



UndocuPeers: Liberating Campus Climate

The reality for undocumented students

Due to the consistent advocacy of leaders within the undocumented immigrant community and allies across the nation, more undocumented immigrants have been able to pursue a higher education.

Still, however, only 5 to 10 percent of the approximately 65,000 undocumented students who annually graduate from high school across the U.S. actually enroll in colleges and universities. Moreover only 1 to 3 percent of those who enroll will graduate on time.

This is largely due to the difficult and overwhelming campus climate undocumented students experience once they arrive at higher education institutions and the lack of or misinformation received while in high school.

What is UndocuPeers?

“The UndocuPeers Training provided us with a critical foundation of information. It empowered us to help us get some great initiatives off the ground to better support our DREAMer students.”

Lynda Duran, University of Colorado, Denver

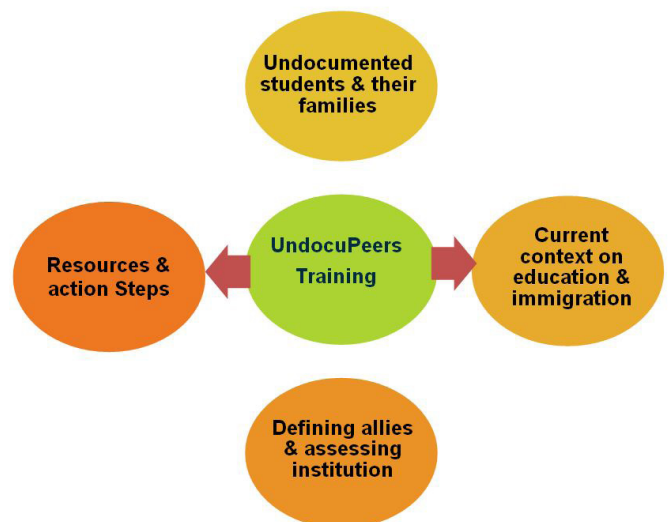
The UndocuPeers: Liberating Campus Climate training is a four-hour interactive certification program that increases the educational success of undocumented students by empowering and training educators.

Developed by undocumented students, UndocuPeers provides the necessary tools to begin or continue conversations on how to better support and work alongside undocumented students. This program is centered on professional development and provides a space to streamline departmental resources across educational institutions.

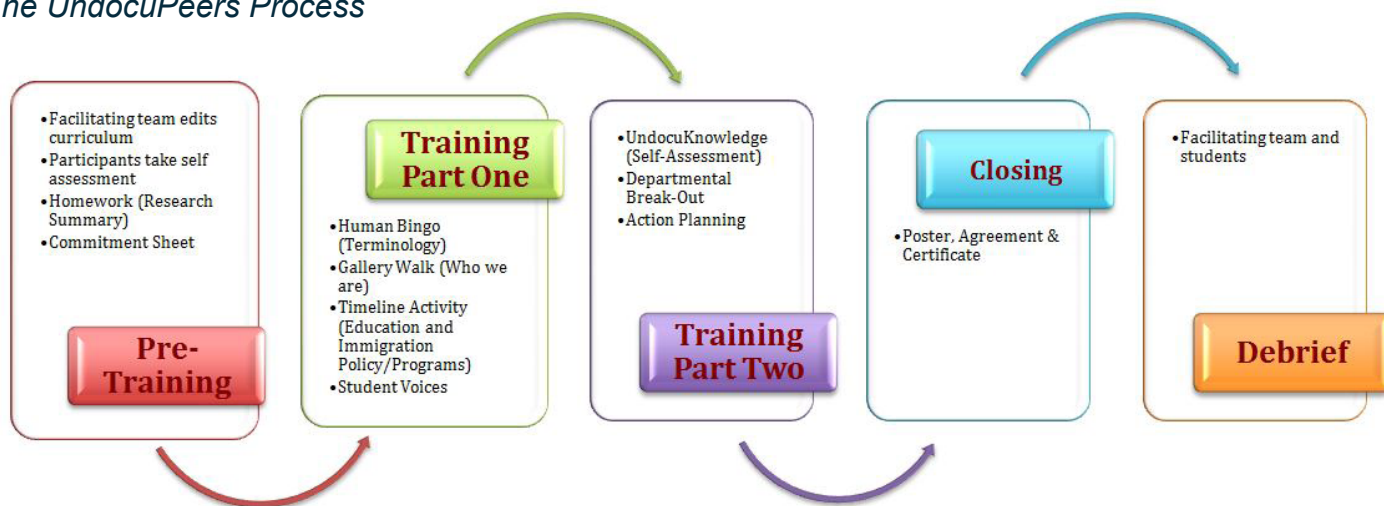


UndocuPeers training at Bluegrass Community & Technical College. Facilitated by the Kentucky Dream Coalition.

The UndocuPeers Training Components



The UndocuPeers Process



The UndocuPeers magic!

“The UndocuPeers training allowed various administrators of the Georgetown University community to learn more about the challenges faced by undocumented students and work together to come up with action steps to enhance the support services available to them in colleges and universities. The UWD team did a fantastic job making the policies and information relevant to our campus environment, and guided our plans for the future. I highly recommend the UndocuPeers training and will be happy to see the UWD team come to campus again in the near future.”

Cinthy Salazar M.S, Ph.D. Student & Research Assistant, University of Maryland, College Park

UndocuPeers has led to real and tangible results for educational institutions and their undocumented students. We surveyed hundreds of educators and administrators that have undergone the training program and these are the results:

21% increase of awareness in preconceptions of undocumented students and their families

59% increase in knowledge of federal, state, and local policies that affect undocumented students and their families

60% increase in feeling well-equipped to help undocumented students and their families

48% increase in knowledge of institutional and community services and resources to help undocumented students and their families

Who is United We Dream?

United We Dream (UWD) is the nation's largest network of immigrant-youth. We are driven by and accountable to our thousands of members across the country.

UWD launched the Dream Education Empowerment Program (DEEP) which is our effort to educate, connect, and empower students, families, and educators to close the opportunity gap and engage in local efforts to improve educational equity and create career opportunities for undocumented students.

Bring us to your school!

"I have been in education for 11 years and I have sat through zillions of training's...and this is one of the top five best ones I've been to. I am impressed and awed by this amazing, highly educated and motivated group of youth. If this is who will be leading our country in the future, I am 100% confident in what lies ahead."

Sarah Klieforth, Secondary ELAS Coordinator, Denver Public Schools

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