

Dream Day of Action Tweetchat Overview and Script

Thank you for partnering with the Protecting Immigrant Families Campaign for a tweetchat calling on congress to pass the Dream Act before the end of this year. This document recommends tweets you can use to engage your followers in advance of the tweetchat, provides a script organizing the hour-long tweetchat around a series of questions, and links to supporting resources from campaign partners and allies.

Promotional tweets

Please use these tweets to engage your Twitter followers in advance of the tweetchat.

As soon as possible:

Join @AFTunion @fractweets @HealthPolicyHub, @NEAToday, @NILC_org, and @CLASP_DC from 1:30-2:30pm ET on 12/18 for a Twitter chat uniting education, health, anti-hunger, and anti-poverty advocates calling for Congress to pass the #DreamActNow!!!

Join us December 18 from 1:30-2:30pm ET for a chat with @AFTunion @fractweets @HealthPolicyHub, @NEAToday, @NILC_org, and @CLASP_DC calling on Congress to pass the #DreamActNow.

Thousands of Dreamers have already lost DACA protections & 100+ lose DACA every day. Join our 12/18 1:30pm ET chat with education, nutrition, anti-hunger & anti-poverty advocates to demand a #DreamActNow.

The morning of December 18:

TODAY AT 1:30PM ET: #DreamActNow Twitter chat with education, health, anti-hunger, and anti-poverty leaders.

Don't forget today @ 1:30pm ET #DreamActNow Twitter chat with education, health, anti-hunger and anti-poverty leaders.

1:25pm ET on the 18th:

Get Ready! Our Twitter chat with education, health, anti-hunger, and anti-poverty leaders starts in 5 minutes! #DreamActNow

Tweetchat script

The Qs will be tweeted by the tweetchat moderator – the @NILC_org account. The As are samples illustrating recommended themes for responsive tweets. Please customize these and add links to your own content, as well as your organization’s preferred issue-specific hashtags.

Introduction – 1:30-1:32

These tweets will be posted by the moderator. Please retweet them with a welcome of your own, to help your followers join the chat.

Hi Everyone! Welcome to our Twitter chat with education, health, anti-hunger, and anti-poverty advocates calling for a #DreamActNow. We’re so glad you could join us!

Instructions: Simply use #DreamActNow to follow along and answer questions. Be sure to label your answers (A1 for Q1, A2 for Q2, etc.)

Want to tag your rep or senator with a #DreamActNow tweet? Find their handle using Twitter’s verified list: <https://twitter.com/cspan/lists/members-of-congress/members>.

Let’s get started! #DreamActNow

Question 1 – 1:32-1:40

Q1 122 people are losing DACA protections every day. What does that mean for the issues you work on, the people you serve? #DreamActNow

A1 Every DACA loss puts a family’s health at risk. Unmet healthcare needs and the stress of a constant threat of deportation are a real danger. #DreamActNow

A1 Many talented Dreamers have earned or are pursuing healthcare careers like @PHDreamers. As DACA losses force Dreamers out of exam rooms & into the shadows, our healthcare provider shortage worsens. #DreamActNow

A1 Teachers know that stress has a huge impact on school performance, and the strain & fear of a parent’s possible deportation will be felt in classrooms nationwide. #DreamActNow

A1 Dreamers are teaching children all over the country. Losing DACA forces great teachers out of the classroom, worsening our teacher shortage. #DreamActNow

A1 With DACA work authorization, Dreamers put food on dinner tables all over the USA. Losing DACA means lost incomes and, for some, empty plates at the table. #DreamActNow

Question 2 – 1:40-1:45

Q2 Why is it so important to pass a #DREAMActNow before Congress goes home for the holidays?

A2: With 122 people losing DACA protections every day, every day Congress delays the #DreamActNow puts more families at risk.

A2: Children whose parents are deported face hardships that lead to reduced school attainment, social exclusion, hunger, and lower earnings as adults. #DreamActNow

A2 Many Dreamers are parents, and the health & wellbeing of 200,000+ US citizen children depends on Congress passing the #DreamActNow.

A2: Parents are stronger and more stable breadwinners and caregivers when they have work authorization, protection from deportation, and hope for their families' future together. #DreamActNow

A2: When parents are no longer afraid of being detained or deported, children can thrive. #DreamActNow

Question 3 – 1:45-1:55

Q3 What are the health & wellbeing consequences for immigrants and their families if Congress delays in passing the #DreamActNow?

A3 Each day Congress fails to act, more Dreamers lose jobs and employer sponsored health coverage. A #DreamActNow allows Dreamers and their families to remain covered and live healthy lives.

