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Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Raleigh Plan for Assisting with DACA and DAPA applications

◇ **The two areas of Administrative Relief will include:**

- Expansion of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) eligibilities, possibly to begin - but no earlier than - February 2015. The date is dependent upon when new Federal Applications are released. Persons who meet the following criteria may be eligible:
 - Be at least 15 years old
 - Entered the United states before the age of 16
 - Have lived in the USA since January 1st, 2010 (this is a change from the prior DACA rules)
 - There is no upper age limit (this is a change from the prior DACA rules)
- New DAPA program, possibly to begin - but no earlier than - May 2015. The date is dependent upon when Federal Applications for Deferred Action for Parental Accountability (DAPA) are released. Persons who meet these criteria may be eligible:
 - Be the parent of a US citizen or lawful permanent resident son or daughter born before November 20, 2014
 - Have lived in the USA since January 1, 2010
 - Be in the USA on November 20, 2014

◇ **Catholic Charities is preparing for new DACA and DAPA Administrative Relief programs:**

NOTE: Catholic Charities will not conduct any more DACA renewal workshops until February because the new rules will enable deportation relief for three years, rather than the two years currently in place.

1. Providing, upon request, Community Information Sessions. These sessions will address ways to prepare oneself and one's documents for the coming regulations. These community information sessions are being held now and will continue until the final regulations are announced.
2. Application and Information Workshops - Once the regulations are announced and the applications are available, Catholic Charities and our partners will work with Deans, Pastors, Pastoral Administrators, Parochial Vicars and parish staff to provide workshops for both DACA and DAPA applicants. The DACA sessions will begin late February and we are anticipating the DAPA sessions to begin in April.
 - During these workshops Catholic Charities staff who have achieved accreditation from the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) and trained volunteers will: provide specific information regarding how to complete applications; what specific documents individuals may need to support the application; and review complicated cases.

These workshops will be offered for a minimal fee to participants.



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3. Application Review Sessions – After an individual attends an Information Workshop Catholic Charities will schedule an individual session with the applicant to review his/ her application and recommend the next step. Depending upon the individual circumstances, next steps might be:
 - Submit application to the Federal authority
 - Arrange for a more detailed review of the application prior to submitting
 - Consult with an Immigration Attorney in order to ensure that any complicating issues can be explained

There will be a minimal fee for these individual sessions.

◇ **Fraud and Scam Avoidance:**

1. Rely only on:
 - Attorneys who have a license from the NC Bar Association, or
 - BIA accredited representative (many Catholic Charities staff).
2. Remember that a Notary Public in the U.S. does not have the same role in society as a “Notario” in many Latin American countries. A Notary Public cannot provide information about immigration matters or any legal matter, unless the Notary Public is also an attorney, or is BIA accredited.
3. The final rules and applications for each type of Administrative Relief will most likely be available in February (for DACA) and May (for DAPA), respectively.
 - There is no way to “get in the front of the line” in the DACA or DAPA process prior to the release of the final rules and applications.
 - It is not possible for someone to assist you with getting a work permit, visa or green card through DACA or DAPA prior to the release of the final rules and applications.
4. Watch Catholic Charities website CatholicCharitiesRaleigh.org for updates. Our partners will provide Catholic Charities with the most updated information. These partners are:
 - Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC)
 - NC Justice Center
 - Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC)