

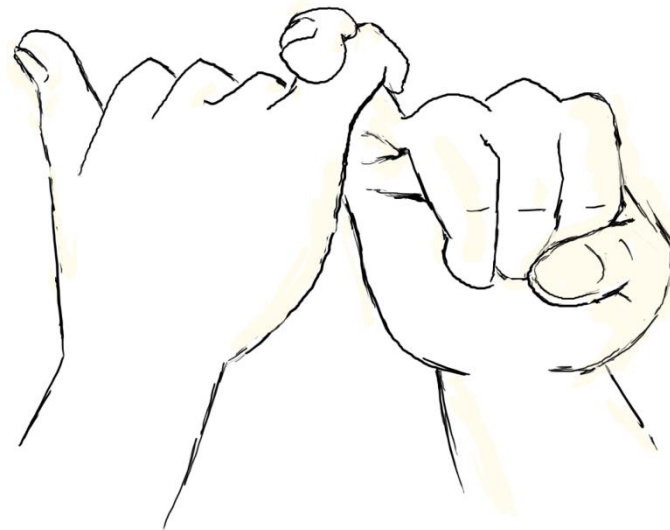
DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS (**DACA**)

- A discretionary policy
- Allows certain young people who came to the United States as children to defer prosecution for undocumented status
- An opportunity to obtain work authorization.



WHAT *is* DACA?

a “**promise**” that the government will not deport individuals who obtain DACA status for a two-year period



WHAT *isn't* DACA?

NOT a change in law

NOT citizenship

NOT permanent legal resident status

NOT a guarantee of State or federal benefits

WHO QUALIFIES FOR DACA?

- Came to the United States before age 16;
- Physically present in the United States as of June 15, 2012
- Under age 31 as of June 15, 2012, but at least age 15;
- Continuous residence in US for at least 5 years;
- Out of status as of June 15, 2012;
- Currently in school, graduated from high school, have a GED, or were honorably discharged from the military; and
- Have not been convicted of a felony, significant misdemeanor, three or more misdemeanors, and otherwise do not pose a threat to national security or public safety.

Recent Developments

November 2014 Executive Order

- Extends eligibility for DACA status to all individuals brought to the US as children with continuous residence in the US since 1/1/2010
- Extends term of DACA status to 3 years
- Provides temporary relief from deportation and work authorization for parents of US citizens or legal permanent residents (Deferred Action for Parental Accountability – “**DAPA**”)