

# OUR IMPACT THIS YEAR: FY 2022-23

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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 March 2022, 580,310 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.

# OUR STRATEGIC APPROACH

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- 6 Mental Health**
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# HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS

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We partner 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-sponsor SB 1141, a bill that expands their reach even more. We also share resources that strengthen support for and promote inclusivity of undocumented students and educators.

# HIGHER EDUCATION IMPACT



**We co-sponsored SB 1141**, an in-state tuition expansion bill that was signed into law in September of 2022.



We led an intersegmental workgroup that **published a watershed Systemwide AB 540 FAQ**, which was formally adopted by both the UC & CCC systems.

# HIGHER EDUCATION IMPACT



**2,595 educators and administrators** received specialized training and technical assistance to support undocumented students.



**861,067 users** accessed our online resources about higher education including our CA Dream Act Overview and Scholarship List.

**“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**

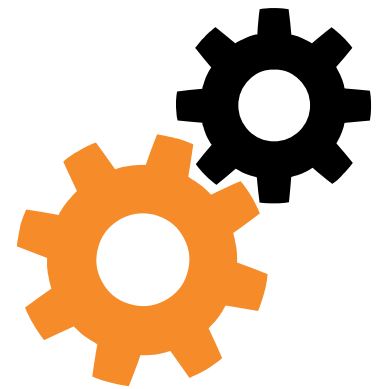


# CAREER PROGRAMS

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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



**51 undocumented professionals** received over **6,199 hours** of training, mentorship, coaching, and hands-on career experience, six of whom gained **3,475 hours** towards their mental health provider licensure.

**“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



**62 undocumented students** participated in a Pre-Law Bootcamp with **12 hours** of workshops about applying to law school.



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



**1,429 users** accessed our online law school resources for undocumented students.

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**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

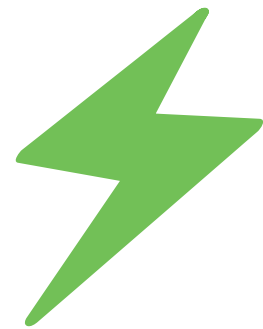


# **ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAMS**

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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 disbursed **\$2,450,000** in micro-grants to undocumented entrepreneurs—including current and former DACA beneficiaries—to launch or grow their businesses.



We provided 1-1 multilingual support and workshops on business management to **449 undocumented SEED grantees, 77% of whom are non-native English speakers.**

# ENTREPRENEURSHIP IMPACT



Our Spark entrepreneurship materials were accessed by **12,680 users across all 50 states.**



**1,957 community leaders** learned about entrepreneurship opportunities for undocumented immigrants.

**“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

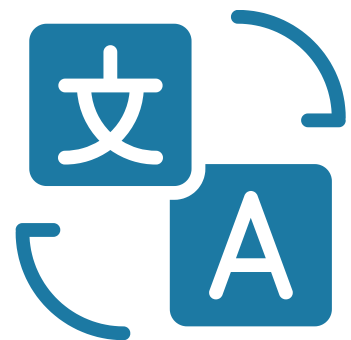
# LEGAL SERVICES APPROACH

Since 2009, Immigrants Rising has helped almost **5,000 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 more members of the Latinx community, we offer resources and services in Spanish.

# LEGAL SERVICES IMPACT



**318 undocumented people—including 97 DACA beneficiaries**—learned about their immigration legal remedies through our online intake service.



**47,199 users** accessed 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



**271 undocumented people** received **4,011 hours** of individual therapy through our Mental Health Connector.



**381 undocumented people—48% of whom are DACA recipients**—received **2,286 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**



# POST-DACA STRATEGY

# POST-DACA APPROACH

With DACA's impending end and a lack of comprehensive immigration reform on the horizon, **we are helping beneficiaries prepare for life beyond DACA through entrepreneurship, legal, and mental health resources and services.**

# POST-DACA IMPACT



Our Beyond DACA online resources received  
**246,643 views.**



**\$935,000** in SEED grants were awarded to DACA beneficiaries or DACA-eligible individuals to start or grow their businesses.

# POST-DACA IMPACT



**87 DACA recipients** learned about their immigration legal remedies through our online intake service. **30%** found possible long-term immigration remedies.



**184 DACA recipients** participated in our Wellness Support Groups.

**“It's court hearing after court hearing. I needed to deal with the instability of DACA and make money if DACA came to an end. I continue working as an organizer, but my next step is to turn Vals for You into a full-fledged business.”**

**— Yaquelin Valencia,  
SEED grantee & DACA recipient**



