

# Guidance Beyond Prop 308:

UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS  
DESERVE TO THRIVE

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# Who are we?

Non-profit organization in Tucson, Arizona who works to create pathways for Undocumented youth beyond high school.

# Goals

## Offer Guidance

- **Stay updated** on policies and issues impacting undocumented students
- **Offer resources** and **opportunities** that undocumented students are **eligible** for

## Being an Active Accomplice

- **Seek** institutional and policy **change**
- **Create** new **opportunities** for undocumented youth
- **Challenge** existing obstacles

# AGENDA



- 1 Community Agreements
- 2 Prop 308
- 3 Choosing & Navigating Majors
- 4 Support for Undocumented professionals
- 5 Closing

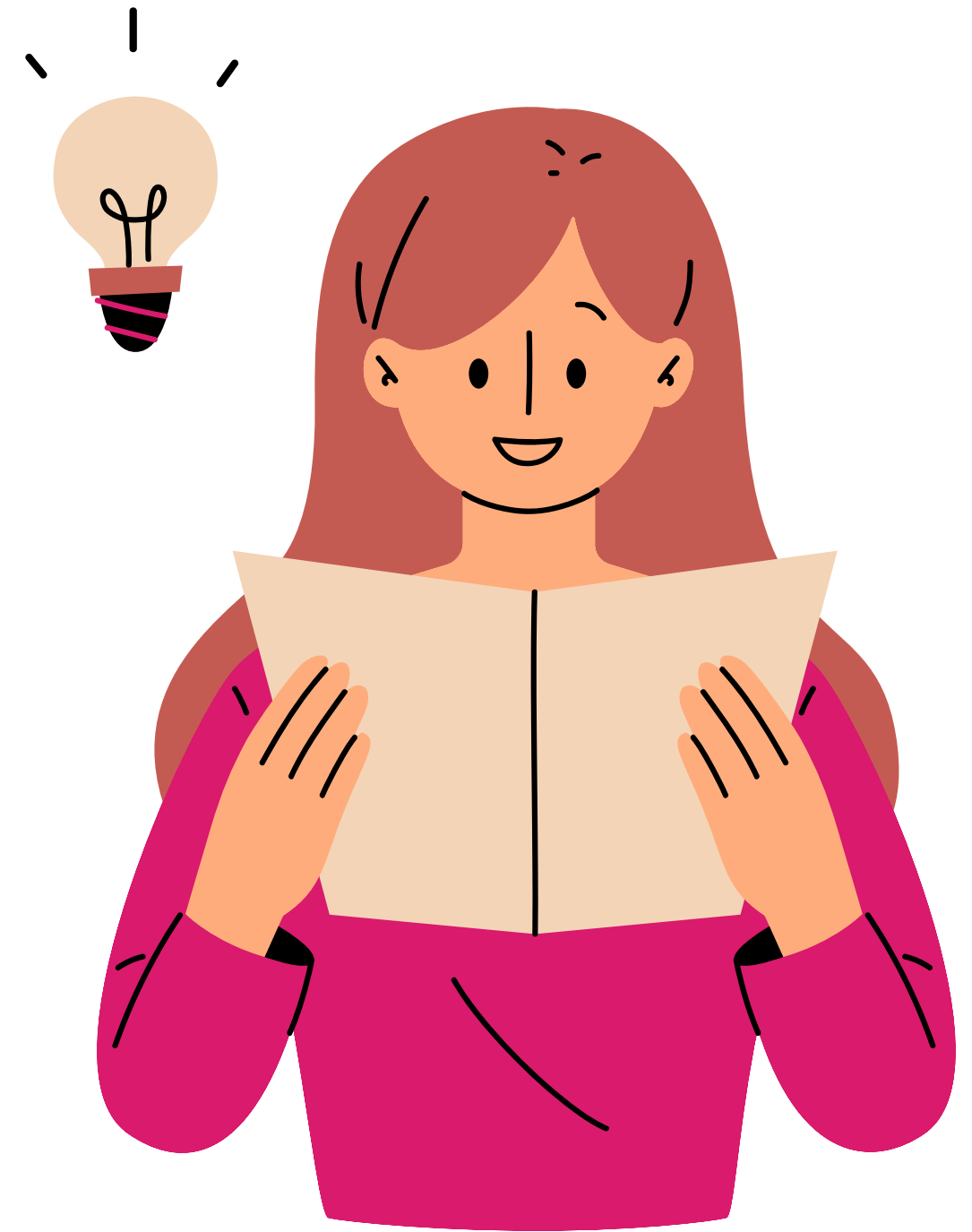
# Our Community Agreements

1. Raise your hand for questions
2. Be present: Try to refrain from checking your emails & and doing other tasks as much as possible
3. Step up, step back: Be mindful of taking up too much or too little space



# Prop 308 Icebreaker!

What Do You Know  
About Prop 308?



