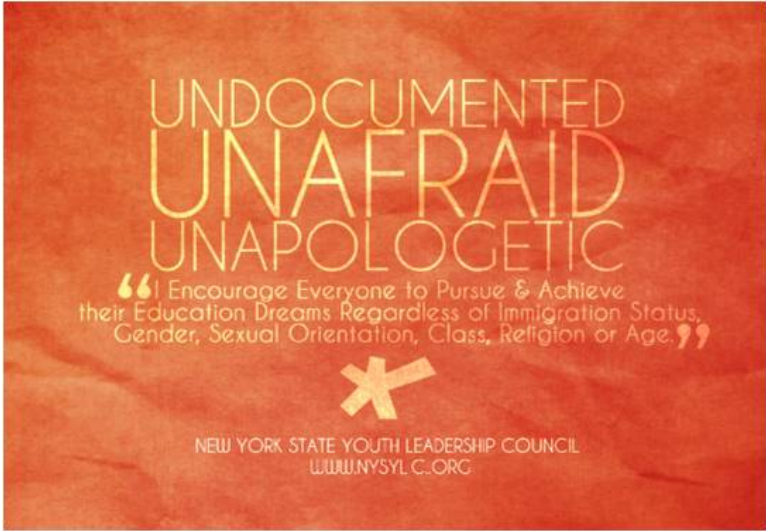


15 Ways to Advocate for Undocumented Youth

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| <p>1. Drop the “I” word instead use words as undocumented and unauthorized. Help change the immigration discourse.</p> <p>2. Make information and resources available for ALL students. Don’t ask students to self-identify. Many students will be too scared to reveal their immigration status. Some students might not even know about their status.</p> <p>3. Be open-minded. Don’t make assumptions about who may or may not be undocumented. Undocumented youth aren’t all Latino, Spanish-speaking, or enrolled in ESL classes.</p> <p>4. Be knowledgeable about specific government and college admission policies that affect undocumented students.</p> <p>5. Support pro-immigrant federal, state, city legislation such as the federal DREAM Act, the NY Dream Act, in-state tuition.</p> <p>6. Identify scholarships that don’t require citizenship/residency, i.e. NYSYLC Awards Program</p> <p>7. Donate to the NYSYLC Scholarship Fund!</p> <p>8. Advocate for scholarships and private colleges to allow undocumented students apply and enroll.</p> <p>9. Identify private sponsors who can provide financial support to undocumented students.</p> <p>10. Help create lasting support networks that can offer ongoing mentoring and advice to undocumented youth.</p> <p>11. Refer students to qualified legal counsel to inquire on possible immigration remedies.</p> | <p>12. Identify role models, undocumented youth and/or college graduates from the community to give a presentation to inform, empower and share resources.</p> <p>13. Reach out to organizations, community groups that can support undocumented and immigrant youth, such as the NYSYLC!</p> <p>14. Make your school, group or classroom a safe haven for undocumented youth. Post something like this stating <i>“I encourage everyone to pursue & achieve their education dreams regardless of their immigration status, gender, sexual orientation, class, religion or age”</i></p> <div data-bbox="1146 773 1906 1300" data-label="Image">  </div> <p>15. Stay informed and updated on immigration or education legislation changes that will affect youth, their families and communities. Sign up to receive our newsletters on our website www.nysylc.org</p> |
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