



The COVID-19 pandemic, ongoing pandemic caused by the police killings of Black people, the uncertainty with the DACA program and daily stressors of being an immigrant amidst growing anti-immigrant rhetoric moved us to state a clear holistic approach to supporting the needs of students from immigrant & refugee backgrounds.

CREATE A WELCOMING CAMPUS CLIMATE

- Co-hosted opening event with First Cats for 185 guests (83% were students) to bridge first-generation student & immigrant identities
- Hosted two-day training for 19 students with Trinice McNally to identify tools for collective advocacy, building power, and establishing intersectional work from a queer, Black, immigrant lens.
- Trained 126 educators on campus, at AZNASPA conference, & College Knowledge for Counselors conferences
- Collaborated with advisors to launch campus-wide plan to support students with DACA
- The ISRC remains one of 58 centers in the U.S. and one of two in AZ.

CREATE ACCESS TO & SUPPORT TRANSITION AT UA

- Advised 27 high school youth with an undocumented status during Immigrant Scholarship Hustle on accessing scholarships and college
- Provided college access and financial aid resources to 157 students through in-person and online presentations and tabling events

SUPPORT SOCIO-EMOTIONAL MENTAL HEALTH

- Worked with Office of Multicultural Engagement to cover costs of services from UA CAPS for 17 students
- Hosted healing space for 6 students from immigrant & refugee backgrounds with Liliana Campos, trained facilitator from University of San Francisco
- Hosted 4 wellness events for 139 students with campus partners (African American Student Affairs, Dean of Students, First Cats, Institute for LGBT Studies, Common Ground Alliance, Guerrero Student Center)
- Hosted a 2.5 hour weekly healing space for 12 weeks for students from immigrant and refugee backgrounds with the support of a trained counselor

SUPPORT STUDENTS' FLUID LEGAL STATUS

- Hosted DACA application renewal drive and ongoing DACA application support for 23 students
- Connected 11 students to immigration attorneys and local organizations that provide free legal services
- Created an Immigration Legal Services position starting fall 2020

ADDRESS FINANCIAL AID INEQUITIES

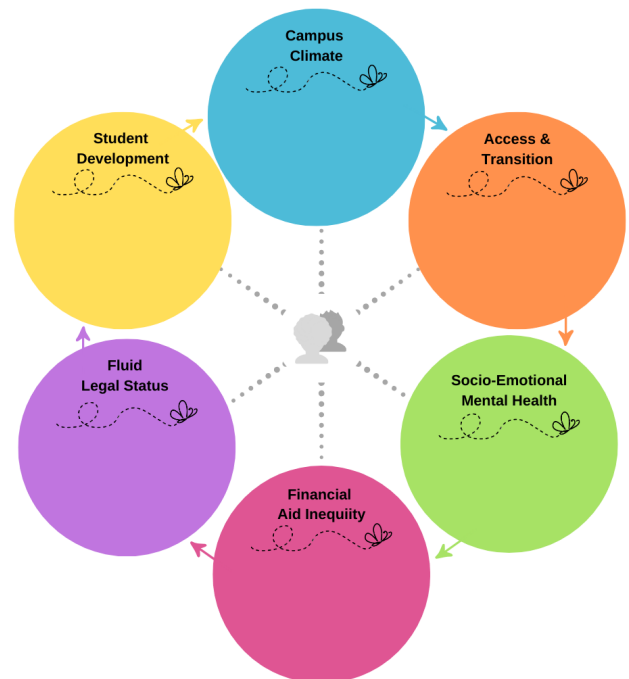
- Connected DACA students (fall: 30, spring: 36, summer: 11) to \$179,000 in private scholarships
- Connected 52 students impacted by COVID-19 to \$19,000+ in grants to pay for rent, school, & medical expenses
- Collaborated on Immigrant Scholarship Hustle to help students with undocumented status apply to scholarships

DEVELOP STUDENTS

- Employed 11 undergraduate and graduate student staff, 1 Graduate Assistant, 2 part-time staff, 1 Coordinator
- Hosted 201 1:1 advising sessions with over 78 individual students

ISRC'S APPROACH:

Where students from immigrant & refugee backgrounds are safe, welcomed, dignified, & can thrive



Adapted from Undocumented Student Program at UC Berkeley

Quotes & Highlights from 2019-20 Events

Fall Joint Open House with UA First Cats - 190 participants

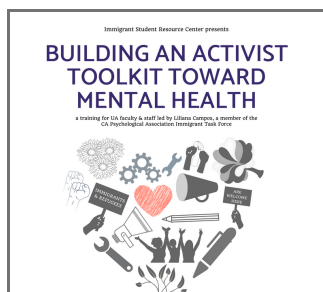
"It was good to have staff come together and grow as First Cats and ISRC. This event centered students and the idea of 'enjoying yourself.' The Open House fed the stomach, soul and mind.

~ First Cats Team Member

2-day training - 6 partners. 19 participants from UA Cultural & Resource Centers.

"We saw ourselves actually valued. The training allowed us to see the various ways we can communicate with other and remain centered and in sync with our bodies."

~ Training participant



Post-training, 90% of participants "understood how fear of deportation affects undocumented students' mental health"

"I will now work to be mindful of the way I use language and how the intention vs. impact can show up with the different terms I have used."

~ Jessica, Training Participant

ISH program - 27 participants from 11 schools.

"It was great knowing that I'm not alone when it comes to my immigration status. I walked out ready to apply for scholarships."

~ Alicia, ISH Participant



Weekly Healing Space - Offered 12 times. 12 participants.

"I did not know how much I needed this. I am glad I decided to check it out"

~ Healing Space Participant

"From family deportations through systematic racism, as a collective our students are facing many challenges. We were able to offer a full service that was relevant to their needs at a specific moment in a time in which everything is closed or scaled down."

- Healing Space Facilitator

2020 Resiliency Graduation Video

Graduates of Immigrant and Refugee backgrounds, congratulations on your graduation!

Watch it at bit.ly/isrc2020grad

RESILIENCY
GRADUATION
VIDEO