

Our work at Canal Alliance has grown more urgent over the past few weeks as we continue to support individuals and families who are facing the most devastating impacts of COVID-19. Rates of infection from the virus are rising among Latinos in Marin, families with school-aged children are struggling to understand and prepare for remote learning, and people who work in low-wage jobs are challenged to put food on the table even as their efforts provide essential support to our local economy. Adding to all of this, the current administration continues to launch attacks on the immigrant community, including its recent memo calling for undocumented residents to be excluded from participating in the 2020 Census, and its recent announcement of new rules blocking first-time applications for DACA.

Despite these challenges, we recognize and honor the resilience in our community. We are grateful for the impact that people like [Oscar and Ricardo](#) are having in their own communities by providing health education to their friends, families and neighbors, we appreciate the efforts of our staff members who are dedicated to finding creative and flexible ways to address the new and urgent needs that are arising in our community, and we appreciate our community of donors and partners whose generosity and words of support makes our efforts possible.

Canal Alliance is addressing the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on Marin's Latino community



Twenty percent of Canal residents are testing positive for COVID-19, which is triple that for the rest of Marin.

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Latinos make up 16% of Marin County's population, yet currently account for nearly 80% of the county's coronavirus cases. It's the largest racial disparity of any county in the Bay Area.

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Top 5 things you need to know about the new DHS DACA memo

The Trump Administration put out a new memo on July 28, 2020, dismantling the DACA Program. This comes after Trump ignored the Supreme Court's decision by delaying the acceptance of new DACA applications. Here's a quick FAQ from our friends at [United We Dream](#) on what the memo means:

1. I thought we won at the Supreme Court, what happened, can they do this?

We always knew our victory at the Supreme Court was temporary and that Trump would attack the program again. This memo will be challenged in the courts and we will keep fighting, but for now, it stands.

2. So what does this mean for current DACA recipients?

Current DACA recipients who have no renewal pending remain the same status and their protections will expire as indicated on their work permits. If you are planning to apply or renew your DACA, the new memo states that your renewal will only be extended for one year, not two.

3. What does it mean for pending applications?

Current pending renewals will only be granted for 1 year instead of the previous two year period. Pending new DACA applications will be rejected. Advance parole requests will be rejected unless applicants can prove 'exceptional circumstances'.

4. Make no mistake, this is a direct attack on undocumented youth.

And the first step to dismantling DACA altogether. Trump is putting the lives of immigrant youth and their families in danger of deportation and as long as he is in the White House he will not stop attacking DACA.

5. Join us and fight back.

Demand the Senate pass permanent protections that help people without hurting people, like the Dream and Promise Act (HR6) and defund the Deportation Machine by reducing the budget for ICE and CBP by sending an email to your senator. Visit <https://actionnetwork.org/letters/defund-ice-and-pass-permanent-solutions-without-hurting-people/?source=web.homeishere>

Canal Alliance is implementing creative solutions during the pandemic



Community Engagement Manager Fernando Barreto explains how Canal Alliance is providing crucial health education to the Canal community.

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We interview Oscar and Ricardo, who work as "promotores de salud," or community health promoters in the Canal Neighborhood.

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2020 Census challenges and successes



Read how Canal Alliance has adapted its Census strategy and approach during COVID-19 and Shelter-in-Place.

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In light of the recent memo by the Trump administration, Canal Alliance and [Community Action Marin](#) affirm our shared goal of a fair and accurate census that counts everyone.

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Thank you to our partners and supporters



Advocacy and policy change occur when organizations work together. Action happens when our voices are not just loud, but many. We would like to thank [KWMR](#) for supporting our 2020 Census outreach. A radio station based in Point Reyes, [KWMR](#) broadcasts locally relevant information and entertainment to listeners, and creates a forum through which every voice can be heard. For the next three months, [KWMR](#) will air census messaging to our lowest responding areas. Thank you [KWMR](#)!

Thank you also to Karen Herzog and [Adco Marketing](#) for continuing to donate needed face masks to help stem the tide of infection and keep families safe.

Thanks to our donors for their messages of support!

Sharing the Love

Thank you to our compassionate community of donors. We are grateful to share your words of generosity and support!

Thank you for the work that you continue to do for important people in our community.
— C.M.

To all those who have fallen on hard times, may they know they are supported and loved.
— L.P.

I would like our precious friends and neighbors who are immigrants in Marin to know how much they are appreciated, admired and valued. And thank you, Canal Alliance, for being there for them and thereby for all of us as well. — P.O.

This is to help support all the essential workers who provide a life line to our community. Thank you for all the work you do! — R.L.

All love to Canal Alliance! Thank you for all the good work you do! — P.K.

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