

Top 11 Ways You Can Help Support Undocumented Youth

- 1 **Help provide a bully-free school environment** for all students. On April 9, the DREAM Educational Empowerment Program (DEEP) and its partners are holding a National Coming Out Day for undocumented youth. Take the pledge to help support undocumented students succeed.
- 2 Tell undocumented students that **they can go to college**, even though some options and services may be unavailable to them.
- 3 **Make information and resources available** to all students.
- 4 **Be open-minded.** Don't make assumptions about which students are undocumented. Not every undocumented student is Spanish-speaking or enrolled in ESL (English as a second language) classes.
- 5 **Identify scholarships** that don't require citizenship or permanent residency. Encourage other scholarship programs to change their policies to allow all qualified students to apply.
- 6 Help students get **ongoing mentoring and advice**, before and after the college admissions process. Focus on holistic student development.
- 7 **Be knowledgeable about specific policies** that affect undocumented students at a national, statewide and local level.
- 8 **Support comprehensive immigration reform**, the federal DREAM Act and state legislation to support undocumented students.
- 9 Identify older undocumented students and organizations that can serve as **role models** and help build a sense of community.
- 10 **Encourage parents/guardians to be involved** in undocumented students' educational journey.
- 11 Refer students to **qualified legal counsel** to investigate possible immigration remedies. This can be a lengthy process, and not all students will find immediate remedies.