A3 Losing DACA's work authorization means losing employer-sponsored insurance. Half of all Dreamers (2/3 of those over 25) have job-based coverage. #DreamActNow

A3 Less stress = better mental health. @Harvardmed researchers reported in @TheLancet that DACA led to large reduction in depression among people eligible. #DreamActNow

A3 Delay puts kids' health at risk. Stanford Researchers @ImmigrationLab in @nature found that DACA resulted in more than 50% drop of mental health issues like anxiety among the children of eligible parents. #DreamActNow

A3 Every day without a #DreamActNow Children are at risk of being separated from their parents and parents lose protections that let them provide for their children.

A3 With authorization to work, Dreamers will not have the income to feed their families, threatening their health and well-being #DreamActNow

Question 4 – 1:55-2:05

Q4 What would delaying the #DreamActNow mean for teachers and students?

A4 Delaying the #DreamActNow will result in children not having the nutrition they need to focus & stay well & excel in school

Question 5 – 2:05-2:10

Q5 If Congress delays in passing the #DreamActNow, what are the consequences for hunger & poverty?

A5 Family-supporting jobs at risk. After receiving DACA, more than 2/3 of people reported moving to a job with better pay, with hourly wages up 69% from \$10.29 to \$17.46.
#DreamActNow

A5 With DACA's work authorization, hard-working Dreamers put food on the family table. If Congress continues to delay the #DreamActNow, family dinners could have empty plates and empty seats at dinner.

A5 Poverty and hunger are inextricably linked and without a #DreamActNow more families will fall behind instead of moving ahead

Question 6 – 2:10-2:15

Q6 Which lawmakers in Congress have been leading the charge for passage of the #DreamActNow, and what does their leadership mean to you?

<https://twitter.com/cspan/lists/members-of-congress/members>

Question 7 – 2:15-2:20

Q7 Which congressional representatives in your state need to hear about the health, education, hunger & poverty consequences of delaying action on the #DreamActNow?

<https://twitter.com/cspan/lists/members-of-congress/members>

Question 8 – 2:20-2:25

Q8 How can education, health, anti-hunger, and anti-poverty advocates help pass a #DreamActNow?

A8 Sign onto this digital petition, urging Congress to pass the #DreamActNow. Link to petition text.

A8 Help @NEAToday drive calls to Capitol Hill, using an easy online directory to call your reps and senators. <http://edadvocacy.nea.org/app/make-a-call?5&engagementId=397153>

A8 Educate health, education, economics, and food journalists in your state/community about the broader impact of the #DreamActNow debate.

Question 9 – 2:25-2:30

Q9 What keeps you fighting for a #DreamActNow?

Conclusion – 2:30

Thank you so much for joining health, education, anti-hunger, and, anti-poverty advocates in demanding a #DreamActNow.

Please keep sharing resources, encouraging & inspiring each other to push Congress for a #DreamActNow.

Let's keep up the fight for a #DreamActNow!

Links to resources

These resources may be helpful as you prepare for the tweetchat.

- Center for American Progress, United We Dream, and National Immigration Law Center, [DACA Recipients' Economic and Educational Gains Continue to Grow](#) (August 2017) – Provides results of the largest study to date of DACA recipients and analyzes the economic, employment, educational, and societal experiences of DACA recipients.
- Center for Law and Social Policy, [DACA Has Been Rescinded, What Now?](#) (September 2017) – Key facts about what the end of DACA means for families.
- National Immigration Law Center, [DACA Under the Trump Administration](#) – Information about the Trump Administration's announcement to end DACA, FAQs and more.
- Kaiser Family Foundation, [Living in an Immigrant Family in America: How Fear and Toxic Stress Are Affecting Daily Life, Well-Being, and Health](#) (December 2017) – 12 million children in the U.S. live with a noncitizen parent in the U.S. Kaiser Family foundation conducted focus groups with 100 parents from 15 countries and did interviews with pediatricians to gain insight on how the current environment is affecting them. Parents said the Administration's decision to end DACA and TPS added to fear and uncertainty about their own immigration status and how quickly policies can change.

- Migration Policy Institute, [Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Data Tools](#) – Provides information about participation in DACA by state and by top countries of origin as of September 4, 2017.
- [Resources for DACA Families](#) – The Children’s Partnership offers FAQs and supportive resources for Dreamers and their families.
- [Know Your Family’s Health Care Rights](#) – These flyers from The Children’s Partnership are a guide to healthcare options for undocumented and mixed-status families in California.