



Ohio Psychological Association: Official Statement

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) – Response to Rescindment

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Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) was established in June 2012 by with the intent to provide support for individuals who entered or remained in the United States as minors illegally to become gainfully employed as contributing members of our communities. This program was rescinded in September of 2017. Not only will applications to the DACA program no longer be accepted, but the fate of the current 800,000 "Dreamers" is unknown.

Research informs us that forced displacement of children from their home countries has potentially significant adverse effects on development. Ending DACA could likely compromise the health and well-being of these individuals by re-experiencing separation from families and environmental security.

Many of us have come to know these "Dreamers" as our friends, family, students, clients, and colleagues and thus, the rescinding of this program affects us all. The Ohio Psychological Association denounces the end of the DACA program and encourages the community to take action by contacting your local legislators.

Contact senators and representatives in Congress today by phone, FAX, or email. Provide your name and zip code to identify that you are a constituent in their district. Urge members of Congress to protect these immigrants, who know America as home, from deportation. Please take action now!

Not sure who your legislators are, [click here to find out](https://whoismyrepresentative.com/). (https://whoismyrepresentative.com/)

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