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# What Is Prop 308? Info Session

## ***What Is It?***

Provides in-state tuition for all Arizona students regardless of their immigration status if they meet a set of qualifications

## ***What Are The Qualifications?***

1. Attended a school in Arizona for a minimum of two years
2. Graduated from a public school, private school, or homeschool in Arizona or attained a GED in AZ

## ***Why Is It Impactful?***

- Less financial constraints
- Free of institutional barriers and discrimination
- Greater access and more likely to strive for higher education

# Before Prop 308 Implementation

'Students who **didn't** have legal status in the US were required to pay the "**non-resident rate**" which is **150%** more than in-state tuition costs'

So what does this look like you may ask yourself?



# Tuition Rate Comparison

UNIVERSITY/INSTITUTE	SEMESTER RATE W/ PROP 308	SEMESTER RATE W/O PROP 308
University of Arizona	\$6,600	\$19,800
Grand Canyon University	\$8,900	\$8,900
Pima Community College	\$1,125	\$3,783

“ My Story W/ Prop 308 ”

# What Options Are Out There?

For Undocumented  
Students Who Do Not  
Qualify

## ***State Aid***

■ **Accessible** to everyone **regardless of immigration** status, therefore Prop 308 **does not** affect eligibility for state aid BUT still have to go through a set of qualifications and applications

- Includes fee waivers, tuition waivers, scholarships, and grants given by the college or organizations

## ***Federal Aid***

■ Federal aid is **FASFA** and the **Pell Grant**, we **do not** recommend Undocumented or DACAmented students to apply unless a school or scholarship application asks for it

## ***Private Opportunities***

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- The Dream U.S. Scholarship
  - Dollars for Scholars
  - Golden Door Scholarship
  - Fellowships/Internships
  - Private Institutions

