# Are you a Legal Permanent Resident who wants to help your parent apply for DAPA?

## If so, YOU might be able to apply to become a U.S. CITIZEN!

Generally, to be eligible for U.S. citizenship, you must:

• Have been a Legal Permanent Resident (Green Card holder) for at least 5 years OR 3 years if you have been married to a U.S. citizen for three years

AND

• Have made a home in the U.S. for at least the past 5 years <u>OR</u> if you have been married to a U.S. citizen for 3 years, have made a home in the U.S. for at least 3 years

AND

• Be at least 18 years old, have good moral character, and know basic English and basic United States history and government (Note: There are some exceptions for the English and United States history and government requirements)

### **Benefits of Citizenship:**

- You can apply for family members to get green cards more quickly
- You can vote
- You can have access to more jobs, including federal jobs
- You will have protection from deportation
- You will have the ability to travel on a U.S. passport

#### What can you do now?

- Help your parents apply for DAPA.
- Contact an organization in your city to help you begin your application for U.S. citizenship. Go to <u>http://www.immigrationadvocates.org/nonprofit/legaldirectory/</u> to locate legal help and more information.
- Get a copy of your Green Card (front and back) and two current passport style photos of yourself.
- **Save your money.** The fee to apply for citizenship will be \$680. You must make your check payable to the Department of Homeland Security.

### For more information, contact:

