Temporary provisions and policies that do not offer a permanent solution and status for undocumented students

- Lack of pathways to citizenship
- Lack of awareness of specific academic challenges facing undocumented students
- Gaps in policy implementation and disconnect between K-12 and higher education institutions.

THE SOLUTION

The HIGHER ED IMMIGRATION PORTAL is a national source centralizing information for researchers, practitioners, advocates, policymakers and other stakeholders that have a role in improving opportunities for undocumented students.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1. Increasing access to higher education and providing permanent pathways for all U.S. students and domestic talent is a critical pathway to building the American economy and workforce.

2. The undocumented student experience reflects the intersectionality of social class, socio-economic status, and race/ethnicity.

3. National, state and local policy environments are best when inclusive.

THE PORTAL

- COALITION BUILDING: Convenes partners, advocates and practitioners in the ecosystem to advance change for undocumented students.

- CASE MAKING THROUGH EVIDENCE: Centralizes data, research, and storytelling to raise awareness of the complexity of undocumented students’ situation. Enables federal and state policy tracking of postsecondary and workforce opportunities for undocumented students.

- COMMUNICATIONS & OUTREACH: Advances communication and engagement strategies to establish the Portal as a trusted source of information.

- POLICY CHANGE: Becomes one of the main policy interventional tools to advance equitable and inclusive state-level postsecondary policies for undocumented students.

OUTCOMES

- Increased higher education and career access and equity for undocumented students, including DACA recipients and TPS holders.

- Increase in skilled workforce leading to greater prosperity.

- Federal legislation that secures the status and rights of undocumented students.

- Awareness and clarity of who undocumented students are and the challenges they face.

- Increased awareness among K-12, higher education, and key players of state-level and federal regulatory and legislative policies impacting undocumented students.

KEY STAKEHOLDERS