

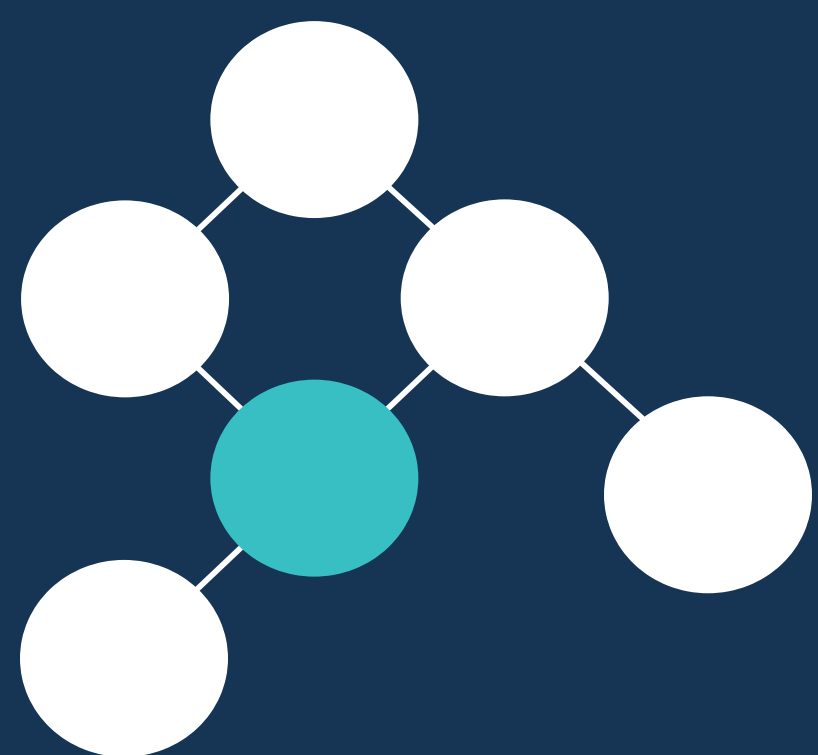
A Framework for Unafraid Educators

————— Action Steps from the Boston Teacher Union's Unafraid Educators —————

Take a Stand

Publicly declare that you work for and with undocumented students and families

This sends the message that you are a safe person to talk to about immigration. It is okay if you don't have all the answers, but be ready to look for accurate information.



Access information

Information is regularly changing about immigration policies in our country. Keep yourself informed with United We Dream.

There are many misconceptions about what undocumented young people can and cannot do (attend college, get scholarships, get jobs). Yes they can go to college, but cannot get financial aid from the government. Many scholarships support undocumented students. See our college access guide for more information. Accurate information helps students and families adequately plan given their reality.

Fight hopelessness

Young people who are undocumented face innumerable obstacles to achieve their dreams. Hopelessness is one of these, and it is a key factor to tackle in order to build resiliency.

Be creative in ways to help undocumented young people have hope. Connect them on social media to undocumented public figures like Jose Antonio Vargas; bring in speakers from a local organization that works with undocumented folks, in Boston we have SIM; host speakers that share their path as undocumented youth, getting to college. When we see others thrive that have our same struggles, it gives us hope.

