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Dear El Sol Academy Families,

I hope you are well and you and your family are staying safe.

You probably have heard that the U.S Supreme Court has indicated that, at least for the time being, the government must keep in place the DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) program. This is good news for young people who want to renew their DACA eligibility and it could be good news for young persons who want to apply for DACA status for the first time. I say "could" because the government has not yet begun to process new applications. Many lawyers believe it will start accepting NEW- first time applications soon.

If you have members of your family now covered by DACA and they need to renew status in the DACA program, **they can do so now by applying for renewal through USCIS.**

According to lawyers advising the El Sol Foundation and El Sol Academy, first time applicants should begin to prepare their applications now so that if and when new applications will be accepted by USCIS, they will be able to send in all the paperwork quickly.

**The Foundation has and is now working with a group of lawyers who can and will advise your DACA family members and eligible children concerning DACA renewal and first-time application procedures and needed documentation.** Call **Sara Flores**, (714) 975-0544 or contact her via email at [sflores@elsolacademy.org](mailto:sflores@elsolacademy.org). Sara will put you in touch with me, as many of you know, I am the Executive Director of the El Sol Foundation and have been an advisor to El Sol for many years. I will help you secure experienced legal assistance at no cost to you or members of your family.

**I know that not everyone reads the Newsletter**, if you know of any families whose kids went to El Sol or are now going to El Sol and whose families, including siblings, and children, might benefit from legal help regarding DACA, please let them know about the availability of legal help. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Marshall Kaplan  
Executive Director  
El Sol Foundation