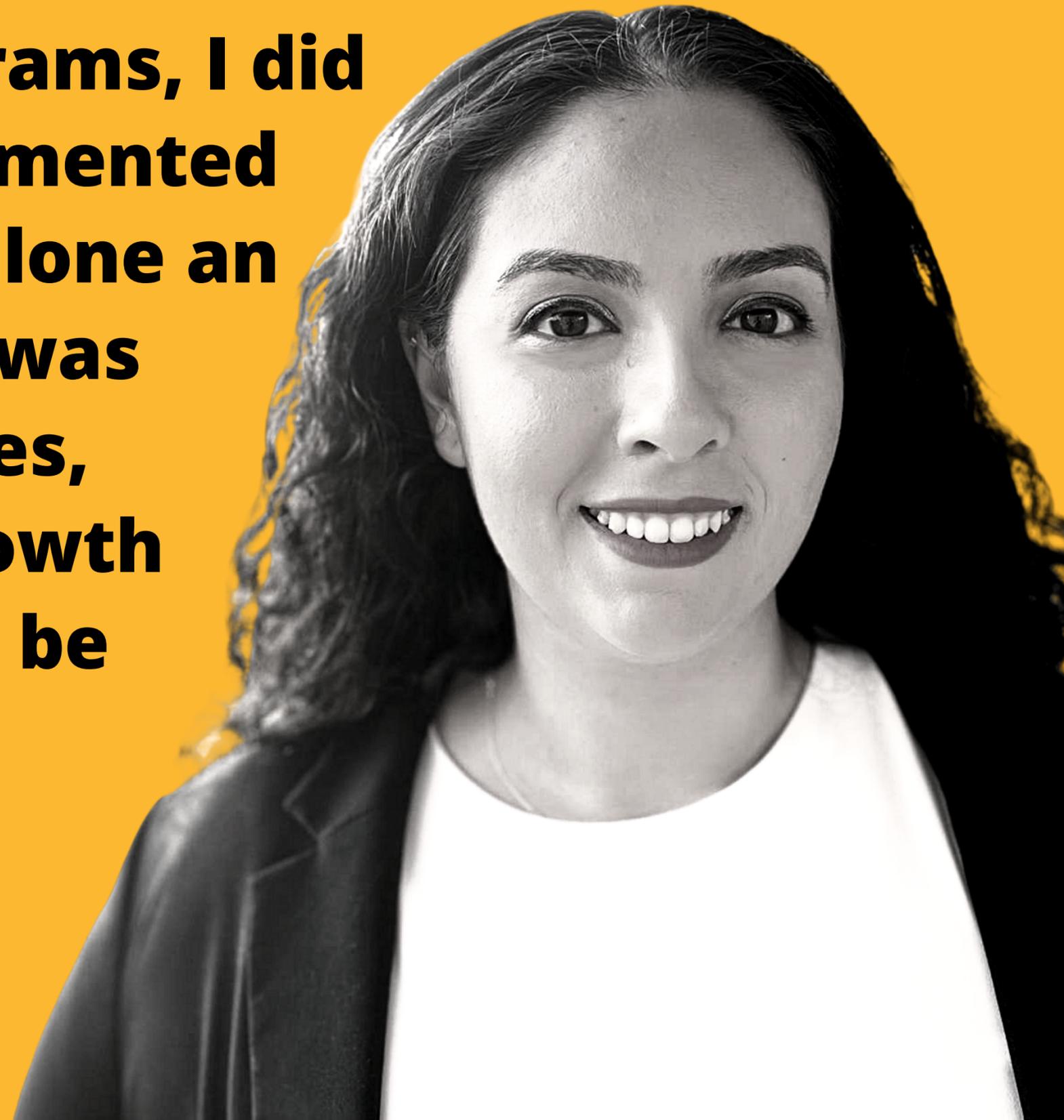


**1,200 users** will access our online law school resources for undocumented students.



**Prior to the Pre-Law programs, I did not know a single undocumented person in law school, let alone an undocumented lawyer. It was one of the best experiences, and it gave a space for growth and community that I will be forever grateful to have.**

**— Nour Kalbouneh,**  
Pre-Law Fund Recipient



# **ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAMS**

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Immigrants Rising offers opportunities for undocumented entrepreneurs—including DACA beneficiaries—to start or grow their businesses. We provide micro-grants, as well as training and technical assistance in English, Spanish, Korean, and Tagalog. Users across the country can also access Spark, our online entrepreneurship training hub.

# ENTREPRENEURSHIP IMPACT



We will disburse **\$1,320,000** in micro-grants to undocumented entrepreneurs—including current and former DACA beneficiaries—to launch or grow their businesses.



**200 undocumented SEED grantees** will participate in 10 hours of workshops on business management.



Our Spark entrepreneurship materials will be accessed by **13,000 users** across **10 different states**.

**“The SEED grant gave me the boost I needed by helping me reduce my financial obstacles and allowing me to tap into my creativity. I am so grateful for this opportunity for undocumented immigrants like myself!”**

— A. Ilori, SEED grant recipient



# LEGAL SERVICES

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Since 2009, Immigrants Rising has helped over **4,600 undocumented people** identify their potential immigration remedies and benefits. Our other legal resources offer valuable insights for making informed legal decisions with or without DACA. In order to reach monolingual communities, we offer resources and services in Spanish.

# LEGAL SERVICES IMPACT



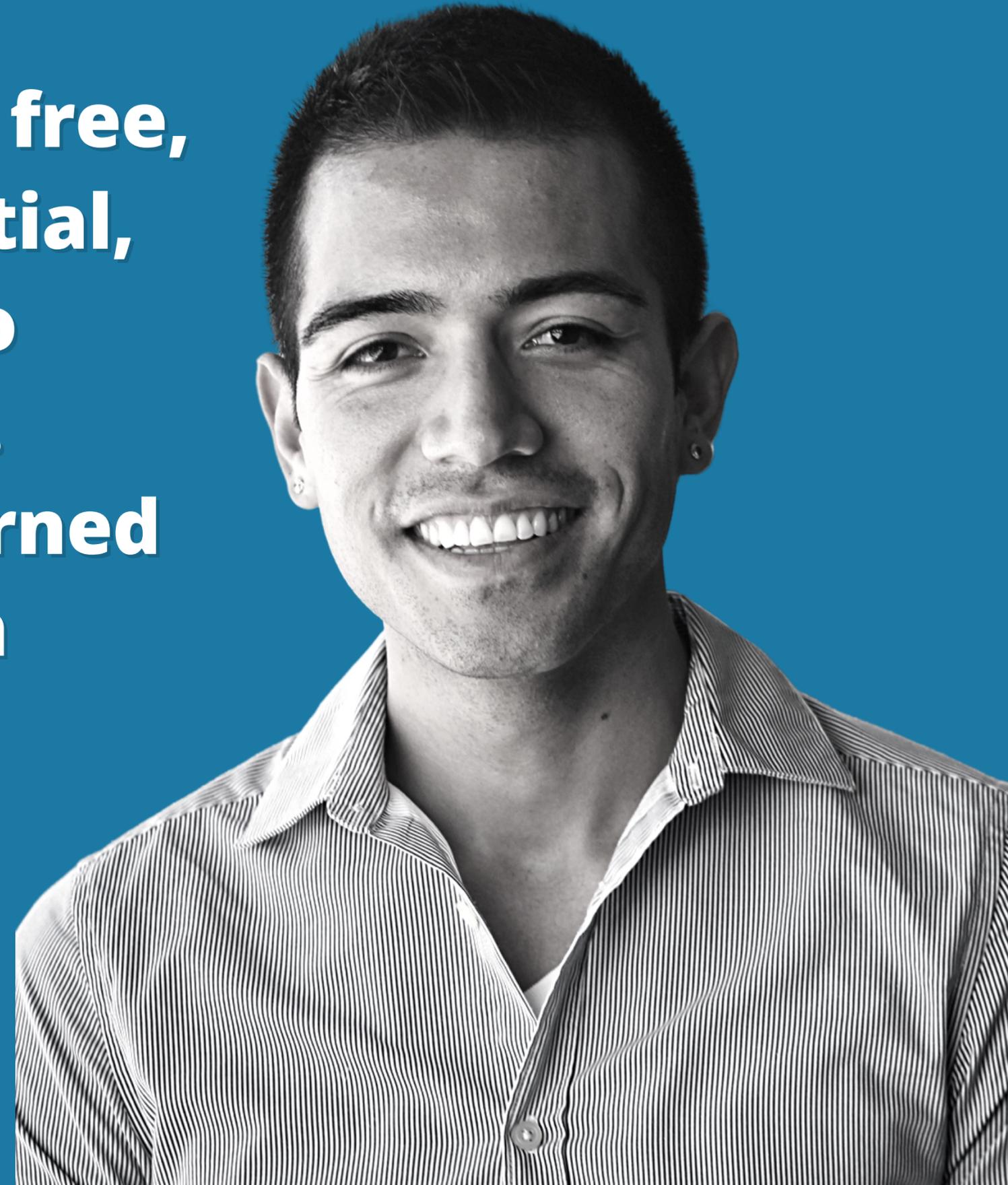
**200 undocumented people**—including **40 DACA beneficiaries**—will learn about their immigration legal remedies through our online intake service.



**12,000 users** will access our legal resources translated into Spanish.

**“The legal intake form was free, anonymous, and confidential, which gave me freedom to share a lot of information. Through this service, I learned of a potential immigration remedy and have since legalized my status.”**

**— Julio Navarrete,  
Legal Intake Service User**



**MENTAL HEALTH**

# MENTAL HEALTH APPROACH

Immigrants Rising's Wellness Support Groups create identity-based safe spaces for undocumented people to build community and share their unique experiences, while our Mental Health Connector provides them with 1-1 culturally competent psychological support.

# MENTAL HEALTH IMPACT



**174 undocumented people** will receive **over 6,000 hours** of individual therapy through our Mental Health Connector.



**300 undocumented people**—at least 40% of whom are DACA recipients—will receive **2,000 hours** of support through our Wellness Support Groups.

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**At the height of escalated anti-Asian violence, the UndocuAPI Support Group was there for me. Connecting with other UndocuAPI folks helped my mental health in ways I did not know I needed.”**

**— Hans Miguel Esguerra,  
Wellness Group Participant**