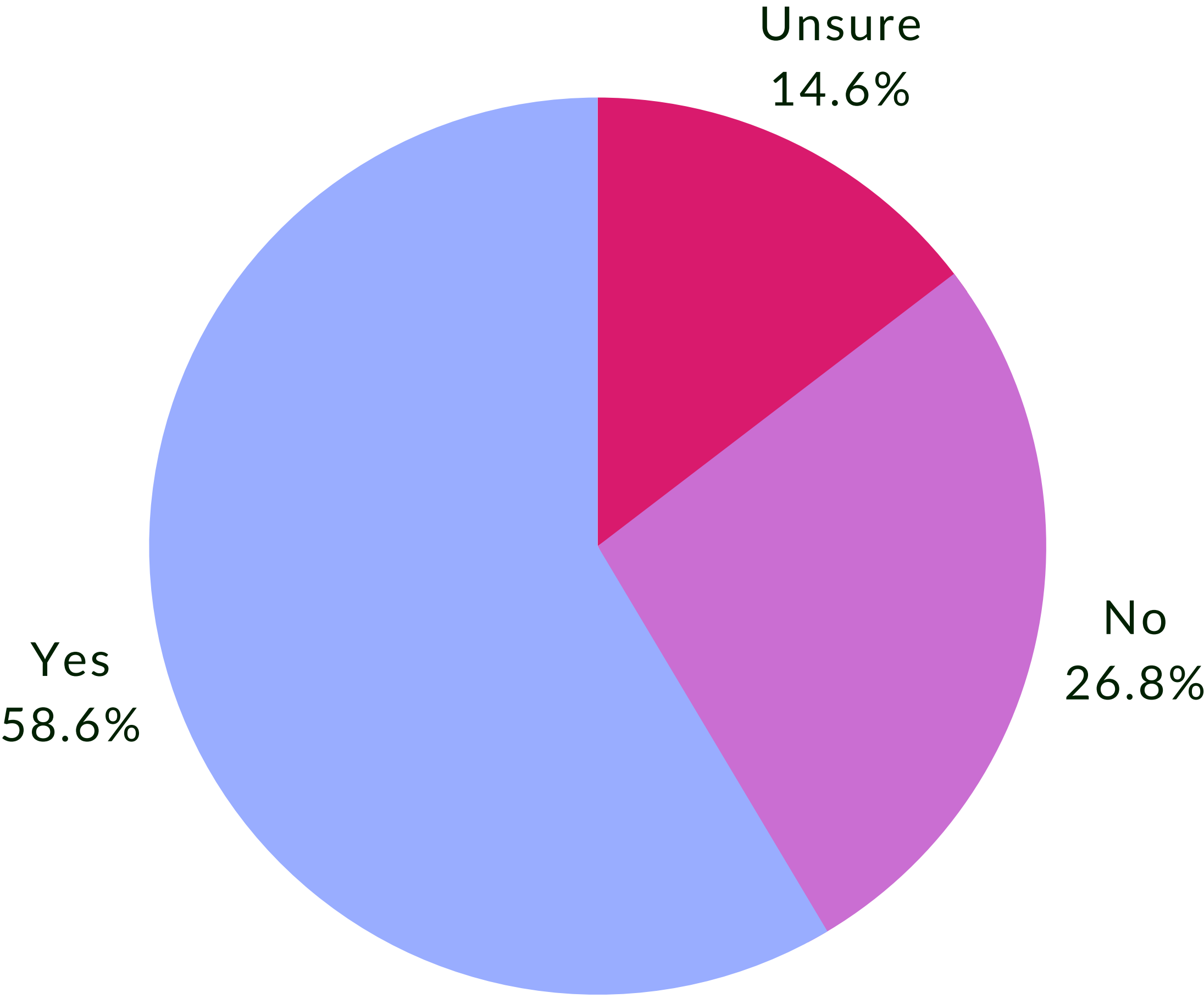
# Navigating Majors & Student Voices

*Student responses from a 2021  
survey to AZ immigrant youth*





Is there, or was there, an educator at your high school that you could go to for support regarding your immigration status?

