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### **Top Ten Resources for Undocumented Students at UW-Madison**

Navigating through college can be lonely and scary, especially as an undocumented student. It is a huge life transition that requires support from friends and family. Finding a tight niche is essential to be able to have someone to lean on. Starting at a big university like UW-Madison can be extra stressful when there are millions of professors, academic advisors and resources to shuffle through. Undocumented students have to juggle their personal, academic and legal responsibilities. To make things easier, here is a list of ten resources including academic, social and mental categories to help undocumented students throughout their college journey.

1. [Immigrant Rising Wellness Support Groups](#)

**Immigrants Rising offers a 6-week virtual wellness support group program led by professionally trained mental health providers or registered clinicians.** Immigrants Rising is an organization based in San Francisco, California that supports undocumented students through educational and career goals. They offer wellness support groups to help students feel understood and connected to a community. They also offer free and confidential therapy with mental health therapists who are culturally responsive.

2. [Center for DREAMers Social and Mental Health Services](#)

**The Center for DREAMers provides social and mental health services to DACA students.** The Center for DREAMers at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Law School provides resources and services for DACA students throughout Wisconsin including legal representation, social services and educational and career services. The center for DREAMers has partnered with the UW-Madison School of Social Work to provide training for master's students and to provide culturally responsive services to

DACA students and undocumented individuals. The center for DREAMers also provides social and mental health services through their referral program.

3. [Center for DREAMers Legal Representation](#)

**The Center for DREAMers provides legal representation at no cost for DACA students.** The Center for DREAMers has partnered with the Immigration Justice Clinic at UW-Madison Law School to provide representation for DACA renewals, applications for advance parole and collateral applications including special immigrant juvenile status, nonimmigrant status (U Visa), asylum, employment-based immigrant visas and deportation defense.

4. [Center for DREAMers Legal Clinics](#)

**The Center for DREAMers offers free legal clinics for the undocumented community in Wisconsin.** The Center for DREAMers offers free legal clinics over the phone for questions related to DACA, immigration applications, travel and advance parole. These legal consultations are offered in both Spanish and English and are to answer questions related to DACA/immigration or get your individual case assessed.

5. [DREAMers of UW-Madison](#)

**DREAMers of UW-Madison is a registered student organization that advocates for DACA and undocumented students in higher education.** This is a student-led chapter that runs general body meetings, educational workshops, outreach events, and fundraising regarding undocumented issues on the UW-Madison campus. This is a great student organization to connect with other advocates and a smaller community.

6. [Centro Hispano Avanzando Program](#)

**Centro Hispano offers bi-weekly “Avanzando Through College” sessions focused on providing support to Latinx students transitioning from high school to college.** This program is available to first and second-year college students and focuses on themes related to acknowledging mental health, building

community through engagement and interaction, cultural assets and connections and essential academic study skills.

7. [Student Caffe Resources](#)

**Student Caffe answers DACA employment-related questions and links to resources.** Student Caffe is a one-stop-shop for guidance on navigating through college. They offer free guidance, content development, individualized advice, and resources for DACA students.

8. [SuccessWorks Resources](#)

**SuccessWorks provides resources for DACA students related to job search and employment.**

SuccessWorks also offers general information and guidance on anything related to life after college, employment and the professional world. It is free to all students at UW-Madison.

9. [United We Dream Website](#)

**The United We Dream website offers excellent resources and guidance for DACA students.** United We Dream is an immigrant youth-led community providing a safe place for immigrants and DACA students. They offer detailed resources and guidance to DACA students and also lead activism through direct action.

10. [Immigrants Rising Life After College Guide](#)

**Immigrants Rising compiled a guide to help DACA students manage everything related to college, study abroad, graduate school and earning a living.** This guide also touches on knowing your rights as an immigrant or DACA student and also covers the importance of mental health.

\*\* All information reported from the organization's website\*\*

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