

## Guidance for Supporting Students Affected by Recent Immigration Policy Changes

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Dear SDCCE Colleagues:

On behalf of the Safety, Inclusion, and Belonging Taskforce (SIB), we want to provide you with important information and guidance following recent federal immigration policy developments that may impact some of our students, colleagues, and their families.

### Background:

Recent national actions and legal decisions have introduced uncertainty for individuals from countries such as Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua, Venezuela, and Afghanistan who are here under certain humanitarian parole programs or Temporary Protected Status (TPS).

Advocacy and community organizations have also reported concerns about immigration court proceedings being canceled and individuals facing unexpected enforcement actions.

While SDCCE does not offer legal services or immigration advice, we recognize that these developments may cause stress and confusion for members of our college community.

### How You Can Support Students:

If a student approaches you with concerns related to immigration status or safety planning, here are appropriate next steps:

## Refer students to the Immigrant Based Support Program

Our team can assist students in accessing trusted community-based legal resources and help them create or print personal emergency preparedness plans.

## Encourage attendance at upcoming legal information sessions

We are partnering with legal service providers to offer events focused on general information, rights awareness, and consultations.

#### Next Events:

**PANA Immigration Legal Clinic** Tuesday, June 3 I 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM Mid-City Campus – Room 316

## **HELS Immigration Legal Clinic**

Tuesday, June 17 I 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Mid-City Campus – Room 316

More sessions will be announced via email and campus bulletin boards.

# Do not provide legal advice

It's important to avoid offering opinions or guidance that could be interpreted as legal advice. Instead, refer students to professionals trained in immigration law.

# **Confidential Referrals and Support:**

If a student needs assistance or a safe place to ask questions, please direct them to:

## SDCCEImmigrantSupport@sdccd.edu

We want to thank the members of the Safety, Inclusion, and Belonging Committee for their hard work to ensure that students and community members have access to this critical information and legal resources.

In partnership,

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