

# KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!

## IMPORTANT LEGAL RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS

### CUNY UNDOCUMENTED AND IMMIGRANT STUDENT PROGRAMS

CUNY's UISP is a centralized department focused on immigrant student success to advocate and empower all students across various and changing immigration statuses.

Looking for another resource or more information? Scan this QR code



#### DEPORTATION DEFENSE

##### Make the Road - Deportation Defense Manual

This manual provides information about your rights when interacting with immigration enforcement, what you should do to prepare, and how to mobilize your community for support.

##### Legal Services

Provides support in multiple areas in addition to immigration resources. All their services are free & open to anyone that lives in NYC. They have offices across all 5 of the NYC boroughs and can provide support in many different languages.

##### Legal Aid Society

Provides urgent immigration support to low-income undocumented folks. They also have legal aid support in other areas such as housing.

*If you need immediate help, please call the Immigration Law Unit Helpline: 844-955-3425.*

##### Immigration Equality

Provides direct legal aid support to LGBTQ+ asylum seekers. Immigration Equality's services are free regardless of your status. They partner up with an accredited attorney in their network to support their clients. Please scroll to the bottom of their website for both their emergency and regular contacts.

##### Red Cards - ILRC

The Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC) created a series of cards in 14 languages to make sure people know their rights and can defend themselves in situations, such as when ICE agents go to a home. Go to the site to request cards or print your own.

##### Family Preparedness Plan - ILRC

The ILRC has put together a family preparedness plan resource document to help reduce the stress of the unexpected. The document can help any family regardless of immigration status, but includes additional advice for immigrant families.

#### HEALTH RESOURCES

##### CUNY UISP Health Resources

CUNY UISP has put together a list of physical and mental health resources and clinics for undocumented students and families along with resources for educators working with immigrants.

#### GENERAL LEGAL AID

##### CUNY Citizenship Now

CUNY Citizenship Now is an organization within CUNY that provides free and confidential legal counseling to anyone who lives in New York City. They can also refer you to other organizations if they don't specialize in your specific needs.

##### National Immigration Services Legal Directory

A resource curated by the New York Immigration Coalition with free/low cost organizations based in NYC. Organizations listed in there may also have capacity for more urgent concerns.

##### CBST The Ark

Trains volunteers and attorneys to assist with asylum & work permit applications, translation, accompaniment to USCIS interviews, direct support for our immigrant neighbors, & more.

*Contact: Noah Habeeb at [sanctuary@cbst.org](mailto:sanctuary@cbst.org)*

##### Immigrants Rising - Work for Yourself

Most undocumented immigrants face significant barriers to pursuing employment in the United States. In this guide, Immigrants Rising has outlined some legal ways to earn money in the United States with freelancing/independent contracting. Be sure to consult with an experienced immigration lawyer first.

##### National Employment Law Project

NELP has put together an English and Spanish guide for worker advocates in regard to the protection workers, and specifically immigrant workers, have and how they can work together with labor agencies to create a safe and equitable workplace.

#### EDUCATION SUPPORT

##### Undocumented Student Support at CUNY

This page provides information regarding your rights and how to thrive in your educational journey, with guidance and resources to stay safe and focused no matter your citizenship status.

##### Eligibility for in-state tuition and TAP via the NYS Dream Act

This document helps undocumented and immigrant students in CUNY understand their eligibility for in-state tuition and TAP.

##### CUNY Undocumented/Immigrant Student College Resource Guide

This document is a guide for undocumented and immigrant students within CUNY to learn about the services CUNY offers, view special financial aid opportunities, and more.

## DACA AND UNDOCUMENTED STUDENT RESOURCES

*Hostos Community College is dedicated to supporting undocumented and DACA students by providing comprehensive resources to ensure their academic success and well-being. Below is a consolidated overview of campus and community resources available:*

**Admissions and Enrollment:** Undocumented and DACA students can enroll like U.S. citizens and permanent residents. Citizenship status is not required and all information is confidential. For assistance, contact the Admissions office at [admissions@hostos.cuny.edu](mailto:admissions@hostos.cuny.edu).

**Financial Aid:** Eligible undocumented students may qualify for in-state tuition if they attended and graduated from a New York State high school or obtained a GED/TASC in New York State. For more information contact the financial aid office at [financialaid@hostos.cuny.edu](mailto:financialaid@hostos.cuny.edu)

