

## FACT SHEET CHANGES TO D.A.C.A. (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals)

**Catholic Charities of Central Colorado** stands in solidarity with DACA recipients, young people brought to the US as children, who add to our community as workers, business owners, members of our religious congregations, and students.

Here are the key points to know about the September 5, 2017 changes to DACA:

- If you have never applied for DACA before: Do not apply. Your application will be rejected.
- If you have DACA currently, and it expires on or before March 5, 2018: You MUST file to renew your DACA and your application MUST be RECEIVED by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service by <u>Thursday, October 5, 2017</u>. It can then be renewed for another full two years.
- If you have DACA currently, and it expires after March 5, 2018: You are NOT eligible to renew your DACA, but it will remain valid for the full two-year period until it expires.

The most reliable internet resource for up-to-date, accurate information, is the DACA page of the official government website of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS): <u>https://www.uscis.gov/daca2017</u>

Be sure that only a licensed attorney or a federally-accredited nonprofit such as Catholic Charities assists you to file any immigration applications with the government. At times of change and uncertainty, scammers often pop up to take advantage of immigrant families.

We urge everyone who is eligible to renew, or who has questions about DACA, to contact our Office of Family Immigration Services immediately at **719-866-6515** or <u>immigration@ccharitiescc.org</u> to schedule an appointment. We are prioritizing these cases to help as many people as possible to renew DACA before the October 5, 2017 deadline.