

# Washington State DREAMer Fact Sheet

## Deferred Action Overview

### About NWIRP

Northwest Immigrant Rights Project (NWIRP) is the oldest and largest organization in Washington that promotes justice for low-income immigrants by pursuing and defending their legal status.

NWIRP (pronounced n-i-r-p) provides legal assistance to nearly 10,000 individuals each year. NWIRP was founded in 1984 by attorneys from the American Civil Liberties Union, the National Lawyers Guild, La Raza and other individuals in the faith and legal communities and merged with a number of other organizations to become Northwest Immigrant Rights Project in 1991.

NWIRP is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization headquartered in Seattle and also serves the immigrant community from offices in Tacoma, Granger and Moses Lake. More than 1,500 individuals contact NWIRP each week for assistance.

For additional information please visit [www.nwirp.org](http://www.nwirp.org).

As many as 40,000 youth in Washington State may be protected from deportation through the recently announced “Deferred Action” program. This program, announced by President Obama on June 15, grants limited protection from deportation to certain undocumented youth (called DREAMers). A study done in 2008 by a Mexican governmental organization showed that 90,000 children were deported from the U.S. to Mexico in a seven month period; 13,000 were never reunited with their families.

As the only nonprofit organization in Washington State providing comprehensive immigration legal service to low-income immigrants and refugees, Northwest Immigrants Rights Project (NWIRP) is working to provide community education and free legal assistance to individuals who qualify for this program.

## Current efforts around the state:

Northwest Immigrant Rights Project and the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA-WA) are providing free legal workshops beginning August 21. The workshops will provide information, plus an opportunity for individuals to consult with an attorney or qualified legal representative about their situation. For an updated list of workshops, please go to [www.nwirp.org/dream](http://www.nwirp.org/dream) or call 1-855-31-DREAM.

NWIRP is also holding smaller legal clinics in Seattle and Granger (where NWIRP has offices) beginning on August 22. These clinics will be by appointment only. To book an appointment in Seattle call 206-587-4009; in Granger please call 206-957-8684 (after August 22).

OneAmerica is holding a Deferred Action Town Hall series providing information about eligibility for Deferred Action, the application process and information about signing up for NWIRP and AILA’s free legal assistance workshops. For a list of informational presentations by OneAmerica go to <https://www.weareoneamerica.org/dream-relief-town-halls>.

Other organizations around the state are also planning informational presentations and workshops as well. For a list of other presentations visit <http://nwirp.org/resources/dreamevents>.