



## HACES Helps DREAMers Navigate the DACA Process

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Breaking down barriers to legal status, HACES assists young DREAMers with their Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) applications free of charge.

The organization's dedicated team of Department of Justice (DOJ) accredited case workers helped over 400 eligible young adults renew their DACA status last fiscal year.

"Many eligible individuals don't apply on their own because they find the process overwhelming or can't afford legal assistance." María Gutierrez, DACA Case Worker at HACES explained. "We're here to remove those obstacles and help DREAMers access the opportunities they deserve."

- HACES offers:
- Free DACA eligibility screenings
  - Application preparation assistance
  - Filing fee assistance for eligible applicants
  - Ongoing support throughout the process

On Friday, October 18, HACES held a DACA workshop at our Waukegan office, where our case workers supported 60 participants with their applications! By hosting one-day workshops, we are able to help many people in one day, effectively helping them maintain their protection.

## HACES Attends Heart of the City's Trunk or Treat Event



A big thank you to Heart of the City for inviting HACES to their fantastic Trunk or Treat event! Our team had a great time celebrating Halloween and connecting with community members and organizations.



## Support Our Mission

Your donation helps us provide essential legal services to DREAMers in our community. A gift of:

- \$50 covers document preparation for one applicant
- \$100 supports our DACA workshops
- \$500 provides full application assistance for one DREAMer
- \$1,000 sponsors our filing fee assistance program

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## HACES Prioritizes Digital Literacy in the Community

In modern life today, knowing your way around the computer is a necessity. From filling out paperwork for a doctor's office to paying bills, the expectation is for community members to have digital literacy skills.

Elizabeth Montano, IFRP Program Manager states "It has become second nature to the point that the community has forgotten about new arrivals with language barriers, older citizens with limited understanding, and the underserved communities with limited access." At HACES, we have begun advocating for digital inclusion. In July, HACES partnered with Connect Lake County to launch our first "Computer Basics Workshops."



This three class series helps community members develop basic computer skills that can be added to their resume or will help them in their daily life. The classes were offered in English and Spanish. All community members received a free laptop! Thank you Connect Lake County for making this possible!

We are excited to have our second "Computer Basics Workshop" in October. Our class began on October 25 and will end on November 25th! We will be giving away free laptops to all participating students.



In order to continue advocating for digital inclusion in our community, HACES joined Digital Equity Coalition in August. On September 27 we attended our first public meeting. Elizabeth Montano, IFRP Program Manager, spoke to the committee about our education pillar, one of the three essential pillars of HACES that defines the service we provide to the community. Elizabeth brought Silvia Borjon, an HACES client, to the public meeting to share her digital literacy journey.



## Upcoming Events



Join us for a celebration designed to bring our community together for a night of fun, culture, and fundraising.

Gran Lotería Night will be an exciting event that showcases the popular Mexican game of loteria while supporting our organization's mission to empower and assist immigrant families in our area. The event will feature personalized HACES loteria cards that will give you a chance to learn about HACES. Win exciting prizes, and look forward to having a great time with community members!

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