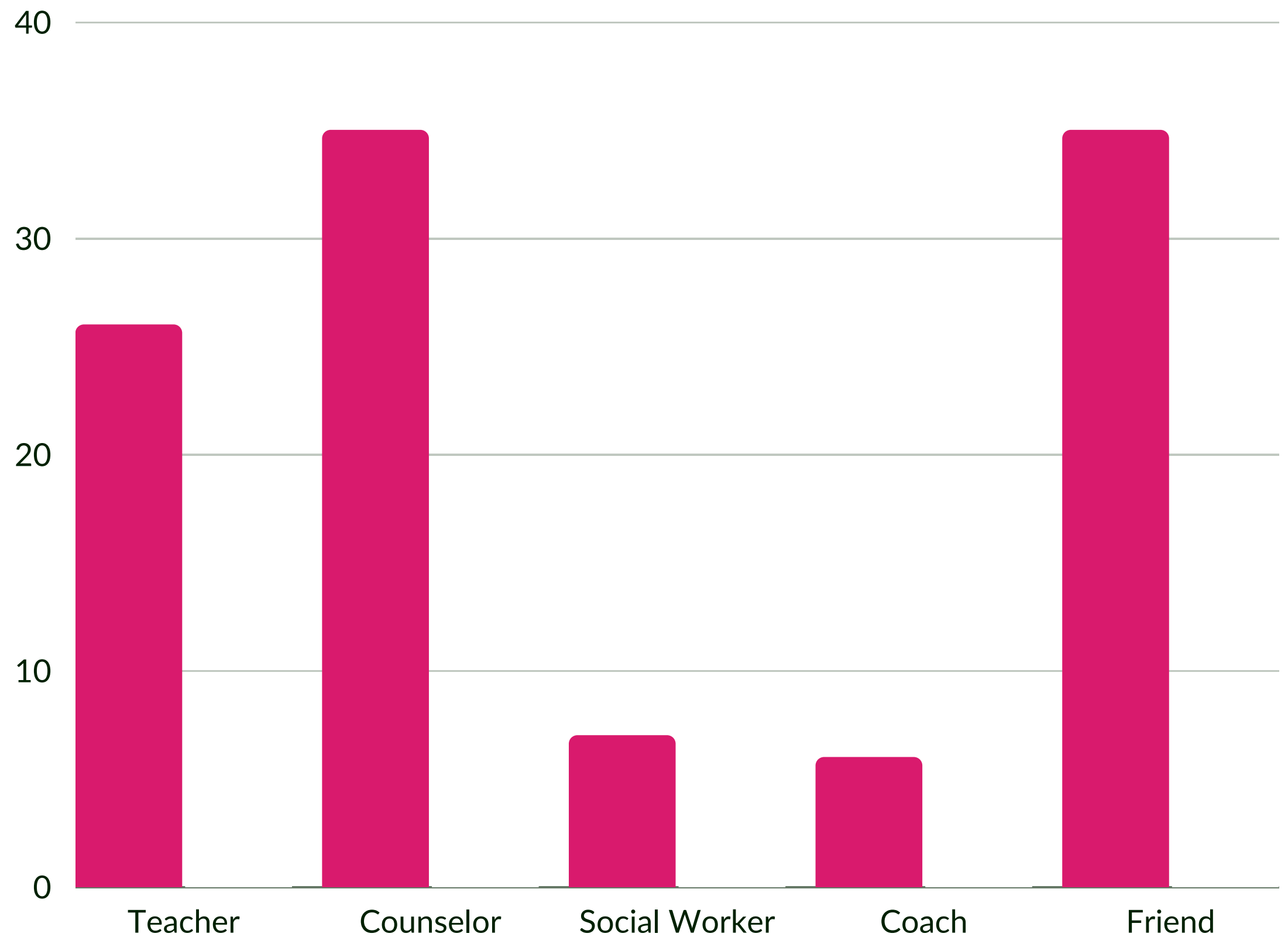


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Don't wait for students to ask for help, to  
**begin educating yourself**  
**to know how to help.** Undocumented  
students can do & be whatever they want,  
they just need the **right support.**

If there was one thing you could tell educators about supporting  
Undocumented students, what would it be?

If you shared your status with someone at your high school, who did you share it with?

