

HIAS POLICY RESOLUTION

Legalization of Undocumented Students

HIAS is deeply concerned that the population of undocumented migrants in the United States includes many children whose future is limited due to their undocumented status and the barriers it places on their access to higher education. Youth, who do not bear responsibility for their legal status, should be able to reach their potential notwithstanding their parents' decision to immigrate without legal status.



HIAS supports efforts that will increase opportunities for undocumented students by permitting them to both obtain legal status and qualify for state education assistance. Furthermore, these young people should be given every opportunity to integrate into American society so as to lead full, productive, and meaningful lives in this country. For these reasons, HIAS supports current initiatives such as the Development, Relief, and Education for Minors (DREAM) Act and the Student Adjustment Act as endorsed by key Congressional leaders of both parties.

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