

COMMUNITY NAVIGATOR CURRICULUM

This is a curriculum for organizations to use to train community or field volunteers who will be engaged in outreach, organizing, screening, document preparation, and/or application assistance related to administrative relief implementation. The slide notes provide a trainers guide for using the curriculum.

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MODULE 1 – BACKGROUND

Objectives:

- Introduce your organization
- Get to know trainers/trainees
- Discuss and agree upon goals for the day

MODULE 2 – IMMIGRATION 101

Objectives:

- Share key immigration law concepts
- Discuss primary avenues for seeking legal status affirmatively
- Explain what we mean when we talk about “the broken system”

MODULE 3 – ADMIN RELIEF

Objective:

- Teach basics of the program: background, eligibility, benefits, and limitations

MODULE 4 – DEFENDING ADMIN RELIEF

Objectives:

- Clarify that defense of admin relief and service to potential applicants should not be distinct but mutually reinforcing
- Identify new grassroots leaders, develop their understanding of the need to organize and their leadership skills, and build new power for participating organizations

MODULE 5 – AVOIDING UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE OF LAW (UPL)

Objective:

- Ensure that Community Navigators understand the “bright lines” that demarcate practicing law and that CN’s are equipped with simple, practical and effective strategies to respond to communities’ hunger to know where they stand legally

MODULE 6 – SCREENING

Objectives:

- Teach importance and role of navigator in the screening process
- Review DACA/DAPA eligibility requirements
- Provide practical tips/scripts to avoid UPL
- Practice screening

MODULE 7 – PREPARING DOCUMENTATION

Objectives:

- Introduce effective practices and strategies for doc prep
- Have participants understand the purpose, limits and tactics of doc prep assistance

MODULE 8 – ASSISTING WITH APPLICATIONS

Note: this Module is incomplete, pending the publication of new application forms and guidelines.

MODULE 9 – IDENTIFYING LEGAL HELP

Objective:

- Provide practical strategies on when and how to make legal referrals

MODULE 10 – REPORTING VICTIMIZATION

Objective:

- Provide practical strategies on when and how to report victimization