



In recent months, increased negativity towards immigrants in the United States has led to increased fear and anxiety among this community. PASOs has received reports of bullying of immigrant students in schools, we have been asked questions pertaining to the legal rights of immigrants and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) students, and we have heard stories of fear and discrimination. Due to these increased concerns, many of our partner organizations have taken the initiative to seek out resources and strategies to increase support to the Latino families they serve.

PASOs understands and appreciates that you serve each of your clients and participants with the utmost respect and dignity. Thank you for working towards equal opportunity, fairness, and inclusivity for all. In addition to all you already do, we encourage you to allow your clients to process their strong emotions, intervene when you witness bullying or harassment, and make referrals when necessary to reliable services such as counseling and legal aid. We hope the following resources will be of help. If you would like more information or resources please call PASOs at 803-777-0188.

- SC Appleseed Legal Justice Center resources and legal rights for SC immigrants:
<http://scjustice.org/informacion-para-inmigrantes-despues-de-la-eleccion/>
<http://scjustice.org/brochure/post-election-immigration-future/>
- Resource for managing trauma and strong emotions post-election:
<http://www.bostonpublicschools.org/Page/6388>
<http://www.theatlantic.com/health/archive/2016/11/how-to-cope-with-post-election-stress/507296/>
- Resource for creating safe environments for immigrant and refugee students:
<https://www.gcir.org/sites/default/files/resources/GCIR-Grove-Heising-Simons-Safe-Environment.pdf>
- Fact sheet for families and school staff: limitations on DHS Immigration Enforcement Actions
<https://www2.ed.gov/about/overview/focus/safe-spaces-fact-sheet.pdf>

Though we promote staying calm, we also know that change will not occur without thoughtful and continuous action. Individuals and organizations throughout South Carolina have come together to form the SC United with Immigrants coalition in the hope of providing reliable resources and information to the immigrant community. If you would like to be a part of this coalition as an active member or to receive information and alerts, please contact SCUnitedWithImmigrants@gmail.com. Thank you for continuing your commitment to welcoming, valuing, and respecting each of your clients and participants.

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