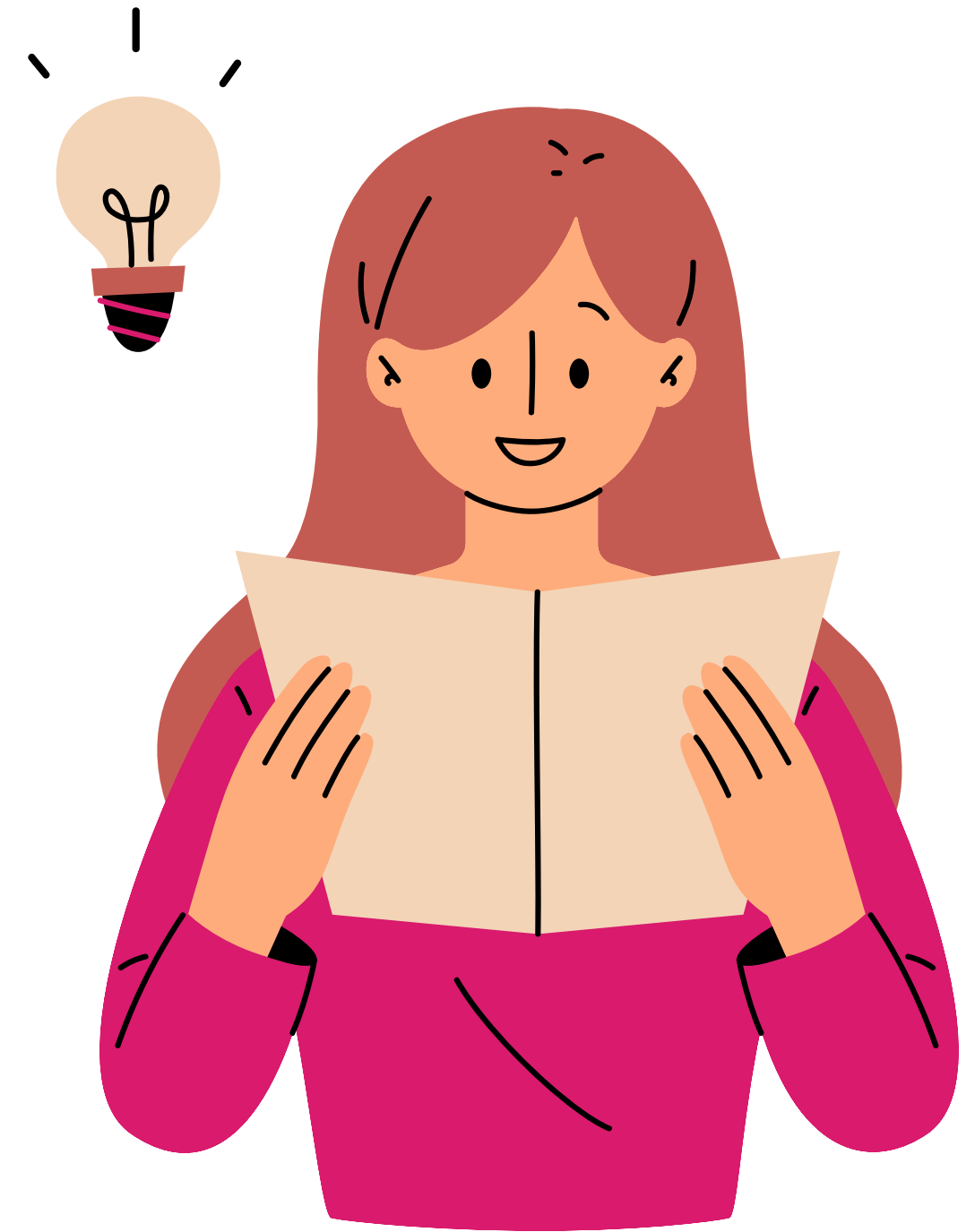


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**Sometimes the fact that they did nothing let me know where they stood in terms of their support.**

What things did educators at your high school do to make school feel welcoming for you?

# What Are Possible Barriers Undocumented Students Face While Choosing Their Major?



# My Story of Choosing and Switching Majors

# Barriers Undocumented Students Face When Picking Desired Majors

- Licensure exams
- Finger print clearance cards
- SSN requirements

- Nursing
- Education
- Any major that requires any of these prior to completing the degree

# What You Can Do? : Helping Your Students Navigate Through Barriers

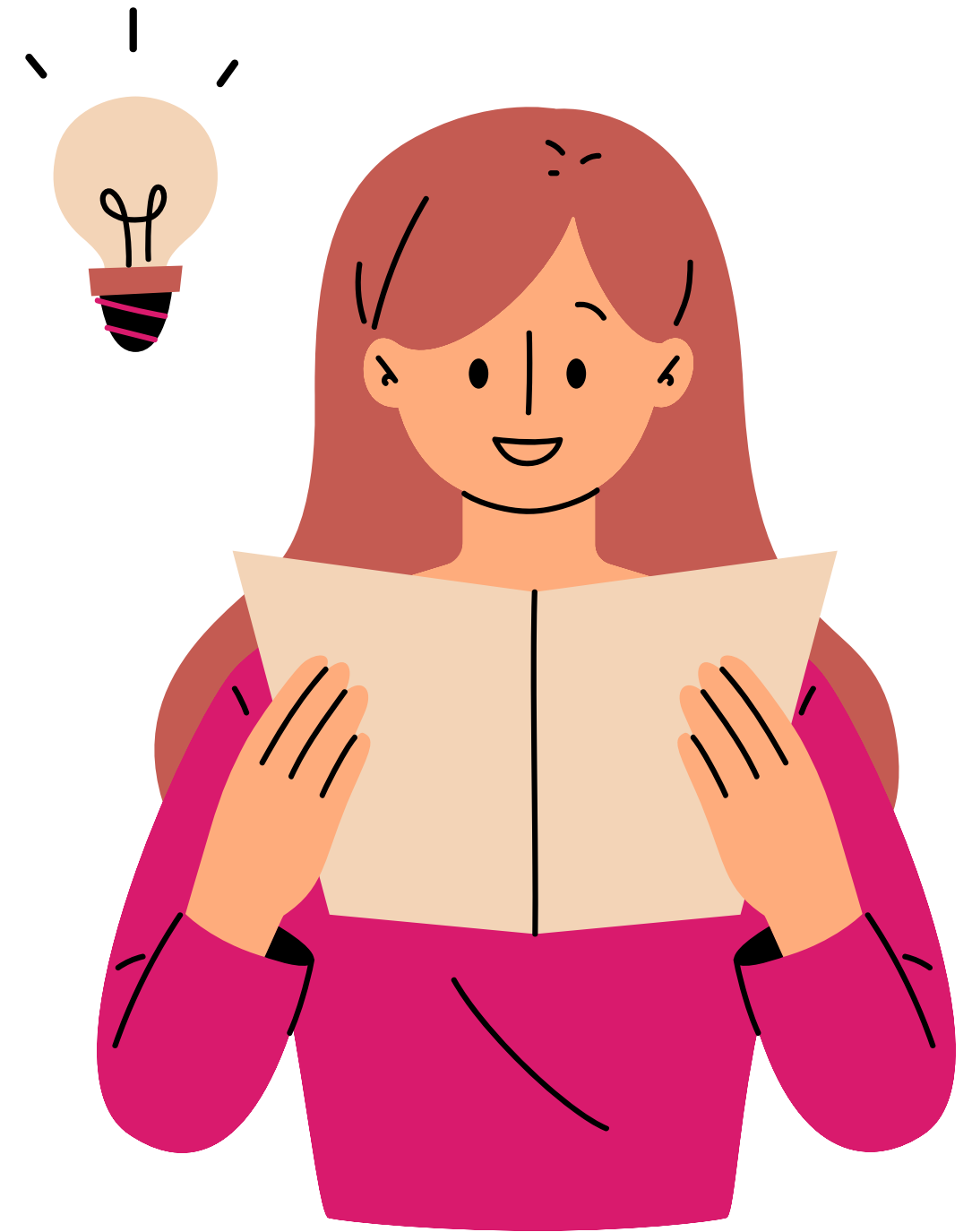
- Let them know about certain requirements that might interfere with completing their degree
- Show them their coursework early on
- Show them alternatives that relate to their desired degree.
- If they decide to keep studying their major, help them navigate through it.
- Other states do allow undocumented students to attain licensures



