

Create Your Advocacy Plan

Identify Your On-Campus Advocacy Goals

- Designate or hire a staff member to be an undocumented student coordinator
- Provide tuition support and scholarships for students regardless of their immigration status
- Make faculty and staff allies visible
- Offer confidential legal support to students with immigration questions and challenges
- Provide financial support for DACA applications and other immigration fees for students and their families
- Develop and enforce a clear policy that campus police should not act as immigration agents, or ask individuals on campus about their immigration status
- Educate faculty and staff about their rights and responsibilities when it comes to ICE raids or USCIS site visits on campus to keep all community members safe
- Commit to not collecting or sharing information on the immigration or citizenship status of students, faculty, and staff
- Advertise and make available mental health services for undocumented students, immigrant students, and students from mixed-status families
- Designate space on campus where undocumented students feel safe such as an undocumented student center or “Dream” center
- Create an atmosphere that allows for productive and supportive conversations on immigration issues that impact students, faculty, and staff
- Ensure that resources and FAQs pertaining to undocumented students are clearly posted on your school’s website for current students and prospective students

Choose Your Advocacy Tactics

- Meet with your university leadership
- Organize events open to campus
- Host meetings for undocumented students and allies
- Encourage your college president or administrators to host town halls open to the campus
- Put together a rally
- Form a group of faculty and staff allies
- Collect stories of immigrant students, faculty, and staff on campus
- Start a petition
- Write op-eds in your or local school newspaper
- Recruit individuals close to on-campus decision-makers as allies