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The Community Immigration Law Center Expanding Service To Local Dreamers
CILC extending hours, increasing commitment to those affected by today's announcement ending DACA

(MADISON, Wis.) – The Community Immigration Law Clinic (CILC) is elevating to ‘high alert’ mode in light of the Trump administration's announcement regarding the cancellation of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA).

“This action is of grave concern for CILC and its clients,” said Grant Sovern, board president for CILC. “These young people need legal representation in the face of the rug being pulled out from under on their authorization to live, work and prosper in this great nation.”

The local immigration legal community is working together to assist those who have been eligible for DACA or renewal in planning next steps. DACA provided reprieve from deportation and work authorization to children who were brought to the US without authorization.

CILC will be extending the hours of their free Friday legal clinic this Friday, September 8, to include the hours of 9:00am-12:30pm in addition to the 1:30pm-5:00pm regular clinic hours. The hours of 9:00am-12:30pm will be dedicated to serving those inquiring about DACA. CILC is housed within Christ Presbyterian Church and is located at 944 E. Gorham St. in Madison.

“We hope to provide Dreamers with legal screening for alternate forms of relief and advice navigating the uncertainty around DACA’s future,” said Sovern.

“We are not sure what to anticipate from the ‘wind down’ that Attorney General Sessions announced today, but we will be closely monitoring any developments to share with those affected by this announcement,” said Aissa Olivarez, staff attorney at CILC. “There are 14,000 students who are DACA eligible in Wisconsin and their lives are now placed on hold unless Congress decides to act.”

“CILC will continue to be an invaluable resource for those with immigration questions or issues in our community,” said Jean-Rene Watchou, CILC board member and co-founder.

About CILC: CILC has been providing free walk-in clinics to the local community since 2009. CILC has a free walk-in legal clinic where anyone can talk to a volunteer immigration lawyer about a case. Walk-in clinics are held on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month from 1:30pm-5:00pm at Christ Presbyterian Church at 944 East Gorham Street in Madison. Walk-in clinics are only on the 2nd Friday in November and December due to the holidays. No appointment needed. First come, first served.