# Closing Thoughts On Supporting Students With Navigating Their Major

- *Be there for your students.*
- *Show them their options*
- *Support them with their decision*
- *Be accessible*

# How to Actively Support Undocumented Professionals



# Pair & share

Turn to the person next to you and discuss what barriers exist for Undocumented folx entering the world of work.



## Barriers for folx without a work permit

- No SSN
- Background checks
- No access to professional licenses
- E-verify

## Alternatives to employment:

### 1. Self-employment:

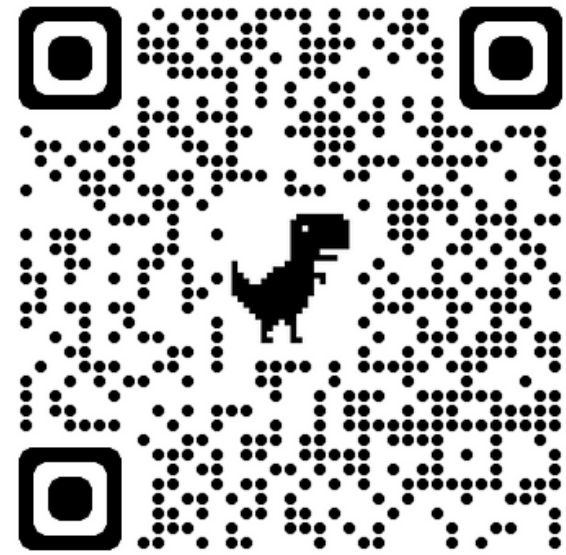
*There are multiple ways to work for yourself, including independent contracting (also called consulting or freelancing) and establishing a formal business (ImmigrantsRising).*

### 1. Employment sponsorship

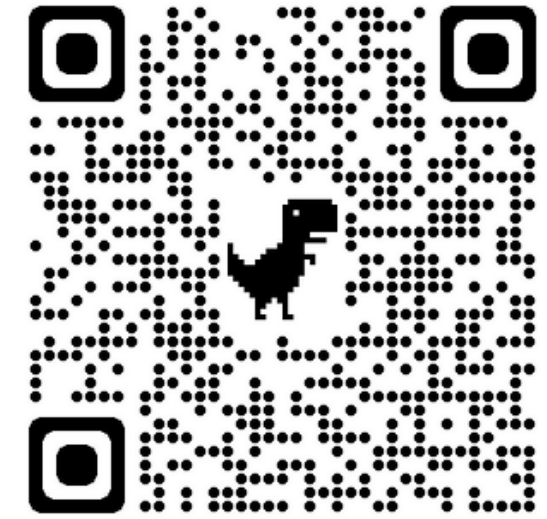
*When an employer sponsors a non-citizen to attain either temporary visa (non-immigrant based) or permanent residency (immigrant based) in order to work for them.*

# How to Actively Support Undocumented Students

1. Have career conversations **early and often**
2. Use your networks to **connect your students** to local employers for internships/fellowships
3. Encourage them to **get involved & network**
4. Respond to barriers by **creating access**
5. When a career related event is offered, **ask yourself** “is this space inclusive/helpful to Undocumented students?”



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TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH EDUCATION



# Resources for Undocumented Professionals



# SHARE OUT & QUESTIONS



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## Undocumented Youth Empowerment Initiative

Year-round support and programming designed for  
Undocumented youth

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