

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY PLYLER & DACA



**June 15th is the 40th anniversary of the landmark *Plyler v. Doe* Supreme Court decision** asserting the Constitutional right of all children in the United States to receive a K-12 education, regardless of their immigration status.

**June 15th is ALSO the 10th anniversary of DACA<sup>1</sup>**, the 2012 Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program that allowed certain people who came to the United States as children, if eligible, to receive temporary protection from deportation and obtain a work permit. DACA has improved the lives of almost a [million](#) people living in the United States since 2012.

Check out the opportunities below to take action and show your support for this important decision and program and the rights of all our children!

## Learn more about *Plyler* and DACA here:

- [Blog/Timeline of the Case](#) and [Documentary](#) (MALDEF)
- [Public Education for Immigrant Students: Understanding \*Plyler v. Doe\*](#)
- [DACA](#) (NILC)
- [Standing United: Protecting the rights of immigrant students and their families](#) (AFT)
- [Plyler Resources for Educators, Families, and Advocates](#) (SPLC)
- [Video Interview: \*Plyler v Doe\* at 40 – Schooling Guaranteed for Immigrant Children](#) (IDRA)
- [Plyler v. Doe Supports High-Quality Schools – U.S. Supreme Court Ruling 40 Years Ago Today Confirms Immigrant Students' Rights to Attend Public Schools](#) (IDRA)
- [Open Letter to Educators regarding the importance of \*Plyler\*](#) (AFT)
- [Welcoming Immigrant Students in School Infographic](#) (IDRA)
- [“Education of Immigrant Children” web page with tools for schools and advocates](#) (IDRA)
- [Immigrant Students' Right to Education](#) (Advancing Justice - AAJC)
- [40 Aniversario Hoy! \*Plyler v. Doe\* apoya escuelas de alta calidad – Derechos de los estudiantes inmigrantes para asistir a las escuelas públicas](#) (IDRA)

## Shareable digital content:

- [Plyler v. Doe Anniversary Toolkit](#) (MALDEF)
- [Sample social media messages](#) (Leadership Conference)
- [Plyler Documentary](#) (MALDEF)

**More shareable digital content:**

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- [Plyler Documentary](#) (MALDEF)
- [Home Is Here Campaign DACA Anniversary Partner Memo](#)
- [DACA Messaging Guide](#) (Home Is Here and United We Dream)
- [DACA Decade: From students to careers and families Report](#) (FWD.us)
- [Home Is Here Campaign DACA Anniversary Partner Memo](#)

**Join these events:**

- [#PlylerDACA Anniversary Tweetchat 6/15 at 1-2PM ET](#) (Children Thrive Action Network)
- [DACA Anniversary Action Map](#) (United We Dream)
- [NYC DACA rally on June 15 at 10:00 AM at Castle Clinton in Battery Park in Manhattan](#)

**Take action:**

- [Call on Congress to Act on legislation with a pathway to citizenship](#) (AFT)

**More resources for educators and school boards:**

- [Immigration Resources from the American Federation of Teachers](#) (AFT)
- [Safe Zone Sample Resolution K-12](#) (AFT)
- [Sample memorandum of understanding to safeguard protections for DACA employees through collective bargaining agreements](#) (AFT)
- [Safe Zone School Districts](#) (NEA)

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1. Although DACA has been an incredibly important tool to keep families and communities together, it has never been sufficiently inclusive and accessible, and it has too often been under threat. [Immigrant youth and advocates](#) have called for improvements to DACA's financial and logistical accessibility with automated renewals and fee waivers, reductions in processing delays, strengthening DACA via codification, and a true pathway to citizenship via legislation. *Plyler* is very well-established law. It is now incorporated into federal statutory law through a provision expressly indicating that Congress would not interfere with *Plyler* rights as it sought to restrict other rights of immigrants in the 1990s. See 8 U.S.C. § 1643(